



# NCKCC News

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On Father's Day the Blackhawk Museum Plaza displayed a wide spectrum of cars from new Ferraris to stockcar racers to overpowered Ramblers.

### COMING EVENTS

- July 3, 2012 - Benicia Torchlight Parade
- July 7, 2012 - Patio Party at King residence in Walnut Creek.
- July 19, 2012 - Danville "Hot Summer Nights" car show. Thursday 5:30-8:30 p.m.

## **FROM THE PREZ**

When preparing this column for July 2012, I opened the July 2011 "From the Prez" column and reflected again on my written words. My feelings for the "Fourth of July" and the "Star Spangled Banner" haven't changed so I thought I would once again "rerun" this same July column from 2010/2011.

"From the Prez", July 2010:

"When July rolls into view, our thoughts always go the "Fourth of July", Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Ice Cream, Apple Pie and, sometimes, even the "Star Spangled Banner". I would like to make a few comments about the last item in that list.

When I drove around my home town on Memorial Day, I expected to see many flags flying. Disappointingly, I saw only a few. It appears that many of our fellow citizens think that if you display the US Flag, that you obviously support every policy, be it foreign or domestic, past, present, future, that every executive branch, legislative body, or high court has ever promoted.

I have a different thought on what it means to display the Flag. I prefer to think that when I display the Flag, I am supporting the ideals that our founding fathers wrote in the Declaration of Independence and later in the US Constitution and the Bill of Rights. It is those ideals that we as a nation must continually strive to meet. Obviously, we are not there yet. At least, in our imperfect democracy, we have a path to follow as we work toward making those ideals a reality. That path was forged by many who gave everything they had, even their lives, to keep and advance those ideals for future generations.

Come the "Fourth of July", I hope that you will all take the time to hoist the "Stars and Stripes" and show that you too honor and promote those same ideals."

The month of July has two Club activities on the agenda. The Benicia Torchlight Parade and Dinner is on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Torchlight Parade is always great fun and Benicia's small town atmosphere makes for really memorable outing. Chuck & Sue Maddox are the Champions of the event and they have chosen the "Union Hotel" restaurant for the private post-parade dinner. Be sure to give them a call if you are planning to attend.

Don't forget the King's Patio Party on Saturday, July

7<sup>th</sup> in Walnut Creek. It's always a lot of fun and a chance to meet many of Paul and Ruth's friends who are not club members. Please let them know if you plan to attend.

Take care, Hope to see y'all soon,

Jim W

## **BENICIA TORCH LIGHT PARADE JULY 3RD.**

By Chuck Maddux

Just a reminder that the annual torchlight parade in Benicia is NOW, Tuesday. We will gather at our house (126 "D" Street in Benicia) at 4:30 to 5:00 to decorate our fine automobiles for the parade up 1st street to the cheers of thousands of our fans big & small lining the street.

Following the parade we can again park our cars at our house and regroup at the Union Hotel, a half block from our home. We anticipate a fine Italian dinner in a private room, savoring the food and swapping a few stories of our adventures.

It is easy to get here. Coming from 80 or 680 head toward Benicia on 780, take the East Second or East fifth St. off ramp. On E 2nd head south turning right on Military to 1 St. then left down to East D, then left to the first house on the right. From E 5th, head for the water (south) to East H (stop sign), right to E 2nd, left to E D, Right to 126 (last house on the left). It's a 2 story 160 year old brick house. There should be plenty of room in our driveway for all cars to park for the decoration party and some goodies from the kitchen.

Please let us know if you're coming so we can fix some munchies. Call (707) 745-4361 or [camnsam@att.net](mailto:camnsam@att.net)

## **PARTY AT KING'S JULY 7**

By Paul King

The Kings are once again having one of their annual deck & lawn parties on Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup>. The gathering will include NCKCC, the Snow Chasers and Paul's music group "Jump-In". This year the main excuse is Paul's birthday on the 7<sup>th</sup> but it is also 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary for founding of NCKCC and some other memorable dates in the 'King's History'.

Enjoy a great view and a Margarita or two, some food and some really good music. If you have a

completed car, bring it. Let me know first so we can save a parking spot for you. We will need to know how many are coming so be sure to RSVP. Phone: 925-938-3035, or [aprhk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:aprhk@sbcglobal.net) Also if you want to bring a food dish or a bottle of wine, call Ruth to coordinate details.

## **FATHER'S DAY SHOW AT BLACKHAWK AUTO MUSEUM**

By Vern Hance  
I attended the Blackhawk Museum's "Cruising The Classics" car show on June 17th but was unable to find any other NCKCC club members. I found the show to be a bit smaller than last year, however I got there a bit late (noon). Also the previous day's 105 degree temperatures may have kept many folks at home close to the A/C.

Carol & I did try a gourmet hot dog with sauerkraut and all the fixings and found a shady place on the plaza to enjoy it.

The plaza was packed with cars from race cars to V-8 powered '56 Ramblers (Cover page) plus a Ferrari and a Kurtis. (Below)



There were some impressive Customized cars like the T-Bird and Buick (?) shown above.

Also spotted was this lovely MGA & MGB pair shown on next page.





And, of course I had to prove I was there, but I liked the '39 Woody also.



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Al Bohr's Fino with Cadillac Northstar power

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Al Clavelli's Ferrari Testarossa