



NCKCC News

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HAPPY NEW YEAR



ACTIVITY NOTICES

January 16, 2010 - Planning Meeting for 2010 Events & Show. Thurman Casey Library meeting room, Walnut Creek 9:30 a.m. to Noon. (Page 6)

NOTE: I made the starting time earlier than posted in the December News. We need to be finished by about noon because another group is coming in to use the room.

FROM THE PREZ

The New Year has arrived with its usual fanfare and with it, another new calendar of events and activities that needs to be generated. In fact, the Club has a planning meeting scheduled for January 16th in Walnut Creek to work out an event/activity schedule for the entire year. So if you have any suggested activities or events that you would like to see on the calendar, please forward your suggestions to me or to Vern so they can be included in our Club event calendar for 2010. I think we have an opportunity to make 2010 a very special year for Club members, but we do need to have all our members participate in the planning process as well as the actual events or activities. Hope to see you all at the planning meeting with lots of great ideas. Meeting details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Hope you had a great Holiday Season. See you in January.

Jim Wagner, NCKCC President

DUES ARE DUE FOR 2010

Well, it's that time of year again so start thinking of paying your dues for 2010. Seventeen of you have already paid, so I am listing your last name to let you breathe a sigh of relief and give yourself a pat on the back for promptness. Here is the list:

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| Bales | Bradley(2011) |
| Cofano | DeCato |
| Fewell | Hance |
| Hunsberger | Izuno |
| Ketchel | King |
| LaMothe | Navratil |
| Rosenthal | Rubenstein |
| J. Wagner | R. Wagner |
| Walters | |

We have a new way to pay your dues this year. I have opened a PayPal account for the NCKCC, so if you have a PayPal account you can pay your dues directly. If you don't have enough in your account you can charge it to your credit card through your PayPal account (I think this is true, because I have purchased merchandise through PayPal and charged it to my credit card)

Anyway, if you want to pay your dues by PayPal just address your payment to:

nckcc@astound.net

There is a fee charged by PayPal, so if you use this route please send \$25 for your 2010 dues. That way the club get \$23.97 in the bank after the fees.

If you want to pay your dues by check thru the mail you can send the regular \$24 annual dues.

I don't know if this is going to be a convenience for you or a pain, but we are trying to keep up with our ever expanding technology.

I guess the next step is to extend this offer to those who want to join by downloading a membership application from our website. But that's another project for another day.



IN MEMORY OF James Standiford

March 16, 1919 - December 22, 2009

We express our condolence to the family of James Standiford who died on Tuesday December 22, 2009 from injuries sustained in a fall early that day.

Jim Standiford life will be celebrated during a Memorial Service on January 9th at Christ Presbyterian Church, 890 Fargo Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94579-2106. The time is estimated at early afternoon but you can call the church (510) 351-8534 to confirm the exact time.

NCKCC members will recall Jim's willing support for our club activities and his two kit cars, the Tri-Magnum (built from plans) and the Jackrabbit. His 1946 Ford Coupe (purchased new) was also a favorite at car shows.

We will all miss Jim and extend our support to daughter Kathleen and son Kieth during their healing process.

For some additional information about Jim's life and achievements please check our March 2004 NCKCC Newsletter. It is still accessible on our website at www.nckcc.com/march2004news.pdf

Below: Jim, at home with with his Jackrabbit



PLANNING MEETING JAN 16

With 2010 already here, we need to get our activities planned for the new year. We will meet January 16, 2010 starting at 9:30 a.m. and concluding at 12 noon. The location is the Thurman G. Casey Library at 2661 Oak Grove Rd. Walnut Creek. Please bring your ideas to the meeting for events that you would like to participate in. Or, if you can't make it to the meeting send your ideas to Jim Wagner or the Editor. I promised Jim that I would make a list of past events which are potentially worth repeating. That list is in this newsletter on page 8. But some "never-done-before" events are welcome and could stir some welcome enthusiasm.

Here are the driving directions:

From the South:

- * Take I-680 to Walnut Creek and exit at Ygnacio Valley Rd.
- * Continue east about 3-4 miles
- * Turn right on Oak Grove Rd. The Library is at 2661 on the Right, just past the first stop sign.

From the North:

- * Take I-680 past Concord toward Walnut Creek and exit at Treat Blvd and go east.
- * Continue east about 1.5 miles
- * Turn Right on Bancroft.
- * Turn left on Ygnacio Valley Rd. Continue east for about 1.5 miles.
- * Turn right on Oak Grove Rd. The Library is at 2661 on the Right, just past the first stop sign.

Why This Location?

I found that I could reserve a meeting room at my local library at no charge, so I thought we should give it a try. This is not the most central location, so I urge some of you in the Mid-SF Bay area to see if you can explore your library facilities for next years meeting. You could even use this technique if you can find a speaker or a program that would make an interesting event.

After the meeting some of you may want to lunch at Rocco's Ristoranti Pizzeria. It is located 2 blocks away at the shopping center at Oak Grove and Ygnacio Valley Rd.

Please email or phone the Editor (925) 938-1442 or nckcc@astound.net so I can make the proper number of hand-outs for the meeting.

2010 EVENT PLANNING THOUGHTS

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 Pomona Fairplex (Apr)
- Annual Brunch (Nov-Dec)
- Sacramento Autorama (Feb)
- Knightsen Car Show (Oct)
- Knightsen Museum (1st Sat-summer)

- Picnic & Calif Auto Museum Tour in Sacramento. (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 Concours
- 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?? Even if you can't attend our January Planning meeting, send your vote for one or more events to J. Wagner or V. Hance.

SOME IDEAS ABOUT THE ANNUAL SHOW

Over picnic lunches at our wine tour in 2009 the following ideas were discussed.

- 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 short parade through Concord or nearby area as part of the show.
- Allow member cars to register free.
- Allow spectators to attend free, but push the raffle participation.
- Have an activity at show on 2nd day to generate some excitement and interest.
- Contact Manufacturers early and encourage them to sponsor a trophy.

These are just a few ideas that came to mind..

SMALL ENGINE MAKERS CONCERNED ABOUT 15% ETHANOL

By Mark Long, WSJ Reporter

NEW YORK—Boaters and small-engine-industry groups are worried that their concerns about engine damage will be overlooked as the Environmental Protection Agency considers allowing as much as 15% ethanol in the nation's gasoline.

Since fuel with an ethanol content of as much as 10% has been introduced across the U.S. in recent years, boaters have complained of problems. Now they are lobbying the EPA to test the effects of ethanol on small engines—in addition to the testing being done on car and truck engines—as the regulator weighs increasing the ethanol content.

"We don't have the science on it," said Margaret Podlich vice president of government affairs of the Boat Owners Association of the United States. "We don't know what this will do to marine engines."

Backers of allowing additional ethanol in the fuel mix cite reduced greenhouse-gas emissions, the possibility of job creation and the need to meet a federal mandate to increase use of biofuels.

The EPA has postponed a final decision on raising the ethanol limit until next year amid concerns among oil companies and vehicle makers. In an emailed statement, the agency said it would look at all data submitted to it for both on-road and non-road sources, and that testing smaller engines, such as marine outboards, was being discussed.

As a solvent, ethanol frees up the gunk in fuel tanks and engines that can clog carburetors and fuel lines. The blended fuel can also cause problems if it separates when stored for lengthy periods—as boats commonly are—creating safety worries, especially when boats are used offshore.

Chris Thorne, a spokesman for the ethanol-industry group Growth Energy, said boaters "have a legitimate concern" but noted that the EPA wasn't considering mandating use of 15% ethanol, adding that consumers would have time to prepare and that the different fuel blends would be clearly labeled.

"This is not going to be a surprise to anybody", Mr. Thorne said. "We have been through the process of changing fuel systems before."

The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute, which represents makers of lawn mowers chainsaws and other power gear, said it is "deeply concerned," since educating millions of consumers to prevent potentially dangerous misfueling would be "a daunting task." Small-engine makers are particularly concerned about the potential liability associated with accidents or strandings because of engine failures caused by extra ethanol in the fuel mix.

Mat Dunn, legislative director of the National Marine Manufacturers Association, said he welcomed the EPA's additional testing but is worried about potential boating-safety problems and complicating the fuel market for consumers.

Having ethanol in the fuel "was a disaster for us," said Bill Bahen, executive director of Hudson River Community Sailing in Manhattan. He said the six gasoline outboard engines purchased new last year for the nonprofit sailing school and club's sailboats broke down repeatedly with carburetor and fuel-line problems, and were never all running at the same time this year, disrupting activities.

2009 FINANCES IN REVIEW

1/1/09 Through 12/31/09

INCOME

| | |
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| Mbr Renewal | 1,398.00 |
| New Memb (1) | 112.00 |
| Advertising | 10.00 |
| Interest | 9.30 |

Carshow Income:

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| Regist. Fees | 1,230.00 |
| Banquet Inc | 1,200.00 |
| Gate Revenue | 0.00 |
| Food-Drink (2) | 202.00 |

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| Total Carshow Inc. | 2,632.00 |
| Other Events | 560.00 |
| Misc. Income | 11.00 |

Total Income \$4,721.303

EXPENSES

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| Misc. Club Exp. (3) | 330.50 |
| Newsletter (4) | 1,127.61 |
| Insur. Exp | 284.10 |
| Promo Exp. (5) | 132.23 |

Carshow Expense:

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| Prizes (6) | 107.07 |
| Printing | 150.48 |
| Advertising (7) | 500.64 |
| Banquet Exp. | 1,199.99 |
| Clean-up Fee | 163.88 |
| Trophy | 217.03 |
| Plaques | 215.66 |

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| FoodDrinkExp | 115.74 |
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| Total Show Expense | 2,670.07 |
| Other Events (8) | 847.51 |
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| Total Expenses | \$5,392.02 |
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| Total Inc. minus Exp. | -670.72 |

BALANCE SHEET AS OF 12/31/09

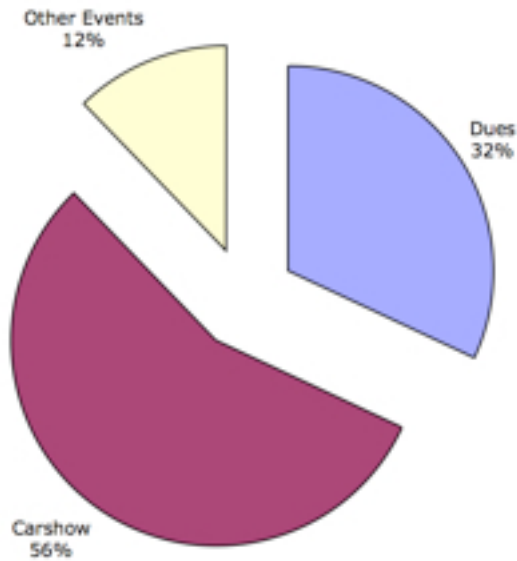
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| <u>Assets</u> | |
| Citi Bank Checking | \$6346.00 |
| Other Assets | |
| Acc'ts Receivab | 00.00 |
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| Total Assets | \$6,346.00 |
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| <u>Liabilities & Equity</u> | |
| Prepaid Dues | 228.00 |
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| Total Liabilities | \$228.00 |
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| Equity | \$6,118.00 |
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| Total Liab. & Equity | \$6,346.00 |

FOOTNOTES:

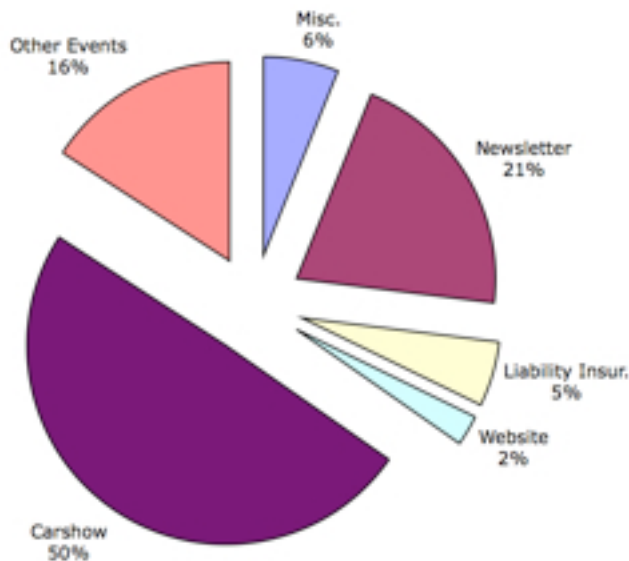
1. Six new members.
2. Donations to "Thank You" jar.
3. Calif. Auto Museum \$150, Assoc. of Calif. Car Clubs \$160, Secretary of State filing fee. \$20, Bank fee \$0.50
4. \$418.36 postage + \$709.25 printing
5. PowWeb internet hosting.
6. Color Posters for prize solicitation.
7. KCB magazine \$275, Postcard Postage \$168, Mfgr Postage \$18.64, Press Release postage \$44.
8. Annual Brunch \$767.40, Benicia Parade fee \$25, Show planning pizza \$45.11.

The charts on the next page provide a graphical picture of our 2009 Receipts and expenditures.

2009 RECEIPTS \$4,721



2009 EXPENDITURES \$5,392



FOR SALE

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

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)

FERRARI-Look-alike - From Fiero Factory in the U.K. 1988 Fiero based car with 3.8 liter Bonneville engine transplant and upgrade wheels. \$12,000 o.b.o. Call Doug Izuno (925) 254-1789. Or e-mail: tizuno@comcast.net See Photo at right. (10/09)

FINO – Built on 1987 Fiero with Cadillac Northstar V-8 & auto trans. Regular trophy winner. Custom suspension, brakes and interior. Special Purple BASF Extreme paint. \$25,000. Call Al Bohr (503-632-8372) or e-mail: albohr@bctonline.com. (10/09)

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)

NEED YOUR KIT CAR PUT TOGETHER, customized or finished?
Have a car that needs body work?
We can help!
Contact: Car Concepts by Merlin Cofano 415-320-0678 (10/09)

“Cars for Sale” ads in the NCKCC News are for members only. Rate is \$10 for 12 issues.



MODESTO A's SWAP MEET

The Modesto A's have scheduled their Annual Swap Meet for January 30 & 31, 2010 at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, Turlock, CA. Model A, Antique, Classic Cars and Automotive Vintage items only. Buyer admission \$5. More info: (209) 526-1919 or Modesto A's, Box 576073, Modesto, CA 95357.

UNBUILT KIT CAR FOR SALE

I got a call about a '39 Mercedes (??) kit. It is a front engine car set up for a 289 Ford engine, but has no engine, tranny or seats. Has Mustang II rack & pinion steering. Gas tank and rear end installed. 95% of body parts are present. Asking \$1,000 o.b.o. Charles DeLaine (209) 577-3258. Email: cmdelaine@yahoo.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010

- January 16, 2010 - A meeting room has been reserved at The Thurman Casey Library in Walnut Creek. This will be our planning meeting for 2010 events. Meeting starts at 9:30 a.m.
- February ??, 2010 - TBA (To be announced)
- March ??, 2010 - TBA
- April ??, 2010 - TBA
- May ??, 2010 - TBA
- June ??, 2010 - TBA
- July ??, 2010 - TBA
- August ??, 2010 - TBA
- September 11 & 12, 2010 - Annual Handcrafted Car Show
- October ??, 2010 - TBA
- December 5, 2010 - Annual Brunch Meeting

PHOTOS & VIDEO

Annual show pictures can be viewed at <http://nckcc.shutterfly.com> (You need Internet Explorer 6.0 or Firefox 1.5 or newer to access the page. Open your browser first then enter the URL above.)

The annual car show, the Knightsen Car Show and other club event videos are available now on YouTube. Just go to www.youtube.com then search for TheNCKCC You should be able to watch any of our videos that have been published.

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