



# NCKCC News

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This is the 1952 Muntz Jet that is one of the featured cars on our May 27, 2023 trip to view Wayne Wenger's car collection. More info inside. Be sure to tell us if you plan to attend so we can do some ride sharing from the Bay Area.

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## **2023 EVENTS UPDATE**

This NCKCC event is a visit to the car collection of our long time member, Wayne Wenger, in Placerville, CA.

Wayne's collection of about 10 cars includes a 1937 Cord Sedan, 1948 Willys Jeepster, 1929 Ford Model 'A' Roadster-pickup, 1927 Marmon Sedan, 1940 Hupmobile Skylark, 1952 Muntz Jet, 1951 Glaspar Sports Car (Fiberglass), Woodill Wildfire Sports Car, (Fiberglass) 1954 Allstate and a 1954 Buick Century. There is also a display room with lots of plastic, die-cast and rubber model cars and photos of Hollywood stars that Wayne has known – like Jean Harlow, Tom Mix, Hoot Gibson. Clark Gable, etc.

We will be traveling there on Saturday May 27, 2023, with a target arrival time of 11:30 - 12 noon arrival time

Wayne will be providing lunch, probably featuring pizza and sodas.

If you wish to attend, please let us know by email at [nckccwebguy@gmail.com](mailto:nckccwebguy@gmail.com) or call Vern at (925) 954-2866 or (925) 378-8180 and leave a message.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

In our last news publication we outlined how we will try to organize events that people really want to attend. The event shown above is one that was organized by people who want to attend. We are also fortunate that Wayne Wenger extended an invitation and suggested some available dates.

### **NILES SPRING FEVER – MAY 7, 2023**

Actually we have this earlier event that Pat Cooley will be attending on May 7th 2023. That is the Niles Spring Fever Show and he would be pleased if you choose to attend. He plans to display his Bugatti Type 35B replica in hopes of selling it to make some garage space for his newest project. If you are interested in attending the Niles Spring Fever please contact Pat by calling or emailing him at (925) 623-6066 or [myoozik@comcast.net](mailto:myoozik@comcast.net)

I am also including a .pdf copy of the entry form to register your car. If you're just coming as a spectator there is no entrance fee, but let Pat know you are coming.

## **OTHER CARS SHOWS OF INTEREST**

The Elks Car Show is on Saturday June 10th – 10:00 to 3:00 at 1475 Creekside Drive, Walnut Creek. Car registration is \$40. More info at [WCElksCarShow2023@gmail.com](mailto:WCElksCarShow2023@gmail.com) or call Judy Godar (925) 937-8995.

The Shadelands Classic Car Show will be June 11, 2023 10 am to 3 pm. The show is at the Shadlands Ranch Museum, 2660 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek. Go to <https://wchistory.org/events/classic-car-show/> for more information. Car registration fee is \$25 up to Jun 4th.

Father's Day Car show at Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville, is on June 18th 8:00 am to 2:00 pm and car registration is \$40 early, \$50 day of show. More info at <https://blackhawkmuseum.org/fathersday>

Gold Coast Rods – Cannery Row Show is July 29, 2023 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the El Torito parking lot , 600 Cannery Row, Monterey. Registration is \$60

**So we are waiting for you to let us know what you would like to do next. If you plan to attend any of these let us know. Or tell us your favorite show. We will spread the word within NCKCC so others can contact you to say they too will attend.**

(For now you can think of NCKCC as Northern California Kutsom Car Club, until we think of a better name Tell us what name you like. ) We are trying to keep our club running – but we need your help. Vern will be updating our website, hopefully in the near future focusing on Handcrafted and Special Interest cars the we have migrated toward in our last few Annual Shows.

## **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."*

## **CARS FOR SALE**

### **1927 Bugatti Type 35B Kit Car —**

This kit car replica was built by the current owner on a 1970 VW chassis (IRS) and registered in 1991. It has been garaged its entire life and has won numerous show awards. 1600cc engine with custom dual exhaust, 12,000 miles since build, 165 x 15 Michelin XZX tires on McLean wire wheels, modified front suspension for excellent handling, rear air shocks, mahogany steering wheel, handmade mahogany dashboard with Classic Industries "Vintage" series gauges, leather belts, shoulder harnesses, full cockpit tonneau cover, lots of extra detail and custom touches, complete service record, with build pictures. \$12,500. Call Pat at (925) 623-6066 or Email: [myoozik@comcast.net](mailto:myoozik@comcast.net)





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