



# NCKCC News

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## UPCOMING EVENT DESTINATION

April 23, 2022 - Tour USS Hornet, Alameda, CA Open 10 - 5pm \$20 Adults, \$15 Seniors.  
Meet at the pier in Alameda a bit before 10 am. The weather should be warmer by mid-April. More info: <https://uss-hornet.org/visit-hornet>

## **FROM THE PREZ**

In the previous Newsletter, Vern suggested several possible outings for our Club members. The first suggestion, a return to the USS Hornet has now been rescheduled to Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 am. This Saturday should be just a “normal” weekend day as no special events are planned. As of April 6<sup>th</sup>, we have 6 on the list to attend. Our May activity, a reschedule of The Tech Museum in San Jose, has not yet garnered enough interest to keep it on the schedule. Please, if you are interested in the “Tech”, please let Vern or me know ASAP. Vern has come up with two possible activities for June: The Annual Cobra Day at the Cobra Experience in Martinez on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Shadelands Ranch Classic Car Show in Walnut Creek on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Please let Vern or me know if you plan to attend either of these events.

If you have additional suggestions for activities to add to Vern’s list, please pass on your suggestions to Vern or me via e-mail or phone. Vern or I will firm-up the date and time for each event in subsequent monthly newsletters.

I plan on attending the Club outing to the USS Hornet (Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>) located on the old NAS Alameda. Hope to see you there.

Take care & Stay Safe,

Jim Wagner, NCKCC President

## **DUES TIME CONTINUES**

**Thank you!** To members who have supported the club with their 2022 dues. Here is the list of members that are paid-up for 2022.

Bello	Barrilleaux
Carroll	Cooley
DeCato	. . . . .
Ellis	Elster
Foote	Frederick
Hance	Kealey
Kunedt	Maddux
Pathak	Rhodes
Rubenstein	Somerhalder

Simons	Tattersall
Thomson	Wagner
Wallters	Wenger

For those NOT named above, we are encouraging you to send \$24 (unchanged since 1982) payable to NCKCC to cover your 2022 dues. Please remember the Treasurer has a new address; 2801 Shadelands Dr. Apt. 231, Walnut Creek, CA 94598-2553.

PayPal is also a way to send your dues. Just send it to [nckccwebguy@gmail.com](mailto:nckccwebguy@gmail.com)

## **2022 EVENTS UPDATE**

### **(April Revisions)**

Our planned outing to "The Tech Museum of Innovation" in San Jose didn't draw much participation so we decided to reexamine our whole list of 2022 activities.

#### **USS HORNET VISIT:**

April 23, 2022 - Tour USS Hornet, Alameda, CA Open 10 - 5pm \$20 Adults, \$15 Seniors. Weather should be warmer by mid-April. More info: <https://uss-hornet.org/visit-hornet>

**We decided to move this a week later than originally scheduled, to avoid conflicts on the Easter weekend and a special on the Hornet on the 16th.**

On hold for now, the Tech Museum of Innovation, San Jose may come up in May or in 2023. [\$25 admission, Combo admission + IMAX movie \$31] More info: [www.thetech.org](http://www.thetech.org) **Give us some feedback on your interest in this visit. Let us know you have an interest !**

Late May 2022 visit to California Auto Museum, Special Japanese Car Exhibit planned for late May hasn't been announced yet, so we will put this on hold for now. Watch <https://www.calautomuseum.org/press-room> to indicate your future interest in this event.

Jun 4, 2022 - Annual Cobra Day, Cobra Experience, Martinez. Free spectator admission. Ford powered cars accepted. More info at: [www.cobraexperience.org](http://www.cobraexperience.org)

**This event will happen with or without NCKCC – hope we see you at the show.**

**June 5, 2022 - Here is a new show I learned of, thanks to Mark Rubenstein. It's in Walnut Creek and is free for spectators. It features Classic Cars which fits our specialty and is sponsored by the W.C. Historical Society and runs from 10 am to 3 pm. Show your car for \$25 if registered by May 24th – \$30 later. Registration form available on website "Hotline" or go to: <http://walnutcreek.chambermaster.com/events/details/shadelands-ranch-classic-car-show-36139> for a registration form. Also the History Museum will be open for tours.**

July 16, '22 ??? - Shop Tour of Canepa Auto Sport Museum This date is iffy!  
**They have had some "Shop Walks" recently, but don't show them on the web site until they are history. Look at the shop-walk videos on their website and let us know if you want to try to attend one of these on short notice. I have set up an account requesting a shop walk in July, so maybe I'll get an advanced notice if they schedule one.**

More Info: <https://canepa.com/category/news/canepa-cars-and-coffee/>

August 17, 2022 - Little Car Show. Downtown Pacific Grove on Lighthouse Ave. 12 noon - 5 pm. Spectators free. More info: <https://whatsupmonterey.com/events/monterey-car-week/the-little-car-show/433> **This event will happen with or without NCKCC – Let us know if you will attend and we will try to make it an organized club event.**

September 18, 2022 (Sunday) - NCKCC Annual Show, Blackhawk Museum. 10 -3 pm. **This date has been approved by Blackhawk, so we can start planning on that firm show date.**

November 6, 2022 (Sunday) - Annual Brunch, Incontro Ristorante, Danville, CA  
**Haven't made reservation yet but don't expect any problem. If this date is a problem let us know and we will consider a move.**

## **A STUDEBAKER STORY OF LOVE AND LEGACY**

This is the story told to Auto Journalist A. J. Baime, by a retired construction worker, Alec Childress, about how he acquired a 1939 Studebaker Champion as a gift from a young man, Jay Powers, that he mentored many years ago.

It started back in 1962 when he met Jay as a young man who had lost his way after the death of both his father and mother and started to mentor him.

An informal adoption, led to Jay being an important person in Alec's life and Alec a part of Jay's. Alec espoused the motto "Love conquers all" as a guideline.

When Jay was old enough Alec rode motorcycles with him. One of Jay's treasured statements was; "Pops, I come to your house and watch every move you make, and try to be like you."

In 1980, Jay was living in Iowa then and told Alec "he found a Studebaker that was built the year you were born." Jay bought it and restored the interior and swapped a small-block Chevy V-8 in place of the small 6-cylinder L-head straight six. He also added modern alloy wheels, before he gave it to Alec.

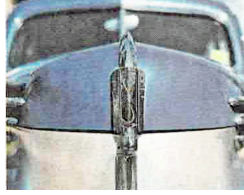


Alec was touch by Jay's gift and his respect for how much Alec loved cars.

Alec related that he grew up in Mississippi where neither his father or mother ever owned a car. He tells of how he got a job after graduating from high school in 1957 allowing him to purchase a 1955 Ford. That started his life as a 'Car Guy'. He has owned Cadillacs, Corvettes and Harley-Davidsons during the past 30 years, but the Studebaker holds a special meaning for him. He relishes the long history of Studebaker, that started as a 19th century blacksmith shop and how they went from building wagons, then cars up to the mid '60s when they went out of business.

About 16 years ago Jay lost his life in a severe motorcycle accident. Alec has since kept the Studebaker Champion just as it was when Jay gave it to him, and treasures the memories of his years of mentoring.

Alec takes the Studebaker to shows frequently and as a volunteer school crossing guard, he often parks it near the corner where he helps school kids cross the street. He enjoys seeing the reaction of the kids (and adults) when they see his 1939 Studebaker Champion.



## **ONLINE COMMUNITIES THAT ACTUALLY WORK**

*Editor's Note; I often clip articles out of newspapers that have some connection to the NCKCC. This one doesn't have a date, so I don't know where or when I got it. But, it seems worthwhile to ask if you think it is representative of what we are trying to do with NCKCC News. Feel free to comment or make suggestions.*

By Clive Thompson

Are there any digital communities that aren't plagued by trolling, posturing and terrible behavior? Sure there are. In fact, there are quite a lot of online hubs where strangers talk all day long in a very civil fashion. But, these aren't the sites that we typically think of as social media, like Twitter, Facebook or YouTube. No, I'm thinking of the countless discussion boards and Discord servers devoted to hobbies or passions like fly fishing, cruise, art, long distance cycling or niche video-games.

I visit places like this pretty often in reporting on how people use digital tools, and whenever I check one out, I'm often struck by how un-toxic they are. These days, we wonder a lot about why social networks go bad. But it's equally illuminating to ask about the ones that work well. These communities share one characteristic: They're small. Generally they have only a few hundred members, or maybe a couple thousand if they are really popular.

And smallness makes all the difference. First, these groups have a sense of cohesion. The members have joined specifically to talk to people with whom they share an enthusiasm. That creates a type of social glue, a context and a mutual respect that can't exist on a highly public site like Twitter, where anyone can crash any public conversation.

More important, small groups typically have people who work to keep interactions civil. Sometimes this will be the forum organizer or an active, long-term participant. They'll greet newcomers to make them feel welcome, draw out quiet people and defuse conflict when they see it emerge. Sometimes they'll ban serious trolls. But what's crucial is that these key

members model good behavior, illustrating by example the community's best standards. The internet thinkers Heather Gold, Kevin Marks and Deb schultz put a name to this: "tummeling," after the Yiddish ""tummerer," who keeps the party going.

None of these positive elements can exist in a massive, public social network, where millions of people can barge into each other's spaces – as they do on Twitter, Facebook and YouTube. That's why perhaps the biggest problem facing social media is that our dominant networks are obsessed with scale. They want to utterly dominate their fields, so they can kill or absorb rivals and have the ad dollars to themselves. But scale breaks social relations.

Is there any way to mitigate this problem? I've never heard of any simple solution. Strong antitrust enforcement for the big networks would be useful, to encourage a greater array of rivals that truly compete with one another. But this likely wouldn't fully solve the problem of scale, since many users crave scale too. Lusting after a massive, global audience, they will flock to whichever site offers the hugest size. Many of the proposed remedies for social media, like increased moderation or modifications to legal liability, might help, but all leave intact the biggest problem of all: Bigness itself.

*Mr. Thompson is a journalist who covers science and technology. His most recent book is "Coders: The Making of a New Tribe and the Remaking of the World."*

*After typing this article, it sounds a bit too self-congratulatory. but that was not the intent. My thought is that I would like to hear from more of you; about what you're doing automotive-wise and/or suggestions for improving this newsletter and our club activities.*

*A kind of comic incident, related to this article, is an email I received from Facebook (below) just after I signed up to follow Canapé.com on Facebook to find the next date for a "shop walk".*

### **You have 30 days to request a review**

Hi Vern,

Your Facebook account has been disabled. This is because your account, or activity on it, doesn't follow our Community Standards.

If you think we disabled your account by mistake, we can take you through a few steps to request a review. You'll need to complete these steps within 30 days to avoid your account being permanently disabled.

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