



# NCKCC News

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Here is our traditional Sunday Champagne Brunch portrait of all the attendees. C.W. from left rear: Tom, Irene, Joyce, Dave, Sue, Chuck, Carol, Rosie, Steve, Gil and Vern.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Merry Christmas*

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

We are going to try planning for 2018 activities like we did last year. So we encourage you to lobby for some fun events that you would like to attend. When we get some ideas from you we will publish them, first by email blasts to all members and then via the newsletter.

So start thinking about what you would like to do in 2018. Also include a suggested date or month if you have a preference.

On page 3 of this newsletter is a list of events that we did in 2017 and how many attended.

The two best attended events over the past several years have been the Walnut Creek Art & Wine Festival, scheduled for Jun 2 & 3, 2018 and our Annual NCKCC Car Show, tentatively scheduled for September 16th. I would guess these would continue to be favorites - but let us hear it from you - pro or con.

So look over the 2017 event list and let us know what you would like to do.

Vern Hance, NCKCC News Editor

## **OUR ANNUAL BRUNCH AT THE BASIL LEAF CAFE**

By Vern Hance

December 3, 2017 was the date, the time was 10:30 a.m. and the place was The Basil Leaf Cafe, 501 Hartz Avenue, Danville, CA 94526.

Our Annual Meeting and champagne brunch was attended by 11 members. We were expecting 16, but lost 5 for health and other reasons at the last minute.

Most of those eleven were a little early, so we had time to check out those that were traveling with 'new' wheels. Dave and Joyce DeCato arrived in a new Jeep

Cherokee, Steve & Rosie Rhodes appeared with their new Bricklin; (shown below) this one is red, and Vern & Carol arrived in a 1989 Maserati (aka Chrysler TC). Vern has obviously been Christmas shopping on our club website.



The weather was a bit chilly so we were allowed to occupy our tables a bit before the official opening hour. We started with Mimosas, but I think mine was made with grapefruit juice rather than orange juice. That was soon corrected by a refill of pure champagne. We got first chance at all of the regular goodies including salads, fruits, hot dishes, breakfast potatoes, eggs benedict, bacon, sausage and waffles with lots of whipped cream and strawberries. I waited to go for an omelette until I finished my first course. But by then the line was long and it took awhile for my 'everything' omelette to come to life, but it was worth the wait.

Then I wandered around, visiting with people, and then went for some dessert goodies and a cup of coffee to finish the Brunch.





## **ReinCARnation MAGAZINE IS REAL - NOT JUST DIGITAL**

We told you about the transfiguration of CAR Builder to ReinCARnation magazine. I just received my December email issue and thought I would remind you that you can still get a free subscription (in USA) to the magazine in print, digital - or both. You can subscribe online by going to website [www.reincarnationmag.com](http://www.reincarnationmag.com)

I think the Brunch was enjoyed by all the attendees, which included Dave & Joyce DeCato, Vern & Carol Hance, Chuck & Sue Maddux, Steve & Rosie Rhodes, Gil Somerhalder and Tom & Irene Wallters. We were disappointed that Jim Wagner & Robert could not attend but Robert wasn't up to it that day. I later heard by email from Joe Tattersall, who was recovering from the flu and chose not to chance sharing it with us. I snagged the de Boers with my 'last call' email, but I failed to confirm that they were included, so they made other plans.

Today's issue has an interesting article about FFR's latest kit, which is an all-steel reproduction of a '33 Ford Roadster. Click on the link below to go there.

[THE GARAGE](#)

[Hot Tin Roof](#)

## **2017 EVENT SCORE CARD - WHAT DO WE WANT IN 2018?**

The attendance at many of our 2017 events was small or less. The club officers have concluded our past event planning is not properly serving the clubs desires. The list below shows the attendance at each 2017 event.

- **March 5, 2017 - Chabot Space & Science Center** Attendance = 6
- **April 2, 2017 - Cal Auto Museum-Fire Trucks, Sacramento** Attendance = 12
- **April 22, 2017 - AHA Annual Show at Nethercutt Museum** Attendance = 0
- **April 21, 2017 - Garage Tour of Jarl de Boer's private collection.** Cancelled
- **May 13, 2017 - Niles 'Spring Fever' Car Show** Attendance = 1
- **June 3 & 4, 2017 - Walnut Creek Art & Wine Fest** Attendance = 15
- **June 18, 2017 - Father's Day Car Show at Blackhawk Auto Museum** Attendance = 0
- **July 16, 2017 - Western Railway Museum, Suisun City** Attendance = 11
- **August 12, 2017 - Canepa Motorsports Museum** Attendance = 0
- **September 17, 2017 - NCKCC Annual Car Show at Blackhawk** Attendance = 22
- **September 30, 2017 - Cops & Rodders Show, Cameron Park** Attendance=0
- **October 15, 2017 - Big Break Regional Park, Oakley** Attendance = 8
- **December 3, 2017 - Annual NCKCC Brunch at Basil Leaf Cafe** Attendance = 11

Based on the record above we are launching a "trial balloon" proposal to officially schedule only the Walnut Creek Art & Wine car display and our Annual Show in September. We are open to hearing your ideas and we want your suggestions. Please respond by email or phone to any of the officers listed in page 7 of this newsletter. **We need your input !!**  
**Send your event proposal with a suggested month and/or date.**

## **IT'S DUES TIME AGAIN**

Your \$24 annual dues are due on January 1.

I will follow my usual practice of listing the last names of those who have paid in each month's newsletter. So if you don't see your name, it means I haven't received your dues payment.

Knebel                      Maddux

Tattersall                 Wallters

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.

If you want to pay by PayPal, we have an account to handle that option. If you already have a PayPal account you can select a 'personal' payment to [nckcc@astound.net](mailto:nckcc@astound.net) and there is no PayPal fee. However you can also use a Visa or MasterCard credit card through PayPal, but in this case we ask you to add \$1 (\$25 total) to cover the PayPal fee.

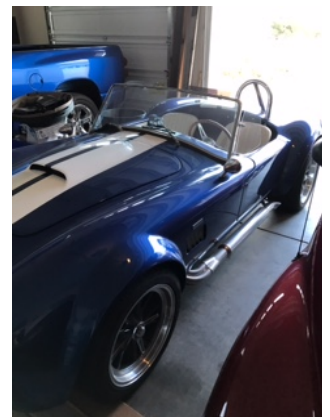
To make a payment to NCKCC just send it to [nckcc@astound.net](mailto:nckcc@astound.net) That way I will receive an email advising me of your payment.

## **CARS FOR SALE**

**1957 PORSCHE SPEEDSTER Replica**  
Like new; 3,000 miles; 2332 cc VW T-1 engine.  
Professionally built by JPS Motorsports. Asking \$35,000.  
Contact: [brianc@chinnockcellars.com](mailto:brianc@chinnockcellars.com) or (707) 259-1626 (510) 918-0155



**1965 AC COBRA Replica**  
Like New. Less than 1000 miles.  
Always garaged, Professionally built.  
New 351 Cu. In. Windsor Engine and Tremec Tranny.  
Asking \$32,000.  
Contact Mike at: 1 408 847-4139



**1934 Mercedes-Benz 500K replica**, 350 Chevy engine, Edelbrock computerizes EFI, R700 4-speed auto tranny, running gear from '75 Camaro, Vintage Air heat/air, power steering brakes, new wide whitewall tires in 2015. All black areas repainted in 2015. All Maintenance performed by AAA Certified repair shop in Benicia. Asking \$27,000. Contact Chuck Maddux at (707) 745-4361: email [camnsam@att.net](mailto:camnsam@att.net)



## **MORE CARS FOR SALE**

**1989 Chrysler TC MASERATI** - Turbo supercharged, Automatic Transmission' Convertible with Hard Top. Cream with Ginger Leather interior 57,000 miles. Have original owner's manuals and Service Manual. Health & old age require sale of this beautiful California Car! Asking \$4,900. Call John at (415) 883-4361; eMail [Knebeljw@gmail.com](mailto:Knebeljw@gmail.com) Novato, CA.



### **VSE JACKRABBIT**

Built by Herb Adams VSE in Carmel, CA. Completely restored with new battery, brakes, and CIS fuel injection system. Based on 1.6 L front engine, front drive VW Rabbit and VSE tube steel frame. Asking \$5,000 o.b.o. Call Stephen

