



# NCKCC News

## Handcrafted Automobiles

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Here is our serious group of planners working to make 2016 a great year for NCKCC.  
c.w. from left: Dave DeCato, Chuck Maddux, James Wagner, Don Cooley, Tom Wallters, Robert Wagner, Al Bello and Gil Somerhalder.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- *February 12-13, 2016 - Sacramento Autorama, Cal Expo at 1600 Exposition Blvd, Sacramento 95815.*
- **March 12, 2016 - Black Diamond Tour at Hazel-Atlas Mine. Hosted by East Bay Regional Parks**

## **FROM THE PREZ**

Our annual planning meeting was held in Walnut Creek on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Vern and Carol for once again opening your home for our first gathering of the new year! After a serving of excellent soup and salad, the calendar work session got underway. The planning committee has generated a new Calendar of Events for 2016 that has a nice variety of activities, some new and some old. There are numerous car shows to attend, a parade, a wine tour, the ever popular holiday brunch, and, of course, another NCKCC annual autumn show. Although some "car" activities on the new calendar are not "official" club events, they could be of interest to many of our members, so they will be included on the calendar or, due to limited paper space, included in the Club website calendar.

I think we have an opportunity to make 2016 another amazing year for Club members, but we do need to have more of our members participate in the events and activities. So check out the new 2016 calendar in this newsletter and be sure to add these dates to your personal calendar, PDA, laptop, or cell and enjoy the camaraderie and fun with other club members. Please note, a couple of the activities on the new calendar have details still in need of some confirmation and will be "firmed up" as more information is available. Many thanks go to the planning committee for yet another job well done.

Jim Wagner, NCKCC President

## **PLANNING MEETING SAT. JANUARY 16th 2016**

We started our planning meeting for 2016 with a 'Soup & Salad' lunch and quickly got down to the planning business. Many thanks to Carol for her cooking and to Joyce DeCato for her help in the kitchen!

Our list of 17 events for our 2016 calendar are shown on page 6. However, we decided on only 10 as 'Official' Club Events. The Official Ten are listed in **bold** type and the remaining 7 are in *italics* type. Information about all events will be published, from time to time, in our monthly newsletter. We encourage NCKCC members to attend some of the extra 7 events and report to the newsletter editor about your experience. Such reports will be of interest to all club members and allow us to add new

"Good Events" into next year's planning process. After all, the whole planning process is aimed to schedule events that provide a satisfying experience for our members. That's why we need your help and feedback.

We were unanimous in scheduling our Annual Car Show at Blackhawk Auto Museum, based on member reactions to our 2015 Show. I have a confirmed reservation with Blackhawk for September 25, 2016.

Our last action item was to elect some new club officers. Due to the shortage of nominations, we accepted the offer of the 2015 officers to continue through 2016.

## **AUTORAMA AT CAL EXPO FEBRUARY 12-14**

Come to one of the oldest and longest running indoor car shows in the world. The show takes place at the Cal Expo Fairgrounds, 1600 Exposition Blvd, Sacramento. Check [www.rodshows.com](http://www.rodshows.com) for hours and other info.

The premier events feature hundreds of the best hot rods, customs, muscle cars, motorcycles, street machines and classic trucks found anywhere in the world. This indoor show offer a great opportunity to reminisce about the past, enjoy the present, and look into the future of hot rodding.

Autorama is dedicated to those who spend long hours and considerable resources to create their automotive dreams. These craftsmen fashion with metal, fiberglass, fabric and chrome the automotive and motorcycle objects of art that enthusiasts of all ages can stand back and admire.

Browse the [Sacramento Autorama photo gallery](#) to see [pictures of past winners](#) .

Have questions, comments, and inquiries about our shows? Please feel free to drop an email or call. [Join our mailing list](#) to get the latest news from rodshows.com.

General Admission \$20, Parking \$10.

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

We are making progress on "Dues" collection, but I must remind you that your \$24 annual dues were 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.

Right now I have 15 members that have paid their 2016 dues:

Bales	Barrilleaux
Bello	D. Cooley
P. Cooley	DeCato
Ellis	Foote
Hance	Maddux
Rubenstein	Thomson
J. Wagner	R. Wagner
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.

## **BLACK DIAMOND MINE TOUR - SATURDAY 3/12/16**

This is a new event, located a bit south of Pittsburg, CA on Somersville Road, that we have never done before. It seems a good hedge for unpredictable March weather and that we expect to be mostly in the Visitors Center or the mine. The road to the Hazel-Atlas Mine reportedly is gravel and probably not friendly to show cars, so beware.

### **Hazel-Atlas Mine Tour**

Tour participants can take a 950-foot walk into the mine to see mine workings, ore chutes, the shifter's office (mine boss), and ancient geological features. Because of its size and the need for safety, visitors will be taken in only on guided tours.

The tour is a 1.5 hour-long, advance-reservation tour that is offered at 11 a.m. on weekends March through November for groups of 10 or more by advance-reservation and credit card payment only. There is also a 12-noon tour that is available on a first-come-first-serve basis, but you need to be there 1-hour early to pay and participate. The tour costs \$5 per person and parking is \$5/car.

**Please call or e-mail Vern Hance at 925-938-1442 or [nckcc@astound.net](mailto:nckcc@astound.net) if you wish to attend.**

Vern would like to get 10+ people signed up so we could get a guaranteed tour, but the alternative is to arrive before 11 a.m. and try to get included on the 12- noon tour.

Meanwhile here is some background information.

### **Coal Mining**

From the 1860s through the turn of the last century, five coal mining towns thrived in the Black Diamond area: Nortonville, Somersville, Stewartville, West Hartley and Judsonville. As the location of California's largest coal mining operation, nearly four million tons of coal ("black diamonds") were removed from the earth. The residents of the mining towns were from all over the world, and their life was characterized by hard work and long hours. Occasional celebrations and a variety of organizations and social activities served to alleviate the drudgery of daily existence.

The coal mines had a significant impact on California's economy. By the time operations ceased due to rising production costs and the exploitation of new energy sources, much of California's economy had been transformed from a rural to an industrial base.

### **Sand Mining**

In the 1920s underground mining for sand began near the deserted Nortonville and Somersville townsites. The Somersville mine supplied sand used in glass making by the Hazel-Atlas Glass Company in Oakland, while the Nortonville mine supplied the Columbia Steel Works with foundry (casting) sand. Competition from Belgian glass and the closing of the steel foundry ended the sand mining by 1949. Altogether, more than 1.8 million tons of sand had been mined.

**THE FINANCIAL STATE OF THE CLUB REPORT**

The year 2015 was reasonably good for our club. Our expenses exceeded our receipts slightly so we ended with drop in assets of \$434.60

Our dues covered the expenses of the newsletter printing and mailing as well as the costs of our website.

The challenges for the future include trying to add to our membership rolls. We have been losing more members than we have been adding. Other challenges that I see that discourage our hobby are the increasing regulations that apply to our cars and the increasing cost of compliance. We try to stay tuned to the ACCC to spot legislation about which we can express ourselves by contact with our legislators.

To help us grow stronger try to recruit a new club member or two this year

**2015 FINANCES IN REVIEW**

1/1/15 Through 12/31/15

INCOME

Member Renewal	\$ 780.91
New Members	34.00
Other Events Inc. (1)	195.00
<u>Carshow Income:</u>	
Regist. Fees	0.00
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Total Income	\$1,009.91

EXPENSES

Newsletter (2)	\$827.11
Liability Insurance	00.00
Promo Exp. (3)	161.36
<u>Carshow Expense:</u>	
Trophies/Plaque	40.87

Other Events (4)	395.17
Misc Expense (5)	20.00

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Total Expenses	\$1,444.51
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Total Inc. minus Exp. (\$ 434.60)

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**BALANCE SHEET AS OF 12/31/15**

<u>Assets</u>	
Citi Bank Checking	\$5,335.81
PayPal	894.86
<u>Other Assets</u>	
Acc'ts Receivable	00.00
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Total Assets	\$ 6,230.67

<u>Liabilities &amp; Equity</u>	
Prepaid Dues	63.00
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Total Liabilities	\$ 63.00
Equity	\$6,167.67
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Total Liab. & Equity \$6,230.67

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FOOTNOTES:

1. Annual Brunch receipts
2. \$533.11 printing, \$294.00 postage
3. PowWeb internet hosting
4. Benicia Parade \$35, Brunch \$360.17
5. Calif. Secretary of State registration

**NEW LAW ENABLES SALES OF TURN-KEY REPLICAS**

Thanks to a new SAN-supported federal law, enthusiasts who want to own a replica car will soon have the option of purchasing a completed turn-key vehicle from the manufacturer. Hobbyists who want to install an engine in a kit car or build their own specialty constructed vehicle are still permitted to do so.

- Beginning in 2017, low volume manufacturers (up to 5,000 motor vehicles a year global production) will have the option of selling up to 325 completed replica vehicles in the U.S. each year.
- A replica is a vehicle that resembles the body of another motor vehicle produced at least 25 years ago (ex: '32 Roadster, '65 Cobra, etc.).
- Previously, companies were unable to sell turn-key cars since the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) regulated these vehicles as if they were current model year vehicles, not vintage cars.
- The new law treats these replicas the same as kit cars, subject to certain equipment standards (lighting, tires, windshields, brake hoses, etc.), recalls and remedies but not vehicle standards

(roof crush, side impact, etc.).

- Replica vehicles produced by the companies will have a current model year engine package certified by the EPA or California Air Resources Board and are exempt from emissions testing. (Hobbyist kit builders still have the option of installing engines of their choice.)
- For information on how your home state regulates kit cars and replicas, please visit the SAN's "Tag & Title Toolbox."
- NHTSA and the EPA have one year to issue regulations to implement the new program. The SAN will work with these agencies to speed the process. Thank you to all who participated in supporting this bill.

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## **FOR SALE**

1952 Red MG-TD Replica built by Daytona. VW 1600 engine. New everything. Always garaged. \$6200 Call Ron for info: 925-829-4046 or email [honestronn@yahoo.com](mailto:honestronn@yahoo.com)



Ron Sutherland's MG-TD

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- *April 3, 2016 - April Fools Rally, Santa Rosa. Organized by Empire Sports Car Assn*
- *April 16, 2016 - AHA Annual Show at Nethercutt Museum, Sylmar, CA*
- **April 16, 2016 - 'Spring Fling' Patio Party at Wagner residence in Foster City**
- *April 24, 2016 - Benicia High School Band car show at the foot of 1st Sreet.*
- **May 14, 2016 - Niles 'Spring Fever' Car Show, Niles District of Fremont**
- **May 22, 2016 - Wine & Castle Tour at Castello di Amorosa, Calistoga, CA**
- **June 4 & 5, 2016 - Walnut Creek Art & Wine Fest - NCKCC Car Display**
- *June 19, 2016 - Father's Day Car Show at Blackhawk Auto Museum, Danville*
- **July 3, 2016 - Benicia Torchlight Parade in late afternoon**
- *August 6, 2016 - Cal Auto Museum Car Show & Cruise - Sacramento*
- **August 20, 2016 - Niles 'Hot August Niles' Car show, Niles District of Fremont**
- **September 18 - NCKCC Annual Car Show at Blackhawk Museum, Danville**
- **October 15, 2016 - Woodbridge Winery; Car Show, Chili Tasting, Wine Tasting**
- *November 19, 2016 - Knightsen Santa Claus Parade*
- **December 4, 2016 - Annual NCKCC Brunch at Basil Leaf Cafe, Danville**

**EVENTS IN BOLD ARE NCKCC OFFICIAL EVENTS, OTHERS ARE EVENTS YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO THE EDITOR.**