



# NCKCC News

## Handcrafted Automobiles

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Here are the early arrivals for our visit to the California Automobile Museum on April 2nd. The giant automobile renditions on the roll-up doors make a strong statement about the Museum.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 22, 2017 - (CANCELLED Due to lack of entries) AHA Annual Show at Nethercutt Museum, Sylmar, CA
- May 21, 2017 - CANCELLED to be RESCHEDULED later. Garage Tour of Jarl deBoer's private collection.
- May 13, 2017 - Niles "Spring Fever" Car Show, Niles District of Fremont is a possible alternative event. (See page 3)

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

Jim's father is slowly recuperating from pneumonia but needs Jim's 24/7 care. So I agreed to be a stand-in again.

Starting this month we will revert to our regular way of communicating our activities for 2017 by listing the remaining events on the last page of the newsletter.

Sorry to report that our May 21st tour of Jarl de Boer's car collection had to be postponed. The death of his son earlier this year was the cause of the postponement.

Our April destination of the California Auto Museum in Sacramento on April 2nd turned out well with 12 participants attending. The 'Sacramento Hook & Ladder Society' Fire Equipment display was interesting and we discovered the Museum has added a lot of additional cars and improved displays since our last visit some years ago.

We wound up our visit with some of the members joining for lunch in Walnut Grove.

We were also pleased to bring our total member count to 27. Some we thought were lost were found!!

Stay tuned and we will have some more fun this year.

Vern Hance, Editor

## **DUES COMPLETE FOR 2017**

Here is the UPDATED final list of 2017 members. So if you don't see your name, it means I haven't received your dues payment.

These are the 27 members that have paid their 2017 \$24 Annual dues:

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| <b>Bales</b>   | <b>Barrilleaux</b> |
| <b>Bello</b>   | <b>P. Cooley</b>   |
| <b>de Boer</b> | <b>DeCato</b>      |
| <b>Ellis</b>   | <b>Elster</b>      |
| <b>Fewell</b>  | <b>Foote</b>       |
| <b>Hance</b>   | <b>Jermanis</b>    |

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| <b>Ketchel</b>    | <b>King</b>        |
| <b>Kluber</b>     | <b>Knebel</b>      |
| <b>Kunedt</b>     | <b>Maddux</b>      |
| <b>O'Connor</b>   | <b>Rhodes</b>      |
| <b>Rubenstein</b> | <b>Somerhalder</b> |
| <b>Simons</b>     | <b>Tattersall</b>  |
| <b>Thomson</b>    | <b>Wagner</b>      |
| <b>Walters</b>    |                    |

If we missed some one:

To make a PayPal payment to NCKCC just send it to [nckcc@astound.net](mailto:nckcc@astound.net) That way I will receive an email advising me of your payment. Or a \$24 ck. to NCKCC.

## **CAL AUTO MUSEUM VISIT FEATURES HISTORIC FIRE EQUIPMENT**

Our April event was a trip to the California Automobile Museum for a taste of their Fire Truck Display and an amazing number and variety of other vehicles.

The fire truck Display runs from March 16, 2017 through May 29, 2017 and we were pleased to have Knightsen Firefighters, Al Bello and Gil Somerhalder among our group. We had a good NCKCC turnout which totaled 12 people and also included Dave & Joyce DeCato, Vern & Carol Hance, Steve & Rosie Rhodes, Joe Tattersall, Bob & Linda Kluber and Joyce, a friend of Al Bello.

We all skipped the proposed Black Oak Restaurant breakfast and arrived at the CalAuto Museum about 10 a.m.,

We were fortunate to lay claim to Gene U. who was a knowledgeable docent and gave us a dedicated 2-



hour tour with lots of facts we hadn't been exposed to before.



Following the Museum Dave & Joyce arranged a lunch reservation at Tony's in Walnut Grove. We didn't get all our group to join the lunch bunch but we did get Al, Joyce, Vern, Carol, Dave, Joyce, Steve and Rosie to join us. We were delayed due to

collecting runs in the family. (some other NCKCC members have shown signs of this condition also) At any rate Jarl is working to relocate a car collection that was owned by his deceased son.

Jarl has graciously indicated a willingness to reschedule the tour later in 2017, possibly in July or August.

We send our condolences to the de Boer family and look forward to a date that is more convenient for them.

### **MAY ALTERNATIVE EVENT - NILES "SPRING FEVER" CAR SHOW**

For those of you looking for an alternative car event we suggest the Niles Merchant's "Spring Fever" car show in the Niles District of Fremont. The date is Saturday, May 13, 2017 and runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$25 if registered before May 1st and \$30 after that date. Our NCKCC website (Hotline) will have a registration form that can be downloaded and mailed in to get the 'early bird' discount.

If you plan to attend this event please let one of the club officer know so that we can organize a spot for the NCKCC attendees to park together.

### **ACCC LEGISLATIVE ALERT**

March 26, 2017

'Belly up to the bar and start spending money' on dam safety, Jerry Brown says

By Jim Miller-SacBee

Jerry Brown says the state needs to spend some money to maintain its dams, roads and other public works during a press conference at the Capitol. Gov. Jerry Brown and Democratic legislative leaders are putting the final touches on legislation to raise several billion dollars for road maintenance and repairs, yet with no assurance that the measure will pass by a self-imposed April 6 deadline. A package could become public as early as next week, Brian Kelly, Brown's transportation secretary, said Monday in Los Angeles, during one of several rallies organized by supporters around the state in recent days.

"We're very close," he said. Advocates for a road-funding package say California has fallen tens of billions of dollars behind in paying for road upkeep, goods movement and public transit. Inflation, low gas prices and increases in vehicle fuel efficiency



Vern's insistence on doing a 17 minute video tour of the museum. He did get it on YouTube - and it is accessible from our website or direct at: <https://youtu.be/hKN-Aca8af8>

### **OUR MAY 21st PRIVATE CAR COLLECTION TOUR IS POSTPONED**

The planned tour of Jarl de Boer's car collection tour has been postponed due to a death in his family earlier this year. Some of you may know that car

have eroded the purchasing power of the state's gas tax, they say, and this winter's heavy rains have caused more than \$700 million in damage alone. "It's only going to get worse if we don't address it now," Orville Thomas of the labor-business California Alliance for Jobs said Friday at a Fresno press conference by backers. More than two years of hearings, private talks and supporters' advocacy have failed to produce a package.

The Legislature's Republican caucuses object to raising fuel taxes and fees. Democrats achieved two-thirds super-majorities last fall, allowing them to increase taxes on their own, but such votes pose risks for lawmakers from swing districts.

"The Legislature's engaged at the detail level, and then pretty soon we've got to get to the political level, to get people to bite that bullet," Brown said in Washington, D.C. this week. The total estimated revenue of any package, as well as its funding mix, remains unclear.

State Sen. Jim Beall, D-San Jose, and Assemblyman Jim Frazier, D-Oakley, who lead the Legislature's transportation panels, put forward separate bills that would generate an estimated \$6 billion annually. Brown's proposal would raise an estimated \$4.2 billion annually. The bills by Frazier and Beall lean more heavily on higher fuel taxes. Brown's proposal includes smaller fuel tax increases, but raises more money from a \$65 "road improvement charge" almost \$30 more than a \$38 registration fee increase in Assembly Bill 1 and Senate Bill 1. Two funding sources increasingly seem to be off the table, according to multiple people familiar with the talks. The two bills as well as Brown's January proposal included several hundred million dollars for public transit from the state's cap-and-trade program designed to curtail emissions of greenhouse gases. Yet a final package is unlikely to include the money. Last month's auction of pollution credits did poorly, highlighting the legal uncertainty surrounding the program's future.

Beall and Frazier's bills, meanwhile, would re-direct \$500 million generated by truck weight fees to the state highway account, and away from helping to pay debt service on voter-approved transportation borrowing. The state general fund would have to cover that cost, a shift the Brown administration has objected to. Absent that revenue, the bills would generate about \$5 billion annually.

The average additional costs to consumers on just the fuel tax will be approximately \$20.00 per month or \$240.00 per year over and above what you are currently paying plus an increase of \$38.00 for

vehicle registration fees which computes out to \$278.00 per vehicle. Got two vehicles? Get ready to pay \$556.00 per year. This number will increase if Brown gets his \$65.00 "Motorists Fee" passed to approximately \$343.00 per vehicle or \$686.00 for two vehicles.

In addition, both bills call for an additional bureaucracy that will monitor the taxes & fees that are collected to be sure the legislature doesn't divert the funds to other unrelated projects. Reminds me of the Fox watching the hen house.

What's sad is that there is a bill (AB496 Fong) pending that enables the road & infrastructure repairs to be made without raising taxes or fees. The sad part is the Democrats are not even looking at the bill.

***This bill, AB 496 Fong, is the one we featured in the ACCC Legislative Alert section in the March 2017 NCKCC News.***

## **LOOKING FOR WORK? HERE IS A JOB OPPORTUNITY:**

*This email I received is kind of old since I received it late last year, but I thought it might be of interest. I had no idea that such jobs were even available. You won't make a living at it but might be fun.*

Dear Car Club Presidents,

Please forgive the intrusion. This is not spam, but a one-time mail shot to ask for your help. **Automobile Inspections, LLC** is looking for people in your area to occasionally go look at and photograph Classic and Used Cars/Trucks that come up for sale within 25 miles of their home.

We don't need 'experts', just honest folks that have spent a lot of time around old cars and know how to follow instructions, take a good photograph and use a computer. We can pay for each car we ask them to go check out!

We were wondering if you or any of your members may be interested. Perhaps you could post this in your newsletter or forward it to your members?

If anyone is interested in applying they can go here and fill in their contact details.

<http://www.automobileinspections.com/help.asp>

We really appreciate your help with this and hope you agree that a lot of 'car guys' would love the opportunity to join our network and GET PAID to do something most would gladly do for free!

Best regards and Happy Holidays!

Jeff W.

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## **FOR SALE**

1957 PORSCHE SPEEDSTER Replica  
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Professionally built by JPS Motorsports. Asking \$35,000.

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2017**

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- **May 21, 2017 - THIS EVENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED - - Garage Tour of Jarl deBoer's private collection. (We hope to reschedule this event in July or August.)**
- **June 3 & 4, 2017 - Walnut Creek Art & Wine Fest - NCKCC Car Display**
- *June 18, 2017 - Father's Day Car Show at Blackhawk Auto Museum, Danville*
- **July 16, 2017 - Cruise to Historic Railroad Museum near Rio Vista; lunch in their Deli.**
- **August 12, 2017 - Visit to Canepa Motorsport Museum in Scott's Valley. Museum opens 10 a.m. [www.canepa.com](http://www.canepa.com)**
- **September 17 - NCKCC Annual Car Show at Blackhawk Museum, Danville**
- **October 15, 2017 - Visit to Big Breaks Regional Park near Antioch. We plan to arrange a car display at a nearby restaurant if they will reserve an area for us.**
- **November 23, 2017 - No Event in November. HAPPY THANKSGIVING**
- **December 3, 2017 - Annual NCKCC Brunch at Basil Leaf Cafe, Danville**

**EVENTS IN BOLD ARE NCKCC OFFICIAL EVENTS, OTHERS ARE EVENTS YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO THE EDITOR.**