



# **NCKCC** News

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**ATTENTION ALL KIT CAR  
AND SPECIAL INTEREST CAR OWNERS !**

**SEPTEMBER 6 & 7 ARE THE DATES TO REMEMBER**

**OUR SHOW STARTS AT THE SAN LEANDRO MARINA  
ON 9/6 ENDING WITH A SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET.**

**ON SUNDAY WE CONTINUE WITH A POKER RUN  
TO THE BLACKHAWK AUTO MUSEUM  
FOR A CAR DISPLAY.**

### **ACTIVITY NOTICES**

August 16, 2008 - Hot August Niles Car Show. Niles District of Fremont. RSVP to Dave Jones to reserve a space. (510) 471-6411 or vnimus1@att.net

September 6-7, 2008 - NCKCC San Leandro Show 9/6 with Poker Run to Blackhawk Auto Museum 9/7 Car Registration Form Inside.

## **FROM THE PREZ**

Well folks, here we go again! The annual show is almost upon us! Changes have been made to the format. Classes have been set. The banquet is set. The room block at the Marina Inn are in place. Trophies have been ordered. Those are the things that are for sure.

Now for the things that we still need. We are in desperate need of volunteers to help in set up and tear down of a one day show. We do not have the use of the motor home we had last year. If anyone has a suggestion, please contact Sarah Smith ASAP at 510-909-1822. If nothing appears, we will have to do with make shift arrangements.

We are also in great need of donations for banquet raffle gifts. Handmade items are always appreciated. Unfortunately we have lost any support we had from my wife's company, not because she is not the chairperson this year, but because they have cut off all support to all such activities due to the economic downturns. It's going to be a tuff year folks.

In line with that it was decided to discontinue the on going daytime raffle due to lack of any prizes to give out. This can change if some form of prizes can be secured. In it's place a suggestion was made that the DJ could play a

request for a donation of any amount to the wheelchair foundation. We will be emphasizing the donation to the wheelchair foundation throughout the day.

We are doing advertising in some new venues this year. In Sacramento the show is listed in the Cruzin News and is being given some air time on radio station 92.1 KCCL, KOOL HITS that cover a large amount of the valley area. Hopes are that we can attract some participation from that area. Dana King of KCBS has a local events broadcast for the upcoming weekends. So keep your ears tuned for that one. Our ad man, Wil Smith, is trying some other free sources available to community groups to see if we can have an impact that way.

So as you can see much work has been done and much work is still in progress. If you can help out please do so.

As a reminder, we have the Hot August Niles event coming up in a couple of weeks. Anyone interested in attending please contact me at 510-471-6411 or at my e-mail [vnimus1@att.net](mailto:vnimus1@att.net) to let me know if you will be coming. I needed to have an idea of how many spots to save so that we can park together. It's a great venue for advertising our event so please, if you can, come on out to Niles.

I apologize again for not being as timely about my Words From The Prez articles as I have been in the past, but some personal needs have prevented and hindered me from doing so.

In closing all I can ask is that you come out and support the show, banquet, and the driving event that seemed to be the choice of the majority. Much work has gone into implementing the changes you as a club indicated you wanted.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

## **WHEELS FOR WHEELCHAIRS**

by Sarah Smith

As the show is getting closer, I wanted to make sure that I have passed details on to all that are attending our carshow. This is the first year we are doing a one day show and following up with a driving event the next day. The car show event will be held on September 6, 2008. Gates will be open for set up at 8AM and officially open to the public at 9AM. We will have our ballots for judging and they need to be turned in by 3:30PM.

As always, we will have our Champagne Reception at the Marina Inn Banquet Room.

**Trophies will be handed out at our**

**Saturday evening banquet.** Tickets for the banquet are \$30.00 per person. You can buy them in advance by using the Show Registration Form enclosed with this newsletter, or at the registration desk the day of the show.

The next day is a Poker Run driving event beginning at the Marina Inn at 9AM. You will be given 2 cards and a map to proceed to a winery in Livermore (TBD). There you will be given two more cards. The final stop will be the Blackhawk Auto Museum. You will receive one last card to determine your hand. The winner of the Poker Run will receive a \$50 Gift card for Gas.

## **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS AND BANQUET PRIZE DONATIONS!!!**

Please contact me via e-mail or by phone to volunteer. (510) 909-1822 or [one\\_wild\\_princess@yahoo.com](mailto:one_wild_princess@yahoo.com)

Look forward to seeing you there.

## **HOT AUGUST NILES SHOW**

The Niles Merchants will again host this show in Fremont on Saturday, August 16, 2008. Cost is \$18 with an August 10th deadline. After that it is \$25 per car. Show runs from 9am to 3pm, but to get a good spot you need to be there earlier. Dave Jones has been the contact to reserve a spot if you plan to attend. Registration form at [HOTLINE <www.nckcc.com>](http://www.nckcc.com)

## **EDITORS NOTES**

Not much activity to report this month, so the focus is on the Annual Show in September, which is covered elsewhere.

One project that I have been wanting to talk about is a new website that has been created by new member, Ross Wentworth. He has put in a lot of work to create this project and it is not finished yet, but I would like to get your reactions and comments about what should be added, deleted or changed.

A few of you have already had a peak at it, but here is some descriptive info.

### **CENTER OF PAGE**

This is where the information or page of your choice is shown. When you first visit you will land on the HOME page. Then by using the boxes in the right hand margin, you can navigate around.

### **RIGHT HAND MARGIN**

This area currently has seven sections: PAGES; RECENT POSTS; UPCOMING EVENTS; RELATED LINKS; CATEGORIES; ARCHIVES; META  
I'm not sure we need more than the PAGES items, but please give us your comment.

To post a comment you must go to the META section and click on 'register'. You will receive a password by email and

you should save it somewhere, because that will be needed next time you visit the site. You should register only on your first visit, then on the subsequent visits go to META and 'login' using your password.

There are lots of things still to be fixed, however your editor is struggling to master the software by "WordPress" well enough to work effectively.

One of the main reasons we are redesigning the site is to allow you to talk back to other members and ask questions about you car projects that other members can help you with. It also provides a way to send feedback on rating past events and proposing future club activities you would like to see. Naturally, we expect 'talk-back' to be polite and constructive, but expressing unhappiness can still be done in this framework.

Another plan that will be activated is to give you a way to pay your dues and pay for club events by credit card or PayPal. I have set up a PayPal account and if you want to use it, starting with the annual show, just email me and I will give you specific instructions. Later we will have this set up so you can do it directly from the website.

How you get to the new site? Go to:  
<http://nckcc.geekbiker.net/>

## **ENCLOSURES IN THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER**

The show registration form is included herewith. I've included a little stub that you can cut off to remind you of the dates and that you have registered. That way I should get back by mail an 8.5" x 11" registration form that will fit in a letter size folder. Don't forget to include your check for registration and the Saturday night Banquet at the Marina Inn.

I am also including a roster of current members as of August 1, 2008. It will have phone numbers and email addresses. There are some missing phone and email addresses as well as probably some wrong ones.

Please let me know if you spot an error in phone or email so I can correct it.

## **SOME TRIVIA**

By Vern Hance

I have commented earlier about the depressing effect of gas prices, but even more depressing is the ability of our elected representatives to avoid taking actions to begin correcting a problem that has taken many years to fester. Remember to vote in Nov.

I recently visited the National Auto Museum in Reno. I found several cars that would help reduce gasoline consumption. They were designed many decades ago.



*Above: 1914 Detroit Electric with front battery pack at left.*



*Below: 1928 Auto-Red-Bug. 12 volt electric power from two car batteries. Cost \$325*



## FOR SALE

COBRA Ford power, Jag rear-end. Silver w/ black interior. \$21,500 Call Bob Elster 707-938-3254 (1/02)

COBRA-NAF. Ford 289power, 4-speed, Jag posi rear-end. Blue w/ black interior. 5,000 mi. \$23,900 Call Trifam (925) 820-1847 SB-100 smog-exempt (9/07)

COBRA - VW KIT - 427 Snake body fits on your 3" shortened VW chassis. Two available; **reduced to \$2,200 from \$3,200** Call Wayne McAllaster (510) 656-5844 or E-mail 427medusa@sbcglobal.net (2/06)

FERRARI - TESTAROSSA Spyder. Based on 1989 Corvette with 350 V-8 engine and automatic tranny. **Reduced to \$12,000.** Contact Anthony Ramsinh (408) 268-6554 or e-mail aramsinh@aol.com (11/05)

GATSBY - Ford 351W, auto overdrive tranny, SB100 CA smog exempt. Great driver, awesome condition, continuous show winner. \$29,000 Bill Navratil (408) 374-5277 E-mail bnavra@aol.com **New Listing** 4/08

MANX SR-2 - 1678 cc VW engine with 4-speed stick. New interior in 2002. Built in 1977 by present owner who has all receipts, etc. Includes a spare 1600 VW engine and extra parts. \$5,500. Call Don Wicks (707) 998-9383 or e-mail at dkwicks@mchsi.com (11/05)

MERCEDES SSK (Gazelle) Parts: 4 fenders (brown), windshield, radiator shell, bumpers, interior leather and top (tan), tail lights, supercharger pipes, doors (yellow), latches, hinges, etc. Tim 510-278-3085 (04/05)

PANTERA Factory built, only one known to exist. Red w/ beige interior, Chev engine \$35,000 Call Bob Elster 707-938-3254. (1/02)

PORSCHE 550 Spyder. A Beck turnkey built in 2003. 5,000 orig miles, never tracked, 2156 cc custom 182HP dynoed engine w/ 44mm Webers. Everthing polished or powder coated, ceramic mufflers, 4-wheel discs, custom roll bars, silver-blue, tan interior plus all Beck options. SPCNS smog exempt. Asking \$30,000. Dan Rowland 916-989-4330 or cell 916-367-8502 **NEW LISTING** 02/08

The kit car industry on the Internet:

**kitcar.com**  
and  
**cobracountry.com**

- kit cars For Sale by Owner...  
in 22 kit categories plus Cobras!
- Consumer Alerts, show coverage
- over 1200 web pages
- Pro tips on motorcar photography

*Carl Scott*  
661-251-2223

"Cars for Sale" ads in the *Kit Car Sun* are for members only. Rate is \$10 for 12 issues.

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October 11, 2008 - Wine tour by Wagner & Maddux.

October 25-26 -, 2008 - Club Sandwich, Laughlin, NV

December 7, 2008 - Annual Brunch, Pleasanton Hotel.

### **SMOKE-FREE CARS LAW FACTS**

Smoke-Free Cars On January 1, 2008, a law went into effect which bans smoking in cars when there are children younger than 18 present. Those caught violating the law will face up to a \$100 fine.

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