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MERRY CHRISTMAS



Happy New Year

ACTIVITY NOTICES

January 15, 2011 - Annual Planning Meeting at the THURMAN CASEY LIBRARY. 2661 Oak Grove Rd. Walnut Creek CA. Meeting starts at 1:00 p.m. Call or Email Vern if you want to attend lunch at 11:45 a.m.

FROM THE PREZ

Our Annual Brunch was once again at the Pleasanton Hotel “Farmer’s Restaurant” and was a very pleasant ending to a full year’s worth of club activities. It was really great to have a wonderful meal and socialize with our members. (See Vern’s “Brunch” article elsewhere in this newsletter.) We all had a great brunch with far too many calories and also managed to discuss a few activities, some old and some new, for next year’s activity calendar. Speaking of next year, the Club will have a planning meeting on January 15th in Walnut Creek. Planning meeting details are also elsewhere in this newsletter. Be sure to forward to Vern or myself any and all suggestions or ideas for activities you would like to see on the calendar. Even better, come to the planning meeting and contribute your suggestion in person. Even if your suggested activity has no firm date, we can still add it to the calendar and fill in the date when info becomes available. The calendar will have designated “club” events and also list other “car” events which our members might want to attend. I’m really looking forward to another great year for the NCKCC.

May the “Spirit of the Season” be with you and yours. Have a wonderful and safe Holiday! See you in 2011!

Jim Wagner, NCKCC President

DUES PAYING TIME AGAIN

As the start of 2011 approaches its time for me to start reminding everyone to pay their \$24 dues for the New Year.

I will use my usual procedure of listing the last names of those whose dues have been paid. Since some have already paid for 2011 their names are listed below.

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| Bello | Bradley |
| Decato | Dunn |
| Foote | Hunsberger |
| Moore | Walters |

So please check this section each month to see that I have received your dues payment. That way we can cross check on you, me and the USPS.

Also, for those who would prefer to pay by PayPal, we have an account to handle that option. We ask those using PayPal to add \$1 to cover the PayPal fee. (\$25 total)

To make a payment to NCKCC just send it to nckcc@astound.net That way I will receive an email advising me of your payment.

OUR DECEMBER 5th BRUNCH

We again held our Annual Brunch at The Farmer Restaurant in the Pleasanton Hotel. With our 10 a.m. start we had an “almost” private room where our 24 members enjoyed the Omelette Station, where the Chef prepared a custom Omelette just for you. Extras included Country Fried Potatoes, Linguica, Sausage, Bacon, Ham or Sirloin Patty, Croissants, Mini Muffins, Scones and Biscuits, and a selection of fresh fruit.



Shown above: The Omelette assembly line

We had time to do some visiting and sharing our Christmas Greetings before focusing on our omelette. Then we started a short business meeting by paying tribute to those members; Jim Standiford, Wendy Wagner and Marty Rosenthal; who have passed on during the year.

Then we did a quick survey to see the attendee’s level of interest in some of our traditional yearly events. We gauged the interest by a show of hands. If my memory is correct, the top favorites were: The Spring Coming Out Party, the June Art & Wine Festival, the Annual September Car Show and the

December Brunch. The "Medium" interest events were: Niles car shows (both Spring Fever and Hot Aug Niles), July 3 Benicia Parade, and a spring or fall wine tour.

We agreed to promote attendance at the AHA Pomona "Fun Under the Sun" show, even though our participation has been limited due to the distance.

We still need more club member input on what activities you would like to attend in 2011, so please consider coming to our January 15th meeting.

Brunch attendees included: Steve & Mary Ellen Bales, Al & Pat Bello, Dave & Joyce DeCato, Rick & Jeani DeLany, Larry Fewell, Vern & Carol Hance, Paul & Ruth King, Allen Koch, Bill Landers & Carmen, Chuck & Sue Maddux, Bette Rosenthal, Gil Somerhalder, Jim Wagner, Robert Wagner and Tom & Irene Wallters.

Below Clockwise: Pat Bello, Joyce & Dave DeCato, Bill Landers & Carmen, Gil Somerhalder and Al Bello.



Below: The Hance's shared a table with Bette Rosenthal, Ruth King and Paul King. Vern promised Paul he would get in the picture - but by Photoshop magic.



On the next page: Wagner's shared their table with Chuck & Sue Maddux, Larry Fewell and Al Koch. Some of the other three tables at our December 5th Brunch are in the background. The room was attractively decorated and the fireplace fire added a cheerful Christmas-time ambience.



Above: Bales', DeLany's and Wallters' are still waiting for their omelette.

Below: But they did get an omelette and a table to share





PLANNING MEETING FOR 2011 - JANUARY 15th

By Vern Hance

I was able to reserve the same meeting room at the Thurman Casey library in Walnut Creek that we used in 2010. The room will be ours from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. This will hopefully allow a more relaxed start for that Saturday.

I have made no lunch arrangements (yet), but if there is interest in meeting earlier, say 11:45 a.m., I will host it at Roccio's Pizza, which is only a couple blocks away. (In the Encina Grande shopping center at Oak Grove Road and Ygnacio Valley Road) Just let me know if you want to come for lunch and we will get energized to plan a great year.

Of course you also have to bring your new and exciting ideas for activities.

One new suggested event that came up this summer was to do a visit to "Playland - Not At The Beach". We circulated a flyer about it at the Brunch and there seemed to be a positive reaction. It is a Fun Museum located in El Cerrito, CA. Many of the artifacts and antiques from the historic "Sutro Baths" and "Whitney's Playland" have been preserved, restored and are on display. Our own NCKCC member, Jerry Barrilleaux, who is also a performing magician does a Flea Circus Act at Playland frequently. Hours are 10-5 Saturdays and Sundays and it would be appropriate for the early months, when weather can be inclement. And if the weather is good there is room to stage a small car show.

Some of our Events are repeated each year because of their popularity, but they can be changed or replaced if the club chooses. Some of these that come to mind are:

- Coming Out Party for new members and new cars. Since we have had trouble getting new members to attend, I'm suggesting we invent a new name. Bring your ideas.
- AHA 'Fun Under The Sun' car show in Pomona, CA.
- Niles 'Spring Fever' car show
- June 'Art & Wine Festival' where we display some of our cars.
- July Torchlight Parade & Dinner in Benicia.
- Niles 'Hot Aug Niles' car shows.
- Sept 10 & 11, 2011 Annual Car Show at the Hilton.
- Fall or Spring Wine Tour.
- December Annual Brunch.

Hope to see many of you on Saturday January 15th. And don't forget to let me know if you will be there at 11:45 for lunch

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