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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Send your 2020 event suggestions to NCKCC News, SOON, so we can hit the road with clear vision for 2020. Also send your reactions to the page 2 list of suggested events!

FROM THE PREZ

In November, the Club finished another year with a wonderful brunch at the “Incontro Ristorante” in Danville. It was really great way to finish the “Club” year with such great conversation and camaraderie and, of course, some delicious food.

By the time you receive this newsletter, another new year will be upon us. As always, 2020 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 2020. 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. Vern will surely include a list of activities in this newsletter. Please respond to Vern with your likes or dislikes (on a scale from 1 to 5) so he can finalize a suggested activity calendar in the February newsletter.

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

Take Care,

Jim W

PLANNING 2020 CLUB EVENTS

By Vern Hance

We have had a number of suggested events for 2020, which I will list below, but we could use some additional ideas from you, so send an email to Jim Wagner at jamesuu@comcast.net or Vern at nckccwebguy@gmail.com

Here's what we have so far:

- (A) Visit to Walt Disney Museum at the Presidio in San Francisco. They are open 10 am to 4:45 pm daily (except Tuesdays) Admission \$25 Adult, \$20 Senior, \$15 Youth 6-17 and possible reduced rates for groups of 10. Go to <https://waltdisney.org> for more info.
- (B) California Auto Museum, Sacramento will finish their British Car Display on January 27th and a new exhibit featuring movie cars is probable. But we could still plan on it if you show interest. This could be an event for April or May.
- (C) Wayne Wenger has a full length movie on the life of Madman Muntz. We gave you some info about him in the Dec '19 newsletter, but go to www.madmanmuntzmovie.com for more info. Wayne has offered to host the club at his home in Placerville, but the distance makes it a pretty full day. I have contacted Blackhawk Museum to see if they would consider it for a showing, but no decision yet.
- (D) A visit to Rosie the Riveter Museum in Richmond is another candidate. This is a National Park site and is pretty interesting. Try www.nps.gov for details. There is a restaurant, “Assemble Restaurant” right next to the Visitor Center, which would make a nice way to start of finish a visit.
- (E) The Cobra Experience, in Martinez, is another possible place to visit. They have a free “Cars & Coffee” meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month, 8:30 to 10:30. They have a large Cobra Show scheduled for 6/6/2020 that is free to spectators.
- (F) The Kensington Senior Living place is just a block off I-680 on Geary Rd. in Walnut Creek. It's a small show, scheduled for 8/15/2020, and typically provides a picnic lunch for car owners.
- (G) A repeat of our 2010 visit to Castello di Amorosa Winery with a lunch at a nearby Calistoga restaurant might be timely. How many of you recall the 2010 visit?
- (H) Another repeat of our 2015 visit to the Western Railway Museum, on Hwy 12 in Suisun, CA, has been suggested. Some interesting electric railway history is available and a ride on an electric railcar is included with admission.
- (J) A new suggestion is a Bay Cruise on the USS Potomac. Cruises in 2020 are scheduled for Mother's Day and Father's Day and run \$85 to \$100 including a lunch. Docent-led dockside tours are also available and cost about \$8 to \$10. Located at 540 Water St, in Jack London Square in Oakland. Call (510) 627-1215 for more info. You will be able to learn a lot of history as President Roosevelt used this vessel as his floating White House.

Wow! That's 9 possibilities to wrap up our early suggestions for outings. More suggestions are welcome.

Now, it's your turn to vote which ones you like. As Jim Wagner suggested on page 2, please give your rating of the ones you like best.

Just send nckccwebguy@gmail.com a reply listing the alphabetic code for your favorites along with number grade where 5 is the most desired event. Phone messages to Vern at (925) 938-1442 are OK, if I don't answer leave your name, the alphabetic code for the event and your 1-5 grade. Forgive me if I made this too complicated. I'm not a skilled poll expert.

IT'S DUES TIME AGAIN

A new year has arrived and I must request payment of the 2020 dues of \$24 per year. As usual I will print the names of those who become 'paid-up' members each month.

Make your checks payable to NCKCC and mail them to the Treasurer at the address shown on cover. Payment via PayPal is also acceptable, Send your paypal remittance to nckccwebguy@gmail.com (This is also our new email address for club email communications)

If you haven't done so yet, send us your list of favorite 2020 event candidates, along with your check.

2019 REPORT - STATE OF THE CLUB FINANCIALLY

The year 2019 was reasonably good for our club. Our expenses were slightly higher than our receipts so we ended with reduction in assets of \$181.78 This compares to a deficit of \$15.79 in 2018.

Our dues of \$695.92 more than covered the expenses of the newsletter printing and mailing (\$292.37) plus the costs of our website (\$194.39).

The challenges for the future include trying to add to our membership rolls, currently at 29 paid-up members. We have 1 new member in 2020 but the 2020 dues have barely started. Other challenges that I see that weigh on our hobby are the emphasis on electric powered vehicles and increasing fees that apply to our cars and the 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

SEMA SUES U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FAILING TO IMPLEMENT REPLICAR CAR LAW

The Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) filed a petition in federal appellate court to require the government to allow replica car manufacturers to immediately begin production of brand-new, turn-key vehicles.

Under a 2015 law—the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act)—low volume automakers may sell up to 325 replica cars each year that resemble production vehicles manufactured at least 25 years ago. The FAST Act set a deadline of December 4, 2016 for the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to issue any necessary regulations to implement the law. The agency has yet to take any action.

Prior to enactment of the FAST Act, the U.S. had just one system for regulating automobiles, which was established in the 1960s and designed for companies that mass-produce millions of vehicles. The lack of regulatory flexibility prevented small businesses from manufacturing turn-key vehicles. Eager to produce replica vehicles under the new law, many companies made capital investments and took customer orders on the assumption that sales could begin in late 2016.

However, NHTSA has failed to issue regulations or undertake any other action allowing the small automakers to produce and sell vehicles as permitted by law.

"SEMA warned NHTSA in 2018 that it would file suit if companies could not begin production of turn-key cars as authorized by the FAST Act," said SEMA President and CEO Christopher J. Kersting. "SEMA

has made every effort to work collaboratively with NHTSA for over three and a half years, although the agency has taken no action to implement the replica car law. Consequently, companies have not hired workers, businesses have lost money, and consumers have been denied their rights to purchase replica cars.”

Vehicles produced under the FAST Act will be current model year clean cars. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the California Air Resources Board have developed guidelines and regulations to confirm that the engine packages to be installed will meet current emissions standards.

The replica car provision was designed to be easy for NHTSA to implement, as it is an extension of the common-sense approach to overseeing kit car production that the agency has employed for decades. While the FAST Act requires NHTSA to “issue such regulations as may be necessary” to implement the law, the agency also has other options such as issuing a guidance document that will allow production to begin immediately. SEMA has asked the court to compel NHTSA to take action.

NORTH CAROLINA TO FURTHER EXEMPT OLDER VEHICLES FROM EMISSIONS TESTING

Time to celebrate, North Carolina! Beginning December 1, 2019, all motor vehicles 20 years old or older will be exempt from emissions testing. On that date, the applicable clause from a 2017 regulatory reform bill goes into effect. Currently, 22 of the state’s 100 counties require vehicles model year 1996 or later to undergo an annual emissions inspection. The current emissions inspection exemption in these counties for new cars from the three most recent model years will also remain in effect . The new law, effective December 1st, acknowledges the relatively minimal environmental impact of the older vehicles targeted for this exemption.

FAVORITE RIDES OF 2019

Editor’s note: The Wall Street Journal has a Tuesday feature called “My Ride” authored by A. J. Baime which I find interesting. I will try to include details and photos about some of these vehicles during 2020 issues of this newsletter.

A.J. Baime writes for a multitude of magazines including New York Times , Road & Track and the Wall Street Journal. He has appeared on Jay Leno’s Garage and as a host and race car driver in online documentary pieces. Here are his 10 favorite rides of 2019.

- 1957 Corvette - owned by a retired head of GM’s Design Department.
- Two 1951 Frazer Manhattans - owned by two men living in the same town and working for Duke University.
- A hand-built replica of a 1936 Alfa Romeo 8C - owned by a retired software company owner.
- 1966 Ford GT40 Mk II - The actual car that beat Ferrari at the Le Mans race.
- 1962 Studebaker Gran Turismo Hawk - owned by Jake Kaywell, billed as the youngest Studebaker fan. (age 19)
- 1990 Citroen Deux Chevaux - purchased in 1990 and presented to his daughter when she got her license in 2006. She and the car are the same age.
- 1934 Ford roadster that achieved a speed of 210.588 mph at Bonneville in 2005.
- 1972 Honda CB175 motorcycle - owned and restored by Shasta Smith, who now owns her own motorcycle restoration shop in Sacramento.
- 1960 VW Westfalia camper - owned by a banker in Nashville. It came with a tent and a table that folds into a bed.
- A Mustang enthusiast family of eight brothers and sisters who each own at least one Mustang. Their last name is Speed. Their Mustangs are part of every family reunion.

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