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UPCOMING EVENTS

Page 3 outlines Events (1.) thru (4.) that are pretty much certain, subject to your feedback comments.

Continue reading into page 4 and email or phone your interest in proposed events (a.) thru (e.). Also look at the list of past events where the attendance was good and tell us if you want a repeat.

PLEASE RESPOND TO THE CLUB OFFICERS LISTED ON P.5

FROM THE PREZ

The Club finished another year with a wonderful brunch at the Basil Leaf Café in Danville. It was really great way to finish the “Club” year with such great conversation and comradery.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the “ball” will have dropped on 2016 and a new year will be upon us. As always, 2017 will require a new calendar of Club events and suggested activities. We hope to work out via e-mail an event/activity schedule for all of 2017. So, if you have any suggested activities or events that you would like to see on our calendar, please forward your suggestions to me or to Vern so they can be included in our new Club event calendar. We do need to have all our members be part of the planning process as well as participate in the actual events or activities.

Hope you had a great Holiday Season. Welcome to what I hope will be another great year for the NCKCC.

Take Care,

Jim W

DUES TIME AGAIN

We are making progress on “Dues” collection, but I must remind you that your \$24 annual dues are due on January First.

I will follow my usual practice of listing the last names of those who have paid in each month’s newsletter. So if you don’t see your name, it means I haven’t received your dues payment.

Right now I have 8 members that have paid their 2017 dues:

Bales	de Boer
DeCato	Hance
Knebel	Kunedt
Somerhalder	Walters

Please check this section each month to see that I have received your dues payment. That way we can cross check on you, me and the USPS.

If you want to pay by PayPal, we have an account to handle that option. If you already have a PayPal account you can select a ‘personal’ payment to nckcc@astound.net and there is no PayPal fee. However you can also use a Visa or MasterCard credit card through PayPal, but in this case we ask you to add \$1 (\$25 total) to cover the PayPal fee.

To make a payment to NCKCC just send it to nckcc@astound.net That way I will receive an email advising me of your payment.

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN NCKCC FOR 2017?

After our rather muted 2016 Event Participation Record we are trying to organize things you really want to participate in!

So far I think we are in solid agreement on the events 1.) & 2.). But let us hear your vote on 3.) and 4.)

1.) The Walnut Creek Art & Wine Festival with a June 3 & 4, 2017 estimated date.

2.) The Annual NCKCC Car Show with a Sep 17, 2017 tentative date.

3.) A May 17, 2017 date is scheduled for a 11 a.m. Garage Tour of the private collection of Jarl deBoer in Walnut Creek. We will probably wind this event up with a lunch at nearby Rocco’s Pizza.

4.) We have made reservations for our 2017 Annual Brunch at the Basil Leaf Cafe in Danville for Sunday Dec 3, 2017.

We also have received the following suggestions from members.

a.) A visit to the Canepa Auto Sport Museum in Scott’s Valley on the way to Santa Cruz. Jim Wagner had a chance to visit the museum with a friend last month. He was really impressed with the number of autos on display as well as their restoration facility. The museum is open at 10AM. We will need to call if we have a large group. (See more info at www.canepa.com)

b.) A visit to the California Automobile Museum in Sacramento. This could be an April 8, 2017 event if there is interest.

c.) A repeat visit to the Railroad Museum near Rio Vista has been suggested. How does a July 15 or 16, 2017 date sound?

d.) A visit to Big Break Regional Park in Oakley has been suggested. It has a "walk on" model of the whole river delta system. This could wind up with a lunch at a nearby restaurant where we could reserve space to display our cars.

e.) A visit to Pinnacles National Park has been mentioned. It is accessible off US 101 from King City, CA. This may be a bit distant, but give us your yea or nay.

Another suggestion from Tom Walters, was to list a bunch of past events that were well attended, so here goes. If one or more of these is desired as a repeat just tell us you would like it. It's not that hard to shoot off an email or phone call to any of the club officers. Here are the dates of past events.

4/6/2006 - Candy Store visit in Burlingame. A community garage club with space to store and display up-scale cars.

4/18/2009 - Filoli Mansion Tour in Woodside, CA focuses on Garden Design and Country House design in the 1915 era.

5/22/2010 - Castellodi Amorosa Castle in Napa Valley includes wine tasting and a Castle tour.

2/17/2007 - Hiller Aviation Museum in San Bruno has display of aircraft from 1900 onward.

6/17/2004 - 3-day Road Trip to Oregon Caves.

7/24/2004 - Overnight trip to Columbia Historic State Park.

3/10/2012 - Trip to Hall Racing shop in Benicia.

10/17/2009 - Wine, Olive Oil and Jelly Belly tours.

2/21/2004 - Chabot Space & Science Museum in Oakland.

6/21/2007 - 3-day Road Trip up No. Calif. Coast.

4/26/2008 - Trip to AHA Car Show in So. Calif.

3/20/2010 - Calif Academy of Science in S.F.

4/21/2012 - Charles Schultz Museum & Luther Burbank tours in Santa Rosa.

3/21/2009 - USS Hornet tour in Alameda.

10/16/2010 - S.F. Bay Cruise Red & White Fleet.

2/19/2011 - Playland Not At The Beach, El Cerrito.

2/20/2010 - Tech Museum of Innovation, San Jose.

3/05/2014 - Rosie the Riveter National Monument, Richmond.

Well there you have a massive list of past events. **Please do give us some feedback** if any of these is worth a repeat visit. They could be scheduled for this year or next year.

Also please give us your reaction to the proposed events 1 thru 4 listed above and your rating on the other ideas (a.) thru (e.).

As soon as we get some feedback we will publish the schedule in the newsletter and on our website. The box on page 5 gives phone & email info for all our officers.

REPORT - THE FINANCIAL STATE OF THE CLUB

The year 2016 was reasonably good for our club. Our expenses exceeded our receipts slightly so we ended with drop in assets of \$516.24. This compares to a deficit of \$434.60 in 2015.

Our dues of \$688.97 fell short of covering the expenses of the newsletter printing and mailing (\$716.48) as well as the costs of our website (\$217.30).

The challenges for the future include trying to add to our membership rolls, currently at 29. We have been losing more members than we have been adding. Other challenges that I see that discourage our

hobby are the increasing regulations that apply to our cars and the increasing cost of compliance. We try to stay tuned to the ACCC to spot legislation about which we can express ourselves by contact with our legislators.

To help us grow stronger try to recruit a new club member or two this year

2016 FINANCES IN REVIEW

1/1/16 Through 12/31/16

INCOME

Member Renewal	\$ 678.97
New Members	10.00
Other Events Inc. (1)	234.00
<u>Carshow Income:</u>	
Regist. Fees	0.00
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Total Income	\$ 922.97

EXPENSES

Newsletter (2)	\$716.48
Liability Insurance	88.00
Promo Exp. (3)	217.30
<u>Carshow Expense:</u>	
Trophies/Plaque	15.26
Other Events (4)	402.17
Misc Expense (5)	0.00
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Total Expenses	\$1,439.21

Total Inc. minus Exp. (\$ 516.24)

BALANCE SHEET AS OF 12/31/16

Assets

Citi Bank Checking	\$ 4,731.60
PayPal	991.83
Other Assets	
Acc'ts Receivable	00.00
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Total Assets	\$ 5,723.43

Liabilities & Equity

Prepaid Dues	72.00
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Total Liabilities	\$ 72.00
Equity	\$5,651.43
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Total Liab. & Equity \$5,723.43

FOOTNOTES:

1. Annual Brunch receipts
2. \$471.48 printing, \$245.00 postage
3. PowWeb internet hosting
4. Benicia Parade \$35, Brunch \$367.17
5. Calif. Secretary of State registration

ACCC LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

California transportation deal includes 20-cent diesel tax hike! January 1, 2017

By Keith Goble

A renewed effort to fund transportation work is underway at the California statehouse. Professional drivers are eyed as major contributors for the funding plan. An indication of just how important a transportation funding solution is in Sacramento, the first bills introduced in each chamber for the 2017 regular session address methods to raise more than \$6 billion for state and local roads, trade corridors, and public transit.

Sen. Jim Beall, D-San Jose, and Assemblyman Jim Frazier, D-Oakley, are behind the funding bills, SB1 and AB1. "Without action soon, our crumbling roads will severely affect California's economy," Beall said in prepared remarks. The lawmakers offered similar plans during a recently completed special session on transportation. However, the proposals never gained momentum during a session billed as necessary to address some of the nearly \$140 billion in state and local needs over the next decade. "My commitment to passing a comprehensive funding plan that addresses California's failing transportation system will not waiver," Frazier stated. The main component of the new package would raise ~ \$3.8 billion mostly via increases in the gas and diesel tax rates. The current tax rates are set at 33 cents per gallon for diesel and 32.8 cents for gas.

A 12-cent gas tax increase is included. AB1 calls for the increase to be applied at once. SB1 would phase-in the increase over three years. The tax would be raised by 6 cents the first year, and another 3 cents each of the next two years. Not to be outdone, the diesel rate would be increased by 20 cents to raise \$600 million annually. The money would be designated for freight, trade corridors and goods movement.

California's current collection method for fuel taxes would also be abandoned. No longer would the state Board of Equalization annually adjust the excise tax

rates. Instead, the price-based tax rates would be restored. In addition, the sales tax applied to diesel purchases would be increased. SB1 calls for a 4 percent increase while AB1 would impose a 3.5 percent increase.

Revenue from the diesel sales tax increase, however, would not directly benefit trucking. The money would be deposited into an account for transit and intercity rail projects. The Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association supports efforts to raise revenue for transportation work in the state. However, the group opposes any plan that calls for truckers to foot more of the responsibility to help bail the state out of its funding hole.

Additional components in the funding plan would increase annual vehicle registration fees by \$38 and apply an annual \$100 fee for zero-emission vehicles. The changes would raise \$1.3 billion annually. All tax and fee rates would be indexed to inflation to allow for increases every three years. Touted as a way to benefit highways, local streets, transit, bikes and pedestrians, the Democrat-led initiative would divide new revenue between the state and local governments for road maintenance and rehabilitation.

A two-thirds majority vote is needed for passage in each chamber. The required margin was enough to derail efforts during the past year because Democrats were unable to secure enough Republican votes. As a result of the November election, Democrats have achieved the supermajority necessary at the statehouse to push through legislation without needing to woo any Republicans to their side.

Multiple initiatives sought by GOP lawmakers are included in the Democratic plan. The first initiative calls for establishing an Office of Transportation Inspector General to monitor the efficiency and effectiveness of agencies that spending transportation-related revenues.

A requirement to shift \$500 million in existing truck weight fees back to roads is also included. Since 2010 state lawmakers have diverted from the state's highway account to the general fund the vehicle fees paid by commercial drivers. The revenue is used to repay transportation bond debt. If approved, the shift would be completed over five years.

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