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UPCOMING EVENTS

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FROM THE PREZ

Reliable Vern has once again "taken pen to paper" and has generated a proposed events schedule for the upcoming months of 2022. As is usually the case, in this era of dreaded Omicron Covid affecting every part of our daily lives, these are possible events and possible times. All are subject to change. Other member suggested activities could, of course, be added to the proposed calendar.

Please pass on your suggestions to Vern or me via e-mail or phone. Vern or I will firm-up the date and time for each event in subsequent monthly newsletters.

Please let Vern know if you plan to attend any of the activities so he can coordinate arrivals and our members can meet up.

I hope you can all make it to most of the proposed events on the 2022 calendar.

Take care & Stay Safe,

Jim Wagner, NCKCC President

DUES TIME HAS ARRIVED

It pains me to bring up this subject, but our club continues to have some expenses even though our activities have been limited. Think - website fees, some newsletter printing postage and CA Secretary of State annual fees are some that come to mind.

However, several members have paid their dues for 2021 which are being counted as 2022 dues. So here is the list of members that are paid-up for 2022.

Carroll	DeCato
Elster	Kealey
Kunedt	Maddux
Pathak	Hance

For those NOT named above, we are encouraging you to send \$24 (unchanged since 1982) payable to NCKCC to cover your 2022 dues. Please remember the Treasurer has a new address; 2801 Shadelands Dr. Apt. 231, Walnut Creek, CA 94598-2553.

As the Omicron contagion will hopefully allow us more contact as the year progresses we have proposed some events listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Vince Carroll of Carroll Mechanical Systems in Martinez has joined us recently. He is in the process of building a Manta mid-engine vehicle powered by a Chev 350 V-8 and built on a 2" square tube frame. Front suspension is Mustang II and a Corvair tranny supplies power to the rear wheels.

Carroll Mechanical Systems sounds interesting to me, so I called him and had a nice conversation. Found he as been interested in mid-engine Mantas for many years and this project will be the greatest.

HERE'S A PLAN FOR 2022

Here is a starter plan for 2022. Your feedback on whether you would plan to attend would be appreciated. If the dates are good OR bad for you - just let me know. I have included website links so you can get more info than is included in this preliminary plan.

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April 16, 2022 - Tour USS Hornet, Alameda, CA Open 10 - 5pm \$20 Adults, \$15 Seniors. Weather should be warmer by mid-April. More info: <https://uss-hornet.org/visit-hornet>

Late May 2022 visit to California Auto Museum, Sacramento. Special Japanese Car Exhibit planned - maybe late May. A Low-Rider display goes until mid May. <https://www.calautomuseum.org/press-room>

Jun 4, 2022 - Annual Cobra Day, Cobra Experience, Martinez. Free spectator admission. Ford powered cars accepted. More info: www.cobraexperience.org

July 16, '22 - Shop Tour of Canepa Auto Sport Museum (Had one 1/14/22 but none scheduled yet for later in '22) This is iffy!
More Info: <https://canepa.com/category/news/canepa-cars-and-coffee/>

August 17, 2022 - Little Car Show. Downtown Pacific Grove on Lighthouse Ave. 12 noon - 5 pm. Spectators free. More info: <https://whatsupmonterey.com/events/monterey-car-week/the-little-car-show/433>

September 18, 2022 - NCKCC Annual Show, Blackhawk Museum. 10 -3 pm

November 6, 2022 - Annual Brunch, Incontro Ristorante, Danville, CA

I have checked most of these and found they are currently open, but all require masks to be worn. Hopefully this may change for the better as time goes by.

REPORT - THE FINANCIAL STATE OF THE CLUB

The year 2020 marked the beginning of the disruptions and pain of the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result we never reported the Club's prior year financial report for 2019

In this report we will report on our finances for 2019, 2020 and 2021.

2019 was tolerable for our club. Our expenses exceeded our receipts by \$208.03, so we ended with small drop in assets.

Our total dues of \$718 just covered the expenses of the newsletter printing and mailing (\$449.64) plus the costs of our website (\$227.37).

2020 was mostly shut down, but we collected most dues beforehand, so we ended with a small surplus for the year.

2021 was worst because we continued to have some expenses for the website and some printing costs, but with only a few dues collected. However we chose to consider the the 2020 dues to count for 2021 and those that actually paid dues for 2021 to count for 2022.

At least we were able to do a 2021 Show at Blackhawk in September and a brunch at Incontro Ristorante in November.

In the past the Treasurer has paid printing costs with his personal credit card, usually before the books closed for the year. However we started delayed reimbursement to the Treasurer for the 2018 Newsletter printing costs to 2019 but then totally suspended reimbursements for 2019, 2020 and 2021 to preserve our bank balance at a level that avoids a monthly bank fee. We hope to pay off these Accounts Payable in 2022. That's why we are asking for dues to resume in 2022.

The print version of the newsletter, mailed only to members, contains detailed numbers, but were left out of this online version.

Auto Entrepreneurs and Inventors - Featured in Television Special 2/13/22

By Ashley Reyes

SEMA Launch Pad, the automotive industry's product-pitching competition that has propelled inventors and entrepreneurs to successful, thriving businesses since 2013, will be featured for the first time in a nationwide television special on February 13 on the History Channel.

The 2021 competition included a record high 200-plus competitors vying for the program's largest grand prize ever, valued at \$100,000. The program features 15 semifinalists who competed live in Las Vegas, where they pitched their products and ideas to a panel of industry experts and icons that included Chip Foose (Foose Design), Jared Hare (Addictive Desert Designs), Myles Kovacs (DUB) and Alex Parker (Redline Detection).

"We're excited to bring the SEMA Launch Pad to a nationwide television audience," said Ted Wentz, SEMA Board member and chair of the SEMA Launch Pad Task Force. "For years, the SEMA Launch Pad has encouraged and supported product innovation and new ideas. The television program will give a new audience the opportunity to see the depth of the industry's innovation."

The automotive industry has been following the 2021 competition through a five-episode YouTube miniseries, which generated almost half a million views. The upcoming television special includes brand-new, exclusive coverage of the finale, with the top two finalists competing in front of thousands of industry professionals at the world-renown SEMA Show in Las Vegas. Viewers will watch as competitors both triumph and falter along the way, with judges asking hard questions and providing candid feedback.

"The Launch Pad is a competition designed to help aspiring entrepreneurs succeed and grow," said Wentz. "To see the competition unfold on television is inspiring. We hope that it encourages others to bring new products to the marketplace as well."

To learn more about the SEMA Launch Pad, visit www.sema.org/launchpad.

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