



# NCKCC News

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*The February issue of Kit Car Builder (shown above) had a nice report, by Dan Burrill, on our 2009 Show at the Concord Hilton. News stands have copies since early January or <[www.kitcarclub.com](http://www.kitcarclub.com)> for subscriptions.*

### ACTIVITY NOTICES

February 20, 2010 - Tour of the Tech Museum of Innovation 201 South Market Street, San Jose. Meet at the Museum Entrance at 9:45 a.m. so we can enter together as a group. Go to <<http://www.thetech.org>> for directions and parking info. (See pages 3)

## **FROM THE PREZ**

A highly successful planning meeting was held in Walnut Creek on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Even though yours truly was a late arrival, those members in attendance did an excellent job in generating a new Calendar of Events for 2010 that has something for everyone. There are a couple of museums to visit, a couple of car shows to attend, a couple of parties, a wine tour, a parade, and even a Bay cruise. As I said earlier, something for everyone. Although some "car" activities on the calendar are not "official" club events, they could be of interest to many of our members, so they are included on the calendar. In fact, if you know of other additional activities, events, or day trips, "car" related or not, that you think might interest our members and you would like to see on the calendar, please forward your suggestions to me or to Vern. Other than the "official" club events, the remainder of the calendar is totally flexible. I think we have an opportunity to make 2010 a very special year for Club members, but we do need to have more of our members participate in the events and activities. So to quote Monty Hall, "Come on down!" and enjoy camaraderie and fun with other club members. Many thanks to the members of the planning committee for a job well done. Hope to see y'all soon,

Jim Wagner, NCKCC President

## **DUES ARE DUE FOR 2010**

2010 dues are slowly coming in. Thirty One of you have already paid, so I am listing your last name to let you breathe a sigh of relief and give yourself a pat on the back. Those names in ***bold italics*** are new since the January report. Here is the whole list:

Bales	Bradley(2011)
Cofano	DeCato
Fewell	Hance
Hunsberger	Izuno
Ketchel	King
LaMothe	Navratil
Rosenthal	Rubenstein
J. Wagner	R. Wagner
Wallters	

***Barrilleaux***

***Clavelli***

***Elster***

***Kinzy***

***Koch***

***Leavitt***

***Merritt***

***R.Thomson***

***Craycroft***

***Faithfull***

***Kluber***

***Landers***

***Maddux***

***J. Smith***

We also have a new way to pay your dues this year. I have opened a PayPal account for the NCKCC, so

if you have a PayPal account you can pay your dues directly. If you don't have enough in your account you can charge it to your credit card through your PayPal account (I think this is true, because I have purchased merchandise through PayPal and charged it to my credit card)

Anyway, if you want to pay your dues by PayPal just address your payment to:

[nckcc@astound.net](mailto:nckcc@astound.net)

There is a fee charged by PayPal, so if you use this route please send \$25 for your 2010 dues. That way the club get \$23.97 in the bank after the fees.

If you want to pay your dues by check thru the mail you can send the regular \$24 annual dues.

## **PLANNING MEETING JAN 16**

By Vern Hance

We did hold our planning meeting at the Ygnacio Valley Library meeting room as planned. We had a good turnout with 12 people attending and a few ideas sent by those unable to attend.

Probably the best way to sum up what we planned is to refer you to page 11, the Calendar of Events 2010. Since we had good representation from Brentwood and Knightsen, we included some events that are really sponsored by the East Contra Costa Museum. They are automotive related show and parade opportunities and our club has been invited to participate. Our thanks to the DeCato and Bello families for the invitation.

We also discussed some of the details of the Annual Car Show. We decided to schedule the show at the Hilton Hotel for September 11 & 12, keeping the two day format. We will probably choose a different Charitable Organization as a beneficiary of our show, maybe the Food Bank or maybe Meals on Wheels or something else. We also agreed to work harder on inviting Car manufacturers to participate in our show.

We reviewed the results of our "Spectator ballot" at the 2009 show. Over 50% of all the spectator ballots were returned with votes for the Spectator's Choice car and many of the ballots provided information on what part of our advertising brought them to attend our show. We agreed to use the same system in 2010 but we voted to request an "admission donation" from each spectator, probably \$2 per person of driving age.

In other business we voted to continue our club membership in the Association of California Car

Clubs and the California Automobile Museum in Sacramento.

We also re-elected the complete slate of 2009 officers to serve in 2010.

We thank all those that attended, which included: Al & Pat Bello, Dave & Joyce DeCato, Larry Fewell, Vern & Carol Hance, Paul & Ruth King, Chuck Maddux, Jim Wagner and Tom Wallters.

Following the meeting we gathered at Roccio's Pizza and devoured about three large tasty pizzas. I think that left everybody pretty satisfied.

We are also grateful to the Library for a comfortable meeting room that had tables and comfortable chair and facilities for a coffemaker.

## **TECH MUSEUM OF INNOVATION VISIT 2/20/10**

Our February event will be a visit to the Tech Museum in San Jose. We will meet at the Museum entrance at 9:45 a.m. The Tech Museum is focused on inspiring the innovator in everyone. Hands-on and interactive exhibits offer guests a truly memorable experience.

The Hackworth IMAX Dome Theater and various museum programs make a visit to the Tech Museum you won't soon forget.

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We can get a group rate of \$7 per person if we have at least 10 people to commit to attend. (\$10 regularly) Another issue is that we must prepay the full fee at least two weeks in advance, so to make this work you need to send the treasurer a check for \$7 times the number of people in your group. (See ACTION item below)

*The admission includes an educational IMAX movie in the theater. You can chose to attend either movie shown below:*

### **Under the Sea Movie**

Under the Sea transports moviegoers to some of the most isolated undersea locations on Earth, allowing them to experience face-to-face encounters with mysterious and stunning creatures of the sea. A uniquely inspirational way to explore the natural wonder of the oceans, and the impact of global climate change. Starts at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.

### **Arabia Movie**

Travel to the exotic and fascinating land of Arabia. Explore the ancient tombs of a lost city; dive through the reefs of the Red Sea; and experience the the largest gathering of people on Earth. Discover an extraordinary culture and experience modern day Arabia. Starts at 12 p.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m.

### **Where do we park?**

Discounted parking with Tech validation is available at the Second and San Carlos Street Garage and at the Convention Center garage. Detailed parking information is available at <http://www.thetech.org/info/directions/> and complete downtown parking information is located on the City of San Jose's website at <http://www.sjdowntownparking.com/>.

### **Lunch Policy and Facilities**

If the group desires we can choose to have lunch at a nearby restaurant. (I haven't researched what's available, so suggestions are welcome.)

For groups desiring to purchase food, "Café Primavera @ The Tech" offers a range of lunch and snack items.

The Tech Museum also allows you to bring a lunch, but requires that lunches be stored in the multi-use room or in lockers during your visit.

Groups may also eat lunch in Cesar Chavez Park (located across the street).

### **QUICK ACTION REQUIRED**

**Send \$7 per person to the Treasurer before Feb 4 or at least give him your promise to be there, because he has to invest the \$\$\$ in advance, (non-refundable) Send checks to NCKCC at 3317 Ellesmere Ct, W.C. CA 94598 or call (925) 938-1442, e-mail [nckcc@astound.net](mailto:nckcc@astound.net) with your firm commitment.**

A donation was made, by NCKCC, to the Foster City Recreation Center - Senior Wing in honor of Wendy Wagner. Jim Wagner's responded with note shown below.



NCKCC,

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CLUB FOR THEIR KIND DONATION TO THE FOSTER CITY RECREATION CENTER SENIOR WING. WENDY REALLY ENJOYED HER VOLUNTEER TIME SPENT THERE.

THANKS AGAIN,

Jim W

## **LEGISLATIVE NOTES FROM ACCC**

November 3, 2009 was the Annual ACCC meeting in Las Vegas at the SEMA show. We left for Vegas on Monday November 2, 2009 and returned on Thursday November 5, 2009. The meeting started at 10:00 am on Tuesday in the Las Vegas Convention Center. The minutes from May 2009 Legislative conference were read and the Treasurer gave the financial report. I talked about membership and the 2009 legislation that will be brought up in January 2010. AB 859 (Annual smog inspection for vehicles 15 years and older) and SB 232 (Specially Constructed Vehicles) and SB 385 (Historic Vehicle License Plates) will need to get through their respective committees by January 31, 2010. A suggested new bill was discussed that will bring all classic/collector vehicles under one bill. Details will follow later. Gregory Marks from Assemblyman Dan Logue's office spoke about how the CARB (California Air Resources Board) is making every effort to get our cars off the road. He showed pictures of a 1971 Chevelle and 1966 Mustang that were caught in the remote sensing web. He emphasized the need to work together with the ACCC and help keep our cars from getting taken off the California roads. SEMA Consultant Senator Bruggeman talked about the Amnesty bill AB619 and how they have been working with CARB to resolve some of the problems with AB619. One of the resolutions that is in agreement with CARB is a LS3 Chevy motor package that can be purchased from GM Performance Parts. It is

a fuel injected engine that is used in the new 2010 Camaro. Dr Jamie Meyer from GM presented the pitch on the engine package. Also, Steve McDonald (SEMA Vice President of Government Affairs), Ethan Landesman (SEMA Government Affairs Manager) and James McFarland (SEMA Technica' Consultant) were also present. We had 50 + ACCC members in attendance. After the meeting, we went out to the vendors and suppliers at the show to pitch the current and proposed legislation that will affect the California Car Hobby. Everyone we talked with seemed to be willing to help as they know any legislation in California will affect their businesses. I will be requesting info from the Directors about the new legislation proposal that I will be sending out.

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## **GREG'S BARN**

A Story from the GTSCA in Michigan

It had to be one of the most miserable snowy days in December when the Ferrari GTO was pulled off the car hauler in front of Greg's new garage. The car, which was covered with a country's length of dirt, road grime and ice, wasn't much to look at back then. But after cleaning it up, the car looked much better and you could see it had a lot of promise. Not a kit car in the true sense and not even a fiberglass replica, this car was really one of a kind. It was a Datsun 240Z rebodied as a 62 Ferrari GTO entirely out of steel.

Considering it was completely hand-built, the workmanship was remarkable. Would you believe? It was built in Thailand. There is a lot that needs to be done to the car, but the body is very solid and is absolutely rust-free. The engine will need a lot of attention and the wiring and interior both need work too. The wire wheels are too small and the hood needs to be re-fitted. But after all this is done the car will look great and will be a fine match for his GTO roadster.



## **2010 FUN UNDER THE SUN NOTES**

By The A.H.A. Board of Directors

Change is inevitable but also painful. After 30 years of holding our show at Knott's Berry Farm it became necessary for us to find a different venue in order for it to prosper. So it's with great excitement that we invite you to join us for our 31st Anniversary "Fun Under the Sun Car Show" to be held for the first time at the Fairplex at Pomona in front of the NHRA Motorsports Museum on the 24th of April, 2010. The selection of the NHRA Museum at Pomona seemed a natural -- motorsports have been spoken there for decades -- and working with the people at the Fairplex, the Host Sheraton Hotel and the NHRA Museum has been great as they all talk cars and are as enthusiastic to have us there as we are to be there!

There are some changes in the show format as we work to move, revamp and take advantage of the opportunities afforded us at the Fairplex.

- It's a one day show. We've seen the declining attendance on Sundays and understand why, but more importantly it's to take advantage of the fact that Sunday the 25th is the world famous Pomona Automobile Swap Meet which will allow all of our vendors to move into the swap meet if they wish and reach an even larger audience then before - along with everyone else being able to walk the meet and see the bargains. Still a full car event weekend!

- We're downsizing the individual show space for Private Participants to one car parking space each due to the limited size of the parking area we have to work with. The spaces at Fairplex are 45% larger than what single spaces were at Knott's (9'x16' vs. 7'x14') so although it's tighter; there is still plenty of room. After-Market and Manufacturer's spaces remain the same.

- We're awarding the Good Manufacturer (GMP) trophy on Saturday morning so the manufacturer can have it all day in their booth to display.

- We've also teamed up with the NHRA Museum to offer free unlimited access all day Saturday (yes, it is part of your registration fee.) The NHRA Museum displays and promotes some of the best in racing history and fabulous cars around. We will offer a Saturday night dinner for those who are sticking around or wish to renew friendships. We will be having it inside the NHRA Museum - yes you heard this right, dinner and great cars at the same time - and it won't be chicken.

### **Hotels / Maps**

This year we have reserved a block of rooms at the Host Sheraton - which is about 100 yards from the show area -- at a really great room price. Information on how to access the block of rooms and a list of other area hotels with a map is located on our website at [www.replicarclub.com](http://www.replicarclub.com). This is not a complete listing so please check with your travel agent for other offers.

### **Extreme Handcrafted Award**

At the 2006 show we began a new award aimed at the "high end" custom handcrafted cars that are beginning to be created in our industry. We called it the "A.H.A. Extreme Handcrafted Award" and it was to be awarded to the car that exemplifies the term "extreme handcrafted." In the past four years we've only awarded this trophy twice. Entry into the class is difficult and winning more so making this a rare award to get. To qualify, cars must be one off designs or show extensive modification from the stock version, and be seen as a "concept vehicle." In other words, high dollar exact replicas of historic cars won't take it.

This award is for the builder(s) that have created a one off masterpiece of handcrafted beauty. Judging is done on all aspects of the car including the interior, underbody, engine, and bodywork.

### **About the Judging Classes**

- There are three types of entrants to the show.

# Manufacturer / Blue Cards - these are the builders and seller of cars and kits. The cars must be owned by the manufacturer or is being used by the manufacturer to display his/her product.

# After-Market / Pink Cards - these are suppliers of components, supplies, or services to the industry. There are no judging classes assigned to this category.

# Private Entry / Yellow Cards - Privately owned vehicles being displayed. Classes with dollar values - this is the value of the car at the time of the show, not how much the basic kit cost 5 years ago. All voting for classes are done by you the participant and the information is placed into a custom database which takes the error out of the results providing no-one swaps cards around during the show. The A.H.A. spends a tremendous amount of time to police the classes, cars and results but we can certainly use any help from you the participant. Please let us know seems to be a problem that might affect this outcome.

To get a vote you must have the placard displayed on your vehicle otherwise voters will not know what car/space number to vote for.



## **DON'T BREAK 'HANDS FREE' & 'NO-TEXT' LAWS**

By The California DMV

It is the leading cause of distracted driving collisions in California, increasing one's risk of a crash by 23 times. It causes an estimated six percent of traffic collisions, resulting in approximately 2,600 deaths and as many as 330,000 injuries a year in the U.S. It's even more dangerous than drunk driving and driving under the influence of marijuana. If these facts aren't enough to get you to put down your phone and drive, maybe the financial repercussions will be.

It has been more than a year since the "hands-free" cell phone law was first introduced in California. The law states that adults are required to use hands-free devices when using a cell phone while driving. Though many drivers have chosen to follow the law by using a blue tooth or ear piece, it is evident by

the more than 100,000 citations issued statewide in the law's first 13 months that many are opting to continue to break the law and use their cell phone without a hands-free device. While the law has been in effect since July of 2008, this does not mean that regulation of the law has declined, in fact it has increased.

If cost is an issue, consider this: The cost of a blue tooth device ranges from around \$30 to \$150 depending on the quality of the device. In contrast, the bail amount for a first offense can be well over \$300. In addition to the high fee, drivers should know while the infraction won't add points to your DMV record, it will still show on your driving record.

Also affected by additional fees are tickets received for breaking the no-text law, which was enacted in January 2009. This law prohibits a person from using an electronic wireless communications device to write, send or read text-based messages while operating a motor vehicle. This law specifically addresses, but is not limited to, instant messages and all forms of e-mail based correspondence. Similar to the hands-free law, drivers are subject to a \$20 fee for the first offense and \$50 for each subsequent offense, which after penalty fees can end up totaling more than triple or quadruple the base fine.

If the risk factors and dangers of using a cellular phone while driving haven't been enough to motivate you to put down the phone, hopefully knowing the dent it will put in your wallet, will. For more information regarding cell phone laws and safe driving practices, check out the California Department of Motor Vehicles' Web site at [www.DMV.ca.gov](http://www.DMV.ca.gov). Save time. Go online!

## **ACCC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings to all ACCC members. Another year is under our belt. Due to the budget problems many bills got cancelled and some carried over to 2010. We will see in January what will be back on the agenda.

In the last few months the ACCC and our lobbyist have been talking about a new bill to help protect our hobby. Some of the details were discussed at the SEMA gathering and some of our members have spoken their concerns. This proposed bill is only in the planning stage, but the design is to put the entire hobby under the existing collector car bill, and to get exemptions for our cars. Our aim is to get all cars, street rods, muscle cars, SCVs, and customs, etc under one umbrella, and use the car insurance

companies as the means of registering our cars. There might be a need to put a mileage limitation into the bill in order to get the bill passed and the key issue in any bill is, getting it passed. If we have to put a mileage limit in, it might be around 5000 miles a year. No one wants any kind of limit put in but if we still want to drive our cars in California this might be the only way. Also for cars driven out of state on cross country cruises, the mileage driven outside of California will not count, When the directors have read and approved a recommended bill, we will post it on our web site [www.acccdefender.org](http://www.acccdefender.org) and inform you all through our legislative alert list.

Please remember this; if it was not for the ACCC efforts, the Air Resources Board would have our cars parked. The ACCC pays for a lobbyist in Sacramento. That is where your membership dues go. The larger our membership is the stronger our voice is to our legislators. So, ask your friends to join us in our fight to keep our cars on the road. Happy New Year.

Fred Evenson, ACCC President

**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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FERRARI-Look-alike - From Fiero Factory in the U.K. 1988 Fiero based car with 3.8 liter Bonneville engine transplant and upgrade wheels. \$12,000 o.b.o. Call Doug Izuno (925) 254-1789. Or e-mail: [tizuno@comcast.net](mailto:tizuno@comcast.net) See Photo at right. (10/09)



FINO – Built on 1987 Fiero with Cadillac Northstar V-8 & auto trans. Regular trophy winner. Custom suspension, brakes and interior. Special Purple BASF Extreme paint. \$25,000. Call Al Bohr (503-632-8372) or e-mail: [albohr@bctonline.com](mailto:albohr@bctonline.com). (10/09)



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)

NEED YOUR KIT CAR PUT TOGETHER, customized or finished? Have a car that needs body work? We can help! Contact: Car Concepts by Merlin Cofano 415-320-0678 (10/09)

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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

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 2010

- February 20, 2010 – Technology Museum of Innovation, San Jose, Larry Fewell Champion.
- March 20, 2010 – California Academy of Sciences Museum Visit, San Francisco. Paul King, Champion
- March 27, 2010 – Open House & Car Show, East Contra Costa Museum, Knightsen (NCKCC is invited to attend)
- April 17, 2010 – Annual Coming Out Party to celebrate new members and new cars. James & Robert Wagner, Champions
- April 24, 2010 – AHA Handcrafted Auto Show, NHRA Museum, Pomona, CA
- May 8, 2010 – Niles Spring Fever Car Show, 9am – 3pm. (See [www.nilesmerchants.com](http://www.nilesmerchants.com))
- May 22, 2010 – Wine Country Castle & Winery Tour, Napa area. Larry Fewell, Champion.
- June 5 & 6, 2010 – Art & Wine Festival with NCKCC Handcrafted Car Display. Paul King, Champion
- July 3, 2010 – Benicia Torchlight Parade & Dinner. Chuck Maddux, Champion.
- July 10, 2010 – Party at King residence. Paul king, Champion
- August 21, 2010 – Hot August Niles Car Show, 9am – 3pm. (Jim Wagner, Champion)
- September 11-12, 2010 - NCKCC Annual Car Show. Concord Hilton Hotel, Concord, CA
- October 16, 2010 – S. F. Bay Cruise. Tom Wallters, Champion

- October 23, 2010 - Vintage Fair & Car Show, East C.C. Museum, Knightsen. (NCKCC is invited to attend)

- November 20, 2010 - Christmas Parade, Brentwood, CA. (NCKCC is invited to attend)

- December 5, 2009 - Annual Brunch, The Farmer Restaurant, Pleasanton Hotel. Vern Hance, Champion

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