



# **NCKCC** News

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### **ACTIVITY NOTICES**

January 12, 2008 - Event planning meeting and election at Blackhawk Museum.  
Submit your ideas and nominations to Dave Jones or other officers in writing ASAP.  
(See page 5) If you want to join us for 11:30 lunch at the Blackhawk Grille, call/e-mail  
Treasurer Vern Hance (925) 938-1442 [nkccc@atound.net](mailto:nkccc@atound.net)

## **PLANNING & ELECTION MEETING JANUARY 12th**

We will be meeting to plan our activity schedule for 2008 on Saturday, January 12, 2007 at the Wheelchair Foundation meeting room at the Blackhawk Museum in Danville, CA. We have the room reserved from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. We plan to hold our election of officers at the same time. Please forward your nominations to President Dave Jones at 32365 Payne St. Hayward, CA 94544 or e-mail to [vinimus1@yahoo.com](mailto:vinimus1@yahoo.com)

Here are the driving instructions: Take I-680 to Crow Canyon Road exit, then go east for 4.2 miles and turn right on Camino Tassajara. Take the next left (at the Movies 7 Theatre) to the Shops at Blackhawk. The Museum is on the hill above the gated Plaza entrance.

Several people are planning to have lunch at 11:30 a.m. in the Blackhawk Grille. If you wish to join us, e-mail or call Vern Hance so he can reserve a large enough table.

Another idea, If you haven't visited the Museum, come at 10 a.m. and enjoy the cars for a couple of hours. The Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and admission is \$8 (\$5 for seniors).

More info available at:

<http://www.blackhawkmuseum.org>

## **DUES ARE DUE FOR 2008**

\$24 per year will keep you a member in good standing and keep you on the newsletter mailing list. Those who have paid their dues each month will be congratulated here, so watch for your last name to appear in this space. Those that don't respond by my "secret" deadline will receive a "Goodbye" postcard saying they have been dropped from membership. Don't let it happen to you !

Below are all 28 people that have paid their 2008 (and some '09) dues.

Bales	Bello
Bohaboy	Bohr ('09)
Clavelli	DeCato
Fernandez	Hance
Hooven	Hunsberger
Jacobs	Ron Johnson
King	Kinzy
Knebel	LaMothe
Landers	Lichti
Maddux('09)	Merritt
Navratil ('09)	Norway (New)
Rubenstein	Standiford
Bob Wagner (New)	Jim Wagner
Wallters	Williams

As the months go by this system requires you to check back to the January and later newsletters to see if you have paid. Anyway you can always e-mail [nckcc@astound.com](mailto:nckcc@astound.com) to see if you are paid up - or call Vern at (925)

## **THOUGHTS FOR 2008** **EVENT PLANNING**

Here is a list of events our club has done during the past several years.

- NCKCC Annual Show (Sep)
  - Mini Car Show-W.C. Art & Wine(Jun)
  - Torchlight Parade-Jul 3
  - Wine Tours (Oct-usually)
  - Pacific Grove Auto Rally (Aug before ...Pebble Beach Concours)
  - AHA Show-Knott's Berry (Apr)
  - Annual Brunch (Nov-Dec)
  - Sacramento Autorama (Feb)
  - Knightsen Car Show (Oct)
  - Knightsen Museum (1st Sat-summer)
  - Picnic & Towe Museum Tour ...inSacramento. (May)
  - Hot August Niles Car Show (Aug)
  - Niles Spring Fever Show (May)
  - Club Sandwich-Laughlin, NV(Oct)
  - Chabot Space Museum visit
  - April Fools Rally-Santa Rosa(Apr)
  - Road Tour - Oregon, No. Calif (June)
  - Boat tour of Mothball Fleet
  - Blackhawk Museum Tour
  - Snakes to the Lake Cobra cruise
  - Driving Tour of Monterey area (Oct)
  - Pacific Coast Dream Machines at ...Half ...Moon Bay (Apr)
  - Palo Alto Concour
  - San Francisco Rally
  - USS Hornet Tour (Mar)
  - Suspects Mystery Dinner (Jun)
  - Carmichael Founder's Day (Sep)
  - Hiller Aviation Museum-San Carlos
  - Hays Truck Museum-Woodland, CA
  - Aerospace Museum-McClellan Park
- How about something new & different??

## **SUBVERSIVE IDEAS** **ABOUT ANNUAL SHOW**

Over drinks & food at the King's party in 2006 the following disruptive ideas were discussed.

- Explore Towe Museum in Sacramento as a show site. Evaluate costs.
- Get several outside sponsors (auto stores, etc.) to buy (& award) a trophy.
- Have a big raffle for a car. (kit car or other)
- Have a rally from Bay Area to Sacto.
- Allow member cars to register free.
- Allow spectators to attend free, but push the raffle participation.
- Find a new banquet location to offset Marina Inn high cost.
- Have a 1-day show and use 2nd day for a rally or tour to a place of interest.
- Contact Manufacturers early and encourage them to sponsor a trophy.

These are just a few ideas that came up. Give it some thought and bring them for discussion at the January 12 planning meeting.

## **CO2 PRIMER**

By Julian Rendell (Autoweek)

Don't breathe-you're part of the problem

Since carbon dioxide has become the globalwarming bad guy, legislators across Europe have been hellbent on delivering the promises of the Kyoto treaty of 1997. Europeans are going crazy over CO2 limits, but what does all this grams-per kilometer stuff really mean?

First off, here's where the numbers come from: During fuel-economy testing, measurements are also taken of the weight of CO2 pumping out of the tailpipe. It's expressed as grams of CO2 produced per kilometer driven and is directly proportional to fuel economy.

The European Union target is a limit of 130 grams per kilometer by 2012. Only cars such as diesel-powered superminis (Renault Clio, Fiat Punto) and the Toyota Prius hybrid get near that figure.

Poor fuel economy and CO2 emissions levels translate into penalties. The United Kingdom, for instance, levies an annual tax based on CO2. No tax is charged for a car producing less than 100 grams per kilometer. Two cars currently qualify: the Honda Insight hybrid and the Smart diesel. A car emitting more than 225 grams per kilometer - such as a Jaguar X-Type 2.0-liter or a Porsche 911 - is charged an

annual tax of £210 (about \$420).

Politicians are looking at ramping up these charges, so it wouldn't be a surprise if in a few years, the highest CO2 tax could top £2,000 (\$4,000). Germany is looking at a similar system, and other EU countries probably will follow suit.

Here is a sampling of other global CO2 generators per the EU sources

- Boeing 747 Jumbo Jet: 125,000 to 135,000 g/km
- Queen Elizabeth II cruise ship: 900.000 g/km
- London - Paris Eurostar electric train: 1521 g/km
- Worlds livestock industry: 4.6 to 6.5 billion tons of CO2 annually.

*Below: Greenpeace demonstrates against cars dressed as "Climate Pigs" at the Frankfurt Motor Show.*



## **NEWS FROM THE ACCC**

Just got a new newsletter on legislative happenings in Sacramento.

Some of the bills that did NOT become law are:

AB 616 That would have required smog test every year for cars 15 years or older.

AB 619 This was the Kit Car amnesty bill which ended up being pulled by its author.

Bills that did get signed into law are:

AB 462 Expands use of "Year of Manufacture" plates. Most YOM plates approved by the DMV under the current program are the black-on-yellow license plates that were issued from 1956 through 1962. There are currently over 15,000 sets of YOM plates in use. This bill would allow use of the yellow-on-black license plates that were issued from 1963 to 1969 and the yellow-on-blue license plates issued from 1969 to 1972.

AB 468 Deals with abatement of abandoned vehicles. This bill expands the circumstances under which a county service authority for the abatement of abandoned vehicles may use the revenue it generates from imposing a \$1 annual vehicle registration surcharge, and modifies the statutory authority to abate abandoned vehicles.

AB 1488 Requires diesel powered vehicle of less than 8501 GVWR to be smog tested after 1/1/2010

SB 23 Deals with exchange of donated car to replace "High Polluter" vehicles in the San Joaquin Valley.

SB 886 Removes 2 consecutive term limit to Chairmen of District Boards.

## **MESSAGE FROM ACCC PRESIDENT FRED EVENSON**

Thank you for calling and writing to legislators to let them hear your thoughts on legislation during 2007..

ACCC is currently looking for a lobbyist because the most recent one has retired.

ACCC is always looking for new members, but they will allow members and non-members to sign up for e-mail notification on upcoming legislation that is considered bad. All NCKCC members should sign up, and can do so at their website [www.acccdefender.org](http://www.acccdefender.org)

The ACCC Annual Legislative Conference is scheduled for May 7-9, 2008 and will be held at the Towe Auto Museum. The cost to register is \$35 and usually includes a car display and a CHP or similar tour.

## FOR SALE

COBRA Ford power, Jag rear-end. Silver w/ black interior. \$21,500 Call Bob Elster 707-938-3254 (1/02)

COBRA-NAF. Ford 289power, 4-speed, Jag posi rear-end. Blue w/ black interior. 5,000 mi. \$23,900 Call Trifam (925) 820-1847 SB-100 smog-exempt (9/07)

COBRA - VW KIT - 427 Snake body fits on your 3" shortened VW chassis. Two available; **reduced to \$2,200 from \$3,200** Call Wayne McAllaster (510) 656-5844 or E-mail 427medusa@sbcglobal.net (2/06)

FERRARI - TESTAROSSA Spyder. Based on 1989 Corvette with 350 V-8 engine and automatic tranny. **Reduced to \$12,000.** Contact Anthony Ramsinh (408) 268-6554 or e-mail aramsinh@aol.com (11-05)

MANX SR-2 - 1678 cc VW engine with 4-speed stick. New interior in 2002. Built in 1977 by present owner who has all receipts, etc. Includes a spare 1600 VW engine and extra parts. \$5,500. Call Don Wicks (707) 998-9383 or e-mail at dkwicks@mchsi.com (11-05)

MERCEDES SSK (Gazelle) Parts: 4 fenders (brown), windshield, radiator shell, bumpers, interior leather and top (tan), tail lights, supercharger pipes, doors (yellow), latches, hinges, etc. Tim 510-278-3085 (04/05)

PANTERA Factory built, only one known to exist. Red w/ beige interior, Chev engine \$35,000 Call Bob Elster 707-938-3254.

(1/02)

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The kit car industry on the Internet:

**kitcar.com**  
and  
**cobracountry.com**

- kit cars For Sale by Owner...  
In 22 kit categories plus Cobras!
- Consumer Alerts, show coverage
- over 1200 web pages
- Pro tips on motorcar photography

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661-251-2223

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2008**

- January 12, 2008 - Planning meeting at Blackhawk Museum, Danville.
- April 5, 2008 - First Monthly Carshow at Knighten Historical Museum (See below)
- April 26 & 27, 2008 - AHA "Fun Under the Sun" car show at Knott's Berry Farm.

**START PLANNING NOW FOR APRIL**

East Contra Costa Historical Society  
& Museum  
3890 Sellers Avenue  
Brentwood /Knightsen, CA.

***CARS at the MUSEUM DAYS***

1<sup>st</sup> SATURDAY

each MONTH - 1 PM. to 4 PM.

2008 schedule

April 5<sup>th</sup>-May 3<sup>rd</sup>-June 7<sup>th</sup>-July 5<sup>th</sup>-

August 2<sup>nd</sup>-September 6<sup>th</sup>-October 4<sup>th</sup>

come with your car

or

come to see others

no fees - no prizes - "just fun"

MUSEUM HOURS:

APRIL - OCTOBER

Saturdays & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month  
2 to 4 PM

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