



# NCKCC News

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Here is our Merry Brunch Group on December 2nd as we left the Basil Leaf Cafe in Danville. Sorry, but we somehow missed Mary Ellen Bales.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **January 12, 2013 - Annual Planning Meeting. 11:30 a.m. at the Hance residence in Walnut Creek. (See page 2)**

## **FROM THE PREZ**

Our Annual "Brunch" at the Basil Leaf Café in Danville, was a nice ending to 2012's Club activities. The weather was pretty nasty during the early morning hours, but semi-cleared by noon. Kind of cool, but at least it wasn't raining. It was really great to have a wonderful meal and socialize with our members. (See Vern's article and pictures elsewhere in this newsletter.) We all had a superb lunch with far too many calories and even 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 its annual planning meeting on the second Saturday of January, that's January 12, 2013, 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. As in past calendars, the 2013 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 2013 being another great year for the NCKCC.

May the "Spirit of the Season" be with you and yours. Have a wonderful and safe Holiday! See y'all in January!

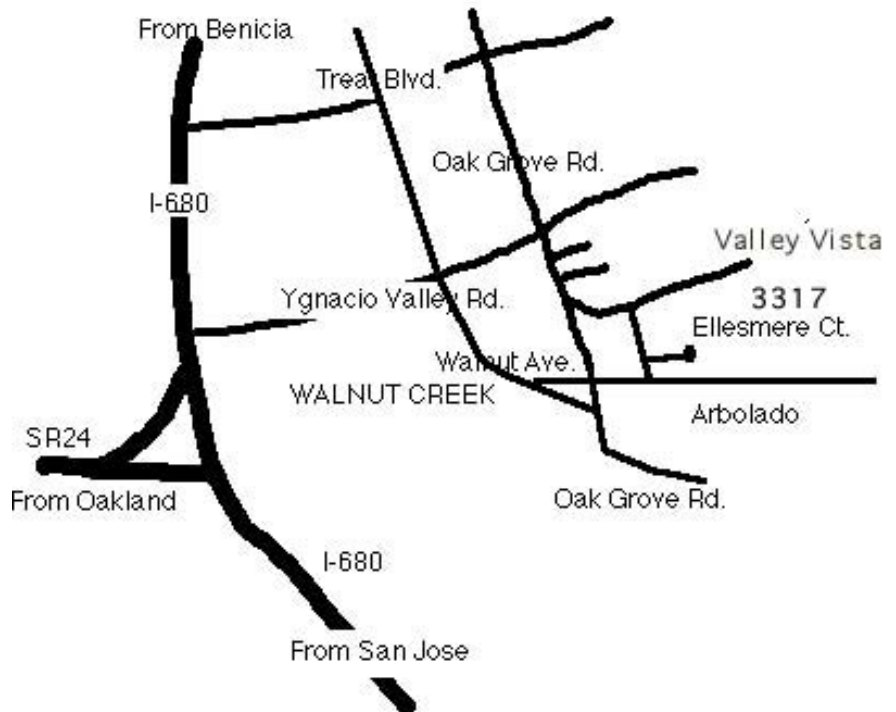
Jim W

## **2013 PLANNING MEETING - JANUARY 12th**

By Vern Hance

We are optimistically hoping the weather will support our idea to have a small January car show on our little street, so think positive and plan to gather at 3317 Ellesmere Court, Walnut Creek at 11:30 a.m. on January 12, 2013. (Map above)

But our more serious purpose is to set up our plan for NCKCC events for 2013 including consideration of our Annual Show that we have held in September



for the past 30 years. WOW, that's a long time, but that's how old we are.

Here's the plan: Plan to arrive at 11:30 a.m. and we will either have a car show and kick some tires or we will just visit for a while and swap some adventure stories; hopefully we will do both. Then at 12 Noon Carol will be baking some pizzas and creating some salads to go with the pizza, sodas and beer.

After lunch we will settle down around the table to negotiate our plans for 2013. So we need you to promote your favorite activity. We did some new and different things for 2012 and we would welcome more new ideas that will encourage the maximum participation of club members.

So here is your homework: 1st - Bring a head full of ideas for activities. (Or you can email them to Jim or Vern so we can put them on the meeting agenda)

2nd - Call or Email Vern so we get enough food. 925/938-1442; [nckcc@astound.net](mailto:nckcc@astound.net)



## **BRUNCH - BASIL LEAF CAFE - DECEMBER 2nd**

By Vern Hance

For the 2nd year we had our Annual Brunch at the Basil Leaf Cafe in Danville.

We had 19 members who turned out for our 1 p.m. late brunch. Our later time may have been a lucky choice, since we had a major rain storm with high winds on Saturday, which took down a number of trees and made travel difficult. At our house we lost power at 8 a.m. Sunday and were surprised that it was 4 p.m. before the lights came on again.

We were seated in the same corner of the restaurant as last year but were delayed a few minutes while they prepared our tables after an earlier group of 20 departed. Our waitress delivered Mimosas for us to enjoy while we waited. The food was well received by our group and the custom omelets and the fresh waffles with strawberries and whipped cream were praised by many.

We found time to kick around a few ideas for future club activities, but no decisions were made because that's the objective of our January 12th meeting.

The cover picture shows most of the attendees which included; Mary Ellen Bales, Al & Pat Bello, Dave & Joyce DeCato, Vern & Carol Hance, Chuck & Kay Honodel, Paul & Ruth King, Allen Koch, Bill Landers & Carmen, Chuck & Sue Maddux, Gil Somerhalder, James Wagner and Robert Wagner.

*Shown below C.W. from left; Gil Somerhalder, Mary Ellen Bales, Joyce DeCato, Pat Bello, Dave DeCato, Al Bello.*



*Shown above C.W. from left; Robert Wagner, Kay Honodel, Chuck Honodel, Jim Wagner, Allen Koch.*

*Shown below; A better picture of Chuck & Sue Maddux.*



*Shown above C.W. from left; Carmen, Bill Landers, Sue Maddux, Chuck Maddux, Paul King, Ruth King.*



And below; A better picture of Carol Hance, Kay Honodel, Chuck Honodel.



## FOR SALE

BUGATTI 1927 Bugatti, good cond. Never wrecked. Yellow paint, brown upholstery that needs rework. Less than 50 miles on 1600cc recond. engine. Consider delivery. \$3000.00. (See photo) Dave Fernandez 530-384-2778 email [daf360hd@att.net](mailto:daf360hd@att.net) (3-10)

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## EVENTS CALENDAR - 2013.

- January 12, 2013 - Annual Planning meeting. Starts at 11:30 a.m. with Pizza for lunch and a small car show, weather cooperating.

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### Editor's Comments

Sorry that the newsletter is late and short for December. I intended to wait until after the December 2nd Brunch, so I could include a report on that event, but planned to get it out shortly thereafter. As it turned out I found myself responsible for several outside consulting assignments which along with the usual social obligations at this busy time of year made another week go by too fast.

My apologies and a vow that I'll get better organized next year.

FERRARI Testarossa (yellow). This beautiful and extremely well built smog exempt car won 7 awards including first place at Knott's and was featured in Kit Car Illustrated. The chassis is a lengthened Fiero, with a Chevrolet 3.7 engine, a Getrag 5-speed transmission, authentic Ferrari chrome-plated aluminum wheels, Eagle F-1 tires, plus many other amenities. This is my fourth replica and is by far the best. \$21,500. Al Clavelli 650 573-8125 or e-mail [alclavelli@aol.com](mailto:alclavelli@aol.com). (7/11)

1954 MG-TF (SB100 smog free)  
Purchased in 1985 from Action Motorcar in San Leandro, who built the car using a 1979 Chevette frame, suspension and 1.6 liter engine. The car was called the Avalon MG-TF, manufactured in Brazil and sold by Kit Classics for \$14,000.

Asking \$6,500. Low miles. Contact Terry at 707-548-2434 or email [terrillevitt@aol.com](mailto:terrillevitt@aol.com)

Photos available in CARS FOR SALE section of this website.