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This was our little parade to celebrate John Knebel's 100th Birthday. Four of the seven cars were driven by NCKCC members and the rest were family members. The weather was cool and windy but with bright sunshine.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We are still waiting for the Covid-19 pandemic to pass, but the news each day seems to be improving as more people are getting vaccinated. Take a look at the list of last years events and send an email or a phone message to the editor listing your choices for trying to carry them out in 2021.

NOTE: Your editor has moved has a new address and two new phone numbers. The email is still nkccwebguy@gmail.com

FROM THE PREZ

Even though it has only been a year since the covid virus hit our shores, it seems like it has been ten. It's hard to believe something so small could cause such a major disruption in our daily lives. I'm certainly glad 2020 is over and done. 2021 has the potential to move us all back on a positive course and get our lives back to "normal", whatever that new "normal" may be.

I and many of our members want to know when NCKCC activities will start to be scheduled again. Well, the first activity has already taken place: John Knebel's "100th Birthday Drive By" occurred on January 19 at John's home in Fairfield. Masks and social distancing were maintained and the attendees enjoyed the outing. I think John and his family did too. Vern has more detail and pictures in this newsletter.

Vern will again be acting as our primary "Activity Coordinator" for 2021, and will attempt to put together a limited list of suggested outings and activities of interest to our club members. Of course, all listed activities will be "covid restrictions" dependent. Hopefully, such restrictions will become less and less as 2021 progresses.

I suggested to Vern that he pick some activities that members have newly suggested 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 2021 suggested calendar, please let Vern know so he can coordinate with other members who may be attending the same.

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 acting as "Activity Coordinator".

Hope to see y'all soon,

Jim W

FROM THE EDITOR

By Vern Hance

It's hard to know what to say about 2021 for the NCKCC, except to hope that it will allow us to get together at some of our events and get reacquainted.

I will list the events from last year that we were never able to do, so please look them over and let me know your preferences. I'll put a number by each one, so give me your choices in a ranking with your favorite first and then rank them in descending order of preference

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NCKCC HELPS CELEBRATE JOHN KNEBEL'S 100th BIRTHDAY

Well, we did have an event in 2021 already.

It all started some time around early December when Jahnine Spaulding, John Kenebel's daughter asked me if I could get a few NCKCC members to do a "drive through" to celebrate a special 'secret' event for John's 100th Birthday.

John lives in a gated retirement community in Fairfield, so it required some persuasion to get permission from security to do this. Jahnine finally got the OK for up to 10 cars on January 9th. Then we sprung into action and lined up about 6 NCKCC members ready to go on January 19th – depending on weather.

The 19th arrived bright and sunny but cold and with 30 mph winds forecast.

Jahnine and her family graciously arranged a meeting spot at the Lowes parking lot and provided us with hot coffee and donuts. *(shown below)*



The gale force winds scared off a couple people but Bob Kluber brought his red Sebring (top down), Chuck Maddux drove his Mercedes 500K, Gil

Somerhalder drove his Camero convertible (top up) and Vern drove his only car now that he lives in an apartment.

Bob's Sebring and Gil's Camero, (behind)



Chuck was prepared with a Birthday Balloon



Janine's car had an appropriate "100th" sign on the door plus other decor.



We made two passes through the front drive of the building where John lives. The welcoming party is shown on the cover.

Below: John waves as we went by while others display the 100th Birthday sign above.

I made a short video of our parade. To watch it go to www.nckcc.com and click on the Photos & Video tab on the left.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

We welcome Yatish & Shagun Pathak from Danville.

Yatish is working on a built from scratch vehicle which is based on a Mazda MX 5 chassis and a Honda/Acura K24az engine coupled to a BMW M3 transmission.

It's a pretty complex project and requires a lot of automotive engineering to fit it all together.

We encourage Yatish to keep us posted on progress. Sound like our club members may learn some interesting things from his project.

So, WELCOME ABOARD the NCKCC and we look forward to meeting you when our California opens up again.

HERE ARE SOME 2021 EVENT CANDIDATES

Here is a list that includes most of the things we had planned for 2020 but couldn't do. Look them over and call or email your editor your favorite events. List them in your priority order. Just vote by the number and I'll report the results later.

- 1.) Visit to Walt Disney Museum at the Presidio in San Francisco.
- 2.) Wayne Wenger has a full length movie on the life of Madman Muntz. It can be broadcast as a zoom meeting, using links that can be password protected, so only invited NCKCC members can see it.
- 3.) Visit to Rosie the Riveter Museum in Richmond. This is a National Park site and is pretty interesting. If & when it opens.
- 4.) The Cobra Experience, in Martinez, has their big Annual Cobra Show scheduled for Saturday June 5, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and it's free to spectators. (Seems like this may actually happen unless Covid keeps us locked down)

5.) Sunday September 12, 2021 – How does this sound for our NCKCC Annual Show at Blackhawk Museum in Danville. Date is tentative until we get it confirmed.

6.) Sunday, November 7, 2021 – This sounds like a good day to have our Annual Brunch at Incontro in Danville. We could do a small 'NCKCC Car" display like we did in 2019.

7.) We could just find a car show and plan to attend as a club. What's your suggestion for a favorite show?

8.) Anyone want to plan a wine tour in the fall - maybe October.

**SAD NEWS-CAROL HANCE
PASSING**



Carol passed away suddenly in the early hours of December 27, 2020, due to a cardiac arrest according to the ER Doctor.

Carol was born July 18, 1935 to Ralph J. Shideler (1900-1970) and Ruth V. (Luginbill) Shideler (1902-1998) as their only child and grew up in Girard, Kansas, where her father published the Girard Press newspaper for many years. She is survived by spouse Vern Hance and children, Rebecca Hance of San Ramon, California, Bradley Hance, wife Brenda of Tappahannock, Virginia..

Carol received a BS degree from Kansas State University and worked as a registered dietitian most of her adult life. She also studied at the University of California, where she obtained a California teaching certificate.

She met Vern, then a student at the University of Washington, during her 1957 dietetic internship there and they were married on December 23, 1958. They

celebrated their 62nd Wedding Anniversary, just days before her death.

Carol's first job was manager of food service at Everett Junior College in Washington State. She moved to Richmond, California in 1960, then to Hagerstown, Maryland in 1963 and back to California in 1965. Taking some time off to raise Bradley and Rebecca, she worked in food service management again from 1967.

Community activities included serving as a Deacon at First Presbyterian Church, starting in 1972 along with many other church duties. She spent the first eight years of her retirement collecting donated furniture and household items to furnish many of the apartments at Garden Park Apartments, operated by Contra Costa Interfaith Housing, to provide housing for homeless families.

Her hobbies included gardening and testing or improving recipes. She also learned to weave, using the fabrics to make clothing and decorative wall hangings.

As Carol's family grieves her death, a celebration of her life is appropriate. She will be remembered as a loving, caring wife, mother and citizen. She will be missed by family and friends.

**THINK ABOUT BECOMING A
SMALL TIME LOBBYIST**

HOW? – Make New Friends, Not New Foes

Getting to know one's neighbors can be beneficial; doing the same with lawmakers offers unique advantages of its own. Interestingly, making in-roads with either group should be approached similarly. Officials are elected to represent their own home communities, after all. New personal connections always begin with the act of reaching out. Striking up a pleasant conversation lays the groundwork for future discussion on matters of importance—the same fundamentals are used to lobby a politician successfully.

The term "lobby" is one heard often in political context. What exactly does the word mean? At its most basic, the act of lobbying is rooted in attempting to sway those in power and shape the course of decision-making.

TRY IT – It's better than hatred!

CARS FOR SALE

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