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The picture is from one of our members in Southern Oregon. The paper today reported 23 deaths in China from unusually cold weather and rebukes of President Ahmadinejad in Iran for refusal to approve spending on natural gas for remote areas suffering from unusual cold weather this winter. What's the problem here?

ACTIVITY NOTICES

February 16, 2008 - Special meeting to finalize plans for Annual Show. Meet at Tom & Irene Wallters residence at 1:00 p.m. (See page 6 for driving instructions)

March 29??, 2008 - Possible date for GoCart racing event in Burlingame. (Page 8)

JANUARY 12th MEETING

By Vern Hance

We had 15 people at our 2008 planning meeting held at the Wheelchair Foundation classroom at the Blackhawk Museum. Eleven of those folks started with lunch at the Blackhawk Grille (below) where we dined in elegance complete with our own personalized menu.

After lunch we adjourned to the Wheelchair Foundation classroom and began our discussion of our annual show, while we waited for some late arrivals, then dived in to the events for 2008.

Dave lead the discussion after introducing his new haircut.





Here are the events we chose for 2008:

February 16, 2008 - Show planning meet at Wallters' in Mt. View

March - Go-Cart racing or Murder Mystery Dinner. Still undecided. Your feedback is requested.

April 5, 2008 - Coming Out party potluck for new members and cars, at East Contra Costa County Historical Museum, Knightsen, CA

April 26-27, 2008 - AHA Knott's Berry Show in Buena Park, CA

May ??, 2008 - Spring Fever Car Show, Niles District, Fremont.

May 31 - June 1, 2008 - Walnut Creek Art & Wine Mini-CarShow. Heather Farms Park.

July 3, 2008 - Benicia Fourth of July Parade, dinner following.

July 19, 2008 - Tour of Hays Antique Truck Museum, Woodland, CA (Vern Hance, Champion)

July (late) - Car show in San Jose (Will Smith Champion)

August 15(?), 2008 - Hot August Niles Car Show. Niles District of Fremont.

September 6-7, 2008 - NCKCC Annual Show. (Tentative date-subject to change)

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

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

December 7, 2008 - Annual Brunch, Pleasanton Hotel.

Those attending the meeting at the Wheelchair Foundation were Dave & Leanne Jones, Will & Sarah Smith, Tom & Irene Wallters, Dave & Joyce DeCato, James & Wendy Wagner, Robert Wagner, Vern & Carol Hance and Paul & Ruth King,

DUES ARE DUE FOR 2008

\$24 per year will keep you a member in good standing and keep you on the newsletter mailing list. Those who have paid their dues each month will be congratulated here, so watch for your last name to appear in this space. Those that don't respond by my "secret" deadline will receive a "Goodbye" postcard saying they have been dropped from membership. Don't let it happen to you !

Below are 19 more people that have paid their 2008 (and some '09-'10) dues.

Amsberry	Barrilleaux
Ebersole	Evora
Foote ('09)	Gin
Jermanis	Smith
Ketchel	Kiel
Kunedt	Latty
Leavitt	McRae
Penalosa ('09 + '10)	Rudden
Shambora	Thomson
Ullman	Honodel
Bradley ('09)	

As the months go by this system requires you to check back to the January and later newsletters to see if you have paid. Anyway you can always e-mail nckcc@astound.com to see if you are paid up - or call Vern at (925) 938-1442.

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

One of the pleasant aspects of dues collecting is that I get a few notes from members about how their projects are coming. Here are some samples.

Chuck Latty has sold his Porsche 550 Spyder and is looking for a new "ride". He mentions a Lancia Stratos as a target car, but wants something that can pass for a daily driver. He also has a set of "like-new" Empi dual carbs left over from his 550 Spyder that he would like to sell. They fit VW dual port heads.

John Merritt writes that he has found his dream car. It is a 1981 Phillips Berlina based on an '81 Corvette. I checked the internet and found this picture. Looks like a nice find.



Ron Johnson has been a member for many years in spite of moving several times. He sent this picture of his Marlene project from North Carolina (above right) and writes that he has made some progress in 2007 but still hopes to finish the car in 2008.



Dave & Shirley Fernandez of Los Molinas, CA sent along this picture of their '27 Bugatti T-35 with their dues check.



Dick Norway is a new member from Antioch (November '07) and sent this picture of his MG-TD London Roadster. It is a CRL kit with VW power.



Ted & Billie Lichti have finished their Heritage 500K (below) and have rejoined our club. They participated in the '07 June Adventure No, Calif. Tour.



Robert Wagner has joined our club after being recruited by his son, James Wagner. He will be driving/showing the Bugatti T-35 now that James and Wendy have finished and are devoted to their Fiero based ZR-2.

I don't have pictures yet, but Dave & Joyce DeCato showed up at the January meeting with a restored '54 Chevy station wagon, which will share the garage with their MG-TD, their Shay Model A, and their '49 Ford.

That's all the info I was able to scrape up so far this year. Keep those notes (and checks) coming and I will attempt to keep you up-to-date on member happenings.

SHOW MEETING FEB 16th

The February event will be a planning meeting at the Wallters residence, at 1:00 p.m. 2/16/08, focusing on the annual car show. Please plan to attend and bring your input for some possible major changes. We plan no food service, so plan to have your lunch before arriving. To get their:see below.

From: East Bay
To: 1377 Cuernavaca Circulo
Mountain View

Driving Directions

1. Take I-680 S toward SAN JOSE.
2. Take the MISSION BLVD WEST exit toward I-880/WARM SPRINGS DISTRICT/UC EXTENSION. (0.48 miles)
3. Merge onto MISSION BLVD/CA-262 W. (0.80 miles)
4. Merge onto I-880 S toward SAN JOSE. (3.74 miles)
5. Merge onto CA-237 W toward MTN VIEW. (9.40 miles)
6. Merge onto CA-85 S via EXIT 1B toward CA-82 S/LOS GATOS/SANTA CRUZ. (0.68 miles)
7. Merge onto E EL CAMINO REAL/CA-82 S toward SUNNYVALE. (0.71 miles)
8. Turn RIGHT onto CRESTVIEW DR. (0.17 miles)
9. CRESTVIEW DR becomes CUERNAVACA CIRCULO. (0.02 miles)
10. Turn RIGHT to stay on CUERNAVACA CIRCULO. (0.10 miles)

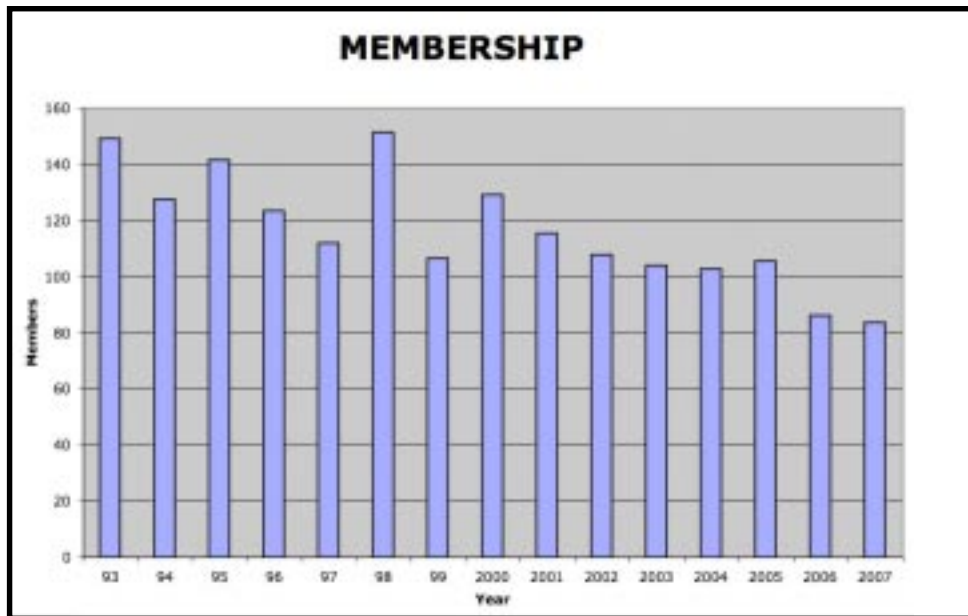
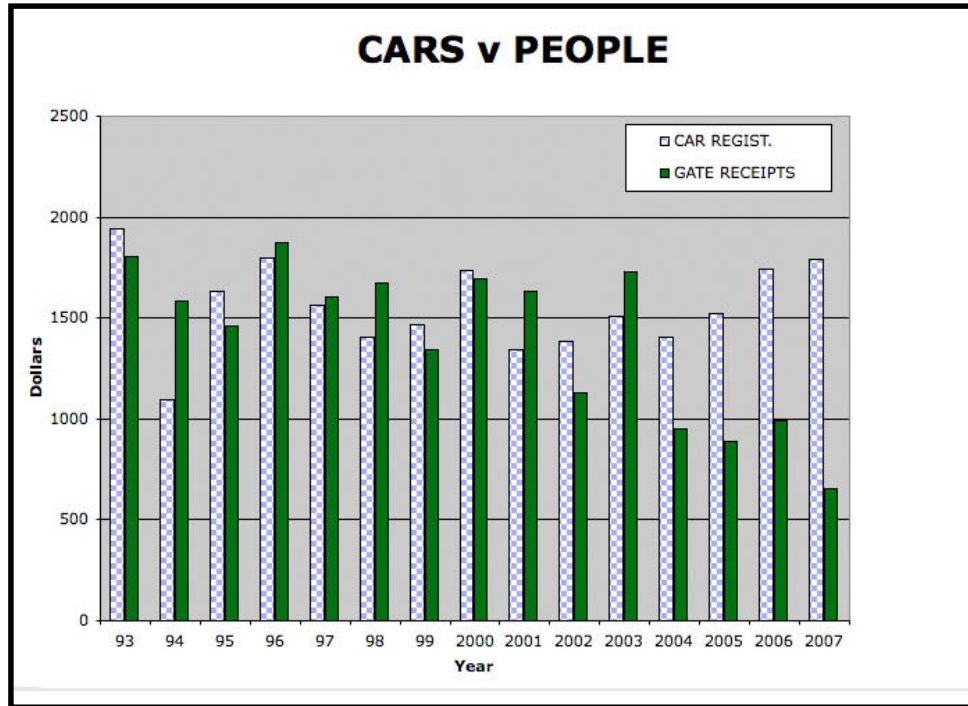
From: San Jose
To: 1377 Cuernavaca Circulo
Mountain View

Driving Directions

1. Take I-280 N toward SAN FRANCISCO. (9.33 miles)
2. Merge onto CA-85 N toward MTN VIEW. (3.38 miles)
3. Merge onto E EL CAMINO REAL/CA-82 S toward SUNNYVALE. (0.63 miles)
4. Turn RIGHT onto CRESTVIEW DR. (0.17 miles)
5. CRESTVIEW DR becomes CUERNAVACA CIRCULO. (0.02 miles)
6. Turn RIGHT to stay on CUERNAVACA CIRCULO. (0.10 miles)

The charts (Page 6b) that "The Prez" referred to illustrate how our spectator attendance has dropped off drastically in the past several years. This is an important factor that calls for reevaluating how to make our show more attractive to spectators.

The other chart is not directly related to the show but indicates we are slowly shrinking our membership roles. It may be indirectly related to the show, because we historically have gained a number of new members that join as a result of their show attendance.



GIVE US YOUR REACTION TO A GO-CART RACING EVENT

One of our possible events is an indoor Go-Cart racing event in Burlingame, right off U.S. 101, but we need your reaction to see if it is feasible.

GENERAL INFO: Show up with your valid driver's license and complete a liability form. Purchase a \$7 GoKart Racer license (mandatory). **Choose a track:**

Yokohama - high speed sweeping course; lots of G's! 25-30s per lap.

Monza - more technical with an elevation change; 30-35s per lap.

Choose a Session:

Practice: 10 minutes racing for your fastest lap time with up to 10 drivers-approximately 15-20 laps.

Race: 20 minutes of total track time - 5 minutes of qualifying, then racers line up on a grid for a 15 minute race to cross the finish line first.

PRICING:

Monza & Yokohama Tracks:

Practice: \$25. Each additional practice \$20 A Practice is a 10 minute session. You are racing for your fastest lap time against other people on the track. You will complete between 15 and 20 laps depending on speed and skill.

Race: \$45. Each additional race \$40 A Race begins with a 5 minute Qualifying session that is scored by fastest lap time. Drivers line up on the starting grid according to their qualifying time then complete a 15 minute race to the finish line.

Do I need to make a reservation?

You do not have to make a reservation. If you have a group of 6 or more people and you give us two days notice, we would recommend that you do make a reservation. This guarantees your time and sessions on our tracks. To submit a reservation request give us a call at (650) 265-2829 x14.

If you are planning on just dropping by without a reservation, we suggest you call us beforehand for track availability - (650) 265-2829 x0.

So, that should give you an idea of what's involved. For more details and movies go to their website <www.gokartracer.com>

Minimum cost looks like \$7 license + \$25 for practice. If you want to race it's another \$40. They do have a restaurant for those that need food more than speed.

Now we need you feedback before we can set up this event, so please e-mail Dave Jones; vnimus1@att.net or call 510-471-6411 or e-mail Vern Hance; nckcc@astound.net or call 925-938-1442.

PLEASE RESPOND BEFORE
FEBRUARY 25 SO WE CAN SET UP A
MARCH EVENT DATE.

FROM THE PREZ

As you read this letter I will officially begin my third term as club President. I wish to thank all of you who came to the Jan planning and election meeting at the Blackhawk Museum for your vote of confidence and all your new ideas that were presented.

For those of you who were unable to attend I will bring out some of the new things that came to the table for this up coming year. There will be some changes that have been long overdue in coming but I hope that as a club we can make them work out to the benefit of our club and our hobby.

To begin with I would like you all to look at the charts that are enclosed with this newsletter. Our Treasurer, Vern Hance, has gone to a lot of work to graph our recent show activities concerning attendance, gate revenue, and cost for putting on our show. Also included is a graph concerning the drop in our membership over the last few years. Please note that the figures are in a declining trend.

decisions for the club but can be overruled by our new advisory board that will meet every three months. If you wish to be a part in making club decisions please attend these meetings. It will make my job a whole lot easier because you can have a word in changing the direction of the club.

The next thing on the table was changing the format of our show and possibly the location and weekend we would have it. Suggestions ranged from staying at San Leandro but making it a one day show with a banquet/ award dinner and then holding a driving event to a local location of interest the next day. The reasons for doing so vary from boredom on Sunday waiting for the judging to finish to the fact that there are other events that take away cars from our show and leave us with an empty parking lot. There is the Ford Sunday at the Solono Fairgrounds and

the Shelby meet at Infinion raceway. Both draw away cars from our show.

Another suggestion was to have a one day show at the Blackhawk Museum Parking lot since we are now championing the Wheel-chair Foundation as our charitable cause. We could then adjourn to a local hotel for the awards dinner presentation. Other suggestions that came along with this was to open up the show to other clubs so that our revenues and the impact that it would have for our cause would be greater. Maybe change the date to the Labor Day weekend because not everybody goes out of town that weekend and those who don't are looking for something to do.

Decisions on these matters will be made at the Feb 16th meeting that will be held at the Walters home in Mt. View. Please see directions that will be included in this newsletter. To make these decision happen we now have a new club officer in charge of advertising. He is Will Smith. You may remember him as the DJ for our show. He is very skilled at working in sales and advertising. We hope that his work

At this Jan meeting we discussed ways to begin addressing this. To start with there have been changes to the final decision making process on how we as a club will proceed. The President can continue to make directional will help us increase awareness of our club and cause.

Another change is the retirement of our show-chair person, Leanne Jones. She has turned the reins over to her able-bodied assistant of many years Sarah (Jones) Smith, the new Ms Sarah Smith. Yes folks the apple did not fall very far from the tree!

These are the basic changes that have occurred. If you want to be part of the decision making please be at the Feb 16th meeting!!!!

FOR SALE

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

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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)

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)

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in 22 kit categories plus Cobras!
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Carl Scott

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NEW MEMBERS

We welcome two new member families this month.

Robert Wagner lives in Foster City and was drawn into the club by his son, Jamers Wagner. He will be driving the '27 Bugatti replica that he helped James build.

Dick Norway lives in Antioch, 925-354-0014, and drives a '52 MG-TD powered by a VW engine that he purchased recently.

Will & Sarah Smith live in the East Bay, 510-090-1822, and have committed to the Secretary job, Chairing the Car Show and taking over the newsletter.

START PLANNING NOW FOR APRIL

East Contra Costa Historical Society
& Museum
3890 Sellers Avenue
Brentwood /Knightsen, CA.

CARS at the MUSEUM DAYS

1st SATURDAY

each MONTH - 1 PM. to 4 PM.

2008 schedule

April 5th -May 3rd -June 7th -July 5th -

August 2nd -September 6th -October 4th

come with your car
or
come to see others

no fees - no prizes - "just fun"

MUSEUM HOURS:
APRIL - OCTOBER
Saturdays & 3rd Sunday each month
2 to 4 PM

info. 925-679-1024

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