

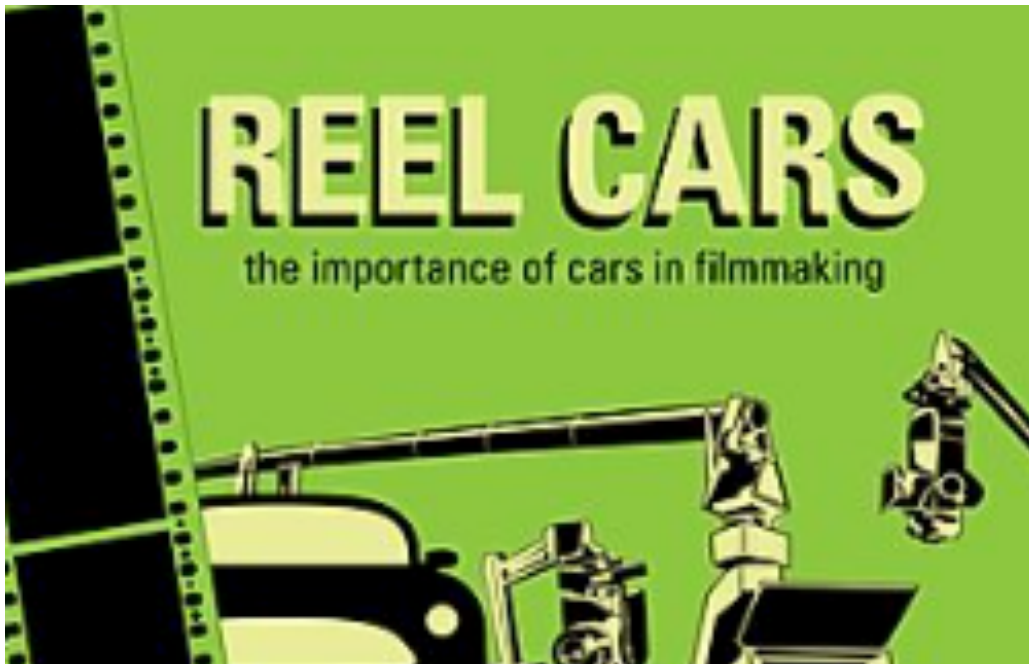


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UPCOMING EVENTS

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FROM THE PREZ

Vern, acting as our primary “Activity Coordinator” for 2020, is again putting together a club calendar of activities and events of interest to our club members.

I suggested to Vern that he pick some activities that members have newly submitted and others from his list of older activities that might deserve a return visit. If you plan to attend any of these activities on this new suggested calendar, please let Vern know so he can coordinate with other members who may be attending the same.

As is usually the case, some “car” activities on this new calendar are not “official” club events, but 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.

As is always the case, we do need to have more of our members participate in these events and activities. Please add these dates to your personal calendar and enjoy the camaraderie and fun with other club members. Please note, a couple of the activities on the calendar may have details still in need of some confirmation and will be “firmed up” in our newsletter as more information is available. Again, many thanks go to Vern for compiling this activity list.

Hope to see y’all soon,
Jim W

IT’S DUES TIME AGAIN

2020 has arrived and I must report on receipts of 2020 dues of \$24 per year. As usual I will print the names of those who become ‘paid-up’ members each month.

Make your checks payable to NCKCC and mail them to the Treasurer at the address shown on cover. Payment via PayPal is also acceptable, Send your paypal remittance to nkccwebguy@gmail.com (This is also our new email address for club email communications)

The response has been good for 2020 dues, with about 45% of our members responding in January! Here is the list.

Barrilleaux	DeCato
Ellis	Elster
Frederick	Fewell
Hance	Kealey (New)
Ketchel	Kluber
O’Connor	Rhodes
Thomson	Wagner
Wallters	

Thank you – “First Responders”.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Please welcome Thomas Kealy, Jr., our newest member who lives in Tulsa, OK. Thomas joins us to keep a connection to the Kit Car community and was a member of the AHA until they dissolved last year.

He has a Sterling, from California Component Cars of San Lorenzo, CA. (Serial #110)

He lists it as “under construction” and as the assembler, it looks pretty impressive with a 2-liter turbocharged VW built by Bernie Bergman. It also has “Rhino” reinforced tranny – all mounted on a 3”-6” dropped ’69 VW pan. Give him a “Welcome Aboard” call at (918) 266-1801 sometime.

PLANNING 2020 CLUB EVENTS

By Vern Hance

We listed a number of suggested events for 2020 in the January Newsletter. Based on the responses, here are the ones that stirred the most interest. I have picked some dates just for planning purposes. If any of these creates a conflict – let us know (quickly) so we can make adjustments and keep every one focused on our 2020 events.

Here’s what we have:

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know if you will attend. We will publish a transportation plan in the March newsletter.

- Saturday April 8 or 25, 2020 – Wayne Wenger has a full length movie on the life of Madman Muntz. We gave you some info about him in the Dec '19 newsletter. I have contacted Blackhawk Museum to see if they would consider it for a showing, but they have not responded, yet. Wayne has again offered to show it at his home in Placerville, CA, even including lunch. Let us know if that works for you. I will also explore a room at the Walnut Creek Library, but I need your response fast.
- Saturday May 23, 2020 – Visit to Rosie the Riveter Museum in Richmond. This is a National Park site and is pretty interesting. Try www.nps.gov for details. There is a restaurant, "Assemble Restaurant" right next to the Visitor Center, which would make a nice way to start of finish a visit.
- Saturday June 6, 2020 – The Cobra Experience, in Martinez, has their big Annual Cobra Show from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and it's free to spectators.
- July 2020 – We should find a car show and plan to attend as a club. What's your reaction
- Saturday August 15, 2020 – The Kensington Senior Living place is just a block off I-680 on Geary Rd. in Walnut Creek. It's a small show, and typically provides a picnic lunch for car owners.
- Sunday September 27, 2020 – How does this sound for our NCKCC Annual Show at Blackhawk Museum in Danville. I haven't reserved the date yet so give us some feedback. Late in September the heat is less likely than earlier.
- October Wine Tour. We haven't done a Wine Tour for several years. We need a volunteer organizer. Hold your hand up!
- Sunday, November 8, 2020 – This sounds like a good day to have our Annual Brunch at Incontro in Danville. We will do a small 'Club Car' display like last year.
- This one didn't get many votes! A repeat of our 2010 visit to Castello di Amorosa Winery, even with a lunch at a nearby Calistoga restaurant didn't gain any adherents.
- This one didn't get many votes either! A repeat of our 2015 visit to the Western Railway Museum, on Hwy 12 in Suisun.

- This new suggestion also didn't get many votes: A Bay Cruise on the USS Potomac. Cruises in 2020 are scheduled for Mother's Day and Father's Day and run \$85 to \$100 including a lunch. Guess the cost turned some of you away.

SEMA SUES D.O.T. –NHTSA PROPOSES REPLICAR CAR REGS

Last month we reported on SEMA's lawsuit citing NHTSA for failing to produce regulations that were intended to allow low-volume automaker to make and sell up to 325 replica cars each year that resemble production vehicles manufactured 25 or more years ago.

Just after the January Newsletter was printed, I learned that a set of regulations had been written and were available for comment for 30-days. I thought it would be nice to find a review of the proposed regulations that could be summarized for your enlightenment.

I had no luck while searching the internet and I haven't seen anything from SEMA. What I did find is a 118-page proposal that can be reviewed at the following URL: https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.dot.gov/files/documents/replica_vehicle_program_nprm_12172019.pdf

I copied the "Executive Summary" shown below and you will see several sections that will be difficult to be settled to everyone's satisfaction. Examples:

- 1.) VIN label rules may make it impossible for vehicles built in two or more stages to comply with VIN rules. Think of Superformance Cobras from South Africa.
- 2.) Requirements to resemble replicated vehicle may severely limit desirable deviations in wheelbase, width or length, relative to the replicated vehicle.
- 3.) Requirements to be licensed by the original manufacturer, to produce a replica. Do you think Ferrari will cooperate.

Just look at the sections and sub-sections and I think it will be a long time before these regulations will be settled.

I. Executive Summary

II. Background—Summary of Significant FAST Act Provisions

III. NHTSA's Proposed Replica Vehicle Program-- Basics

- a. Overview
- b. Number of Exempted Vehicles Permitted
- c. Low-Volume Manufacturer Requirement
- d. Vehicles Built in Two or More Stages

IV. Relevant Definitions

- a. Low-Volume Manufacturer
- b. Replica Motor Vehicle
 - 1. Requirement to Resemble the Replicated Vehicle
 - 2. Requirement to Manufacture Under License Agreement for Intellectual Property Rights

V. Safety Requirements

- a. Equipment FMVSS
- b. Considered Requirements
- c. Safety-Related Defects

VI. Registration Requirements

VII. Other Administrative Requirements

- a. Manufacturer Identification Requirements (49 CFR Part 566)
- b. Manufacturer Identifier
- c. Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
- d. Certification
- e. Importation

VIII. Labels and Other Consumer Disclosures

- a. Permanent Label
- b. Written Notice to Dealers and First Purchasers

- c. Temporary Label

IX. Reporting

- a. By Manufacturers

FAVORITE RIDES OF 2019

Editor's note: The Wall Street Journal has a Tuesday feature called "My Ride" authored by A. J. Baime which I find interesting. I will try to include details and photos about some of these vehicles during 2020 issues of this newsletter.

Here is one of his ten favorites for 2019.

- 1957 Corvette - owned by a retired head of GM's Design Department, Ed Welburn. Welburn was the sixth man to run the GM Design Department and first to lead GM's design globally. He was keen on cars of the 50's though he thought 1957 was the "Golden Year", at least at GM.



His favorite predecessor was Harley Earl, who gained fame from the 1938 Buick Y-Job, shown below. Earl designed the LeSabre, another concept



car in 1951, the first Corvette came in 1952. He also introduced tail-fins on 1948 Cadillacs.

Welburn bought his '57 Corvette from NY Yankee slugger Reggie Jackson and is looking forward to a 2020 Mid-engine Corvette with colors to match his '57.

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

