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This is a view of a special Cobra Day at the Cobra Experience Headquarters in Martinez

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 2018 - No Event scheduled.
- March 18, 2018 - Visit to Cobra Experience Museum, Martinez, CA
- April 8, 2018 - April Fool's Rally by Empire Sports Car Ass'n; Santa Rosa
- May 12, 2018 - USS Hornet Museum visit, Alameda, CA

FROM THE PREZ

The year 2018 is upon us with all its force and fury, weather-wise that is. January had just about everything Mother Nature could through at us, from rain, wind, snow, and even hail. Hopefully the remainder of the year will give us some great weather for our weekend activities. Speaking of that, I hope most of our members responded to Vern's call for suggested activities for 2018. Although some "car" activities on the new suggested 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 2018 another fun-filled 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 2018 suggested 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 calendar have details still in need of some confirmation and will be "firmed up" as more information is available. Many thanks go to Vern for acting as "Activity Central" and for compiling this activity list.

Hope to see y'all soon,

Jim W

2018 DUES ARE DUE

The \$24 annual dues are due in January. Listed below are those that have already paid their 2018 dues. 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.

The following 18 families have paid their dues for 2018.

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| Elster | Foote | |

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| Maddux | Rubenstein |
| Simons | Tattersall |
| Thomson | Wagner |

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Pleas 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 and there is no PayPal fee. However you can also use a Visa or MasterCharge 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 That way I will receive an email advising me of your payment.

NCKCC ACTIVITIES 2018

By Vern Hance

We got enough suggestions for activities that I put together a plan for the rest of this year. Many of them are on a Saturday, since the 2017 emphasis on Sundays didn't seem to help attendance.

Some added suggestions that did not get included are:

- Tour of Alcatraz, San Francisco, CA
- Filoli Center, Woodside, CA
- Tech Museum, San Jose, CA
- Winchester Mystery House, S. J.
- Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum S. J.

If any of you feel strongly about substituting one of these for one on page 4, please speak up, as we can be flexible to suit our members. The same goes for dates - they can be changed.



MARCH 18 VISIT TO COBRA EXPERIENCE

Well, you may ask "What is Cobra Experience"? The short answer is that Dave DeCato discovered it and I followed up with a look at their website: cobraexperience.org

It's located at 777 Arnold Drive, Suite 200 in Martinez and has a museum full of Cobras and other high performance cars. They hold a 'Public Day' on the 3rd Sunday each month which starts with a Cars & Coffee event, 8:30 -10:30. Their Public Day runs from 10am to 3 pm and the admission is \$10 (\$7 senior) with ticket sales available on their website.

To participate on March 18th, we suggest you order your ticket on the website and then plan to arrive at 10 am and stay as long as you want. If you want to arrive earlier for the Cars & Coffee event your admission ticket should get you a parking place even if you don't want to display your car.

Please let Vern or one of the club officers know that you are attending so we can look for you and engage in a little car talk.

A GREAT STORY ABOUT A BMW IOWA BARN FIND

I get frequent emails from AutoWeek with stories about cars, racing and other car related stuff. Today I got one that I thought was really worth reading. It's about a couple of self-described "Budweiser-in-a-can farm boys," traders who know their way around a Trans Am or a K5 Blazer or a Harley Davidson but don't have a lot of experience with prewar European classics or the Pebble Beach set. It's a long story but I think you will enjoy it.

Read more: <http://autoweek.com/article/car-life/BMW-328-factory-lightweight-barn-find#ixzz55zqoBHSM>

INVITATION TO RALLYE WITH ESCA - APRIL 8th

The Empire Sports Car Association has sent the following information about their upcoming Rallye.

January 26, 2018

Dear Sports Car Enthusiast:

This is to inform you that the Empire Sports Car Association (ESCA) is presenting our 54th Annual April Fools Rallye on Sunday, April 8, 2018. The rallye is an A- B variety type, and, as always is geared to the beginner. The route will be less than 50 miles long and runs mostly on some scenic country roads.

There will be a short rallye school before the rallye, for all those new to rallying. This rallye will be another high quality ESCA event!

This year's rallye will, again, be a charity event, with the profits going to Canine Companions for Independence®.

If you and/or your group are looking for a fun activity for your April event, this rallye is it! I hope to see you there.

Please call (707) 546-6867, or e-mail thebeard@sonic.net The rallye also has a web site with a paper rallye, more information, and, pictures of past events. The rallye web site is: <http://www.sonic.net/~thebeard/>

Directions to the rallye start location. Take the STEELE LANE exit off Highway 101, one mile North of downtown Santa Rosa Go West on STEELE and it will become GUERNEVILLE . Go Right on RANGE Turn Left on W. STEELE. Turn Right into the second driveway and go to the back of Snoopy's Home Ice parking lot. Look for the yellow Ice Arena parking sign.

Rallymaster Bob "THE BEARD" Jenkins

DAN GURNEY, APRIL 13, 1931 JANUARY 14, 2018

Daniel Sexton Gurney was born in Port Jefferson, New Jersey, on April 13 1931. He moved to California with his family when he was 16, and by the time he was just 19 years old, he built and ran a car that attained 138mph at the Bonneville Salt Flats. His interests quickly moved-on to dragsters and sports cars.

With the ability to wrest "less-than-competitive" cars to a winning finish, he was said to be the only driver that Jim Clark feared on track. Gurney's racing record reads like a hall of fame of championship series and cars, and he leaves a legacy that future drivers, constructors, and team owners alike, may never again attain. His career saw a string of high-profile wins in the world's top racing series, from F1 and Le Mans, to Indy and NASCAR.

But it wasn't only racing where Gurney made his considerable mark. Constructor and team owner are also prominent on his CV, and his Eagle-Weslake cars are still considered as one of the most visually stunning F1 cars of all time.

MAZDA AIMS FUTURE SKYACTIV ENGINES TO BE AS CLEAN AS EVS

Mazda is developing a gasoline engine it says will be as clean as an electric vehicle -- at least when the supply chain of energy creation is calculated into it. Mazda's powertrain chief revealed the plan during an automotive technical conference recently, dubbing the future engine technology Skyactiv-3. The nomenclature signals that Mazda is working on another generation of Skyactiv high-compression engines.

The first generation, called Skyactiv-G, debuted in 2011. The second generation, [Skyactiv-X](#), will reach the market in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019.

After that, the automaker will prioritize boosting the thermal efficiency of its engines, said Mitsuo Hitomi, Mazda's managing executive officer in charge of powertrain. Doing so reduces the amount of combustion energy lost to heat while increasing the amount harnessed to power the wheels.

The numbers compare Mazda's future engine against the well-to-wheel emission of an EV. Mazda's measurement includes the carbon dioxide emitted

from producing the electricity that powers the EV. For internal combustion engine vehicles, it calculates emissions from the extraction of oil and refining of gasoline. Mazda's calculations assert that once all activity is measured, some EVs are dirtier than some fuel-efficient, gasoline-powered cars.



Mazda believes it can cut carbon dioxide emissions by 25 percent. That would give Mazda's gasoline engines real world well-to-wheel fuel economy comparable to EVs deriving their electricity through the burning of liquefied natural gas, Hitomi said.

Hitomi did not offer a timeline for delivering the Skyactiv-3 technology, but he said it would give the internal combustion engine a much longer lease on life.

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- June 2 & 3, 2018 - Walnut Creek Art & Wine Festival.
- June 23, 2018 - Canepa Motorsports Museum, Scotts Valley, CA
- July 21, 2018 - Private Garage Tour of Jarl de Boer's collection.
- August 18, 2018 - Hiller Aviation Museum, San Carlos, CA
- September 15, 2018 - NCKCC Annual Show, Blackhawk Museum, Danville, CA
- October ??, 2018 - Maybe a wine tour? Champion needed.
- November - No Events. HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- December 2, 2018 - Annual Sunday Brunch at Basil Leaf Cafe.

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 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 computerized 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



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 Catalan (415) 342-6703 or khumbukat@gmail.com

