



# NCKCC News

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For me this '37 Lincoln Zephyr was the star of the show at the Blackhawk Father's Day Show. A lot more dramatic than the original, with its chopped top, rakish windshield, and paint treatment, and so beautiful.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 3, 2015 - Benicia "Torchlight Parade". RSVP to Chuck Maddux (See page 2)
- July 25, 2015 - Jamestown, CA "Rods to Rails" Car Show. Entry Form at [www.nckcc.com](http://www.nckcc.com) Click on 'Hotline' RSVP to Dave Decato so we can caravan to the show. (See page 4)
- August 1, 2015 - Calif. Auto Museum visit, Car Show and Cruise (See page 4)

## **FROM THE PREZ**

By Jim Wagner

The month of July has two car activities on the agenda. The Benicia "Torchlight Parade" is on Friday, July 3rd. The Torchlight Parade is always great fun and Benicia's small town atmosphere makes for really "good time" event. Chuck & Sue Maddox are the Club champions of this annual event and they have chosen the Union Hotel restaurant for a post-parade dinner. Be sure to give them or Vern a call or e-mail if you are planning to attend. Detailed info is elsewhere in this newsletter.

Also, later in the month, on Saturday, July 25th, is the "Rods to Rails" Car Show in Jamestown, CA. This is the first appearance of this car show in our schedule. Dave DeCato is the Club champion for this event. In addition to the noted "Railtown 1897 State Historic Park", there is always plenty to do and see in historic Jamestown. Be sure to call or e-mail Dave or Vern if you are planning to attend this event. Detailed info is elsewhere in this newsletter.

With the first of July nearly here, I would ask you all to take a few moments to reflect on all those who made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our right to fly the "Star Spangled Banner". Come the "Fourth of July", I hope that you will all take the time to hoist those beautiful "Stars and Stripes" in their honor.

Take care,

Jim W

## **BENICIA JULY 3rd PARADE IS ON !**

By Chuck Maddux

The annual Benicia Torchlight Parade is on tap for the evening of July 3rd. Benicia has one of the most appreciative parade watchers who will hoot and holler at your every wave. It starts at 6:30 pm, so you can start arriving at our house around 5 or so, where we have snacks and drinks while you decorate your cars that you can park in our driveway before and after the parade. At the conclusion of the parade we will all proceed to The Union Hotel, a very short walk away to enjoy a tasty dinner and chit chat the evening away.

Currently it looks like we will have about 3 or 4 cars in the parade and about eight people joining in the dinner. Call Chuck if you're coming but haven't responded yet.

Our address is; 126 East D St., Benicia. If you plan to attend, phone us at (707) 745-4361 or email [camnsam@att.net](mailto:camnsam@att.net)

To get here take either Hwy 680 or 80 to 780, follow the signs to Benicia and take the East 5th St. off ramp. Turn South toward the river and proceed to East H St.(Stop sign), turn right and go to East 2nd St.(stop sign), turn left to East D St.(stop sign), turn right to 126 (two story 1852 brick house on the left on the hill), proceed carefully up the driveway to the backside of the house.

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

On June 21st the Blackhawk Auto Museum again hosted a Father's Day car show.

I attended the show but was late, arriving about noon, and found a much smaller show than past years. The lower parking lot closest to the museum had a good variety of cars, several of which were displayed last year. Some of my favorites included 2 pedigreed '37 Cords and a nice Auburn Boat-tail Speedster that I would guess was a '34.







An unusual 3-wheeler that I haven't seen before was a Polaris Slingshot. It was a front engine, rear drive (single wheel) vehicle that the owner told me was a real 'autocross' contender. It was powered by a 2.4 liter, 4-cylinder GM Ecotec engine that claimed about 173 HP output. There were lots of late model cars including Corvettes and Porsches and a fair number of Macho 4-WD off-road machines plus the custom shown below.



The upper Plaza display had only 5 cars which included the 2 Cords mentioned above. The others included a Lotus Elite Turbo and an Indy-car racer. The most dramatic Plaza entry was a '37 Lincoln Zephyr that was extensively customized and 'drop dead' beautiful as you may have noticed on the cover.



## **RODS TO RAILS CAR SHOW - JAMESTOWN, CA - JULY 25th**

This is a new show for our club to attend, however Dave DeCato vouches for it as a "Good Show". The show runs from 7a.m. to 3 p.m. with awards presented at 2 p.m. The cost is \$35 including a \$10 Merchant credit. Dave tells me any car registered as 'Modified' will be parked on Main Street and 'Stock' car will be parked at Railtown Park. Keep that in mind when you fill out your registration form, which is available at [www.nckcc.com](http://www.nckcc.com) - click on Hotline.

Jamestown is an interesting town in the Gold Country with a population of about 3,400 and is located about 2.5 hours drive from Oakland on Highway 108.

A walk down Main Street in Historic Jamestown is a step back in time. You'll see a mixture of buildings from different eras. Wooden buildings dating from the winding down of the Gold Rush. Stone buildings with iron shutters from about the same time designed to withstand the fires that were common at that time. Wooden buildings in the Victorian style from the turn into the 20th century.

In the early summer of 1848—a few months after the famous discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill near Sacramento that started the Gold Rush—an Oregon man named Benjamin Wood discovered the first gold in the area in what is now known as Woods Creek. The discovery site is about 1 mile west of what is today downtown Jamestown.

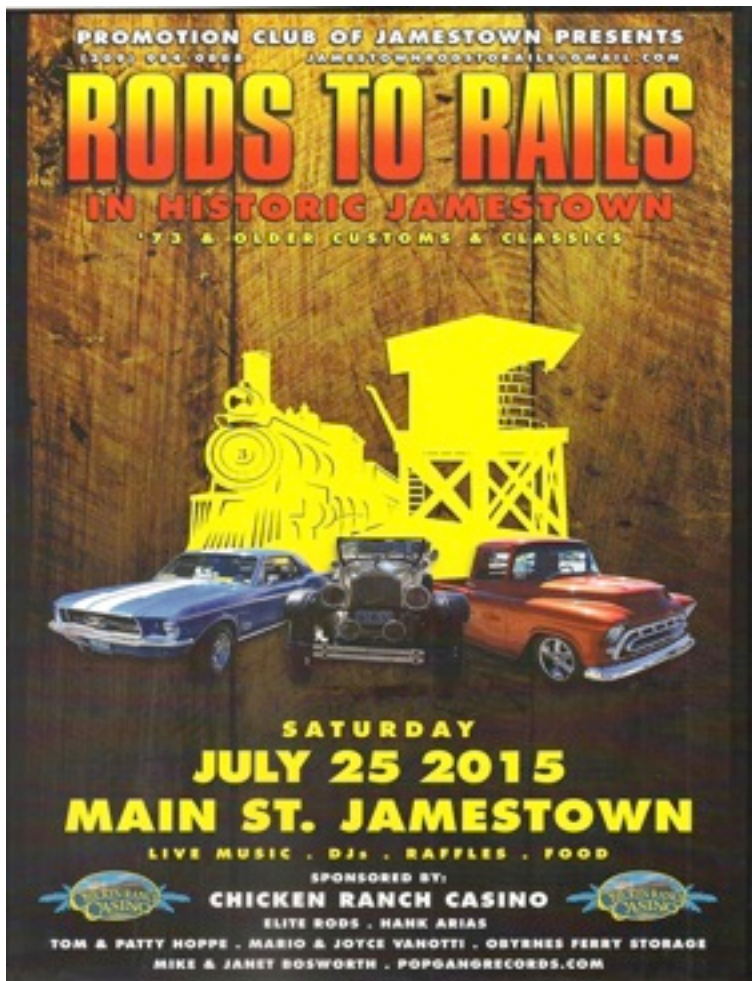
Jamestown was named for a man who came here from San Francisco named Col. George F. James, who set up a tent near Woods Creek selling food and supplies for the miners. He was the town's first *alcade*, a sort of Godfather-like official unique to the legal system at that time, when California was still part of Mexico. He eventually disappeared under a cloud, leaving many unhappy investors in his schemes.

Jamestown went through many boom and bust periods, and became more prominent at the turn into the twentieth century as a result of nearby underground quartz gold mines and the Sierra Railway, which transported quartz ore (with its embedded gold) to the plants in the Bay Area that extracted gold from it. The railway also shipped out lumber from the high country.

However, the Sierra Railway itself, unlike the vast majority of other short railway lines, survived, and it continues today, mainly hauling (with diesel

locomotives) lumber and lumber products from mills in Standard and Chinese Camp to Oakdale. Jamestown itself has also survived. It was the area's Red Light District until the 1950s, when Governor Pat Brown, then Attorney General, shut that form of entrepreneurship down. Jamestown's economy today is mainly tourism.

Dave DeCato will be leading a group from the 7-11 Store (next to the Big B Lumbereria) in Brentwood at 6 a.m. If that doesn't fit your route, try to arrive in Jamestown by 8 a.m. as the show parking spots get filled before 9 a.m. Please let Dave know if you plan to attend, especially if you want to caravan from Brentwood. Call (925) 679-1024 or email [decato@juno.com](mailto:decato@juno.com)



## **7th ANNUAL CAM CAR CRUISE** **SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2015**

The initial meeting spot and Car Show is in the parking lot at Cal State. In past years this show starts about noon and the cruise to Fulton Street starts at 4 p.m.

The Car Show on Fulton is free to spectators and runs until 8:00 p.m.

Gorgeous cars will cruise on through from Sac State to Fulton Avenue on a Police/CHP regulated route with no stops.

This is known as Sacramento's BEST Car Cruise and Show. Spectators of all ages are welcome to cheer Cruisers along the path from Sac State to Fulton Avenue, then walk freely around Fulton to enjoy some summer fun! Cruise begins at 4:00 pm, ending in a car show and music festival 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm on Fulton.

This show is free and open to the public to come and enjoy great cars from all eras. We are expecting over 400 vehicles to participate this year, so bring your cameras! We'll have a beer garden, food trucks, and live music to celebrate a hot summer day in Sacramento.

You can register your car online at <http://www.calautomuseum.org/product/2015-car-cruise/>

This website is a bit confusing but it appears that the total fee is \$34, for which you get a free T-shirt.

## **BILL COULD LAUNCH NEW AMERICAN CLASSIC CAR INDUSTRY!**

By The ACCC...June 20 - Representing The Collector Car Hobby Since 1972!

There could be more classic cars hitting the road soon. Cars that look like classics, that is. The Low Volume Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Act of 2015, introduced this month in the House of Representatives, would allow small companies to produce and sell ready-to-drive replicas of classic cars without subjecting them to the prohibitively expensive safety and emissions tests the major automakers' vehicles must undergo. Hobbyists build hundreds of Shelby Cobra, Ford "Deuce Coupes" and other vintage clones each year. State-by-state laws today allow the sale of component "kits" which must be assembled by the buyer or a third-party



shop. Under the new rules, registered companies would be allowed to produce and sell up to 500 finished cars in the U.S. each year that would carry a federally issued Vehicle Identification Number.

The bill, H.R. 2675, co-sponsored by Reps. Mark Mullin (R-Okla.) and Gene Green (D-Texas), is supported by the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA), which represents the kit car and aftermarket parts industry. It would require these cars to use modern engines that have already been certified by their suppliers to meet current emissions standards, but it would exempt them from the most stringent federal safety regulations. Perhaps most importantly, the cars will have to be exact visual replicas of vehicles that are at least 25 years old, and their original manufacturers must license the designs. Stuart Gosswein, SEMA's senior director of federal government affairs, said previous attempts to create this type of low volume classification were stymied in part by opposition from some major automakers. Allowing only classic, and not unique, designs should make it more palatable for the industry to accept, he said. A spokesman for The Alliance for Automobile Manufacturers said the group was reviewing the legislation and had no comment at this time.

"The current law does not take into account the unique challenges that small auto manufacturers face when it comes to recreating historic cars," Mullin said in a press release accompanying the bill's introduction. "We can't expect these companies to be able to comply with a law that was established in the 1960s for automakers that mass-produce millions of vehicles every year. We need to encourage growth in our manufacturing market, not create unnecessary barriers." Gosswein predicts the impact on the auto industry will be small; eventually accounting for only about 1,500 cars a year, but even that number could create hundreds or thousands of jobs nationwide. Lance Stander, whose company, Superperformance, sells Shelby Cobra, Ford GT40 and Chevrolet Corvette replicas without drivetrains, expects his business will expand within a year from 20 to 100 people if the bill passes, and that it will make it easier to export its California-assembled products. He said a business like his would have to invest over \$100 million under the current regulations to become a fully-fledged manufacturer, even at the low volumes being targeted. He said he's excited by the prospect of potentially dozens of companies building new cars, likening it to the pre-World War II automotive industry before it consolidated into the Big Three.

David Smith, owner of Massachusetts-based Factory Five Racing, the largest manufacturer of kits, said he will continue to focus on that end of the business, but he added that the law would open up new avenues of

innovation by allowing small companies to develop cutting-edge automotive technologies by using these replica platforms. Smith, who sells several products that feature modern, original designs, said he thinks the restriction to classics is unfortunate, but he added that they attract people to car shows and other events, so the more of them out there, the better.

H.R. 2675 has been referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, where it awaits further action. To qualify, companies would have to sell fewer than 5,000 cars worldwide each year.

Contact us with comments, suggestions, question, concerns, or just to talk anytime.  
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## **JUNE 5 - ACCC URGENT LEGISLATIVE ALERT**

### **SB 8 Senator Hertzberg - Taxation .**

This California bill would state legislative findings regarding the Upward Mobility Act, key provisions of which would expand the application of the Sales and Use Tax law by imposing a tax on specified services, would enhance the state's business climate and would incentivize entrepreneurship and business.

*I read the above bill and am shocked that the legislature is actually trying to promote this bill as the "Upward Mobility Act". How is an additional sales and use tax on the citizens of California going cause any upward mobility. This bill is a scam on taxpayers and business.*

*The legislature wants to tax services, i.e. tax labor. For example, when you get your car fixed and the mechanic quotes \$400.00 labor you will pay probably 8% or an additional \$32.00 that you don't pay now. When you take your Hot Rod in to get body/ paint work and technician quotes a total of \$8,000.00 of which \$6,000.00 is labor you will pay an additional \$480.00.*

*This is scam and does not help the businesses who collect this money and pass it over to the state. I might add that California business collects this money for the state and receives no compensation for their efforts from the state.*

*I encourage all to contact your representative in both the assembly and the senate and voice your opposition to this taxation bill.*

### **SB 16 Senator Beall - Taxation.**

*I also read this bill again and found that unlike the advertisements and statements by the bill's author, Senator Beall a large portion of these revenues will go to the General Fund. This is what the legislature did over the last decade when they robbed funds from the highway accounts for their pet projects. This bill is not about fixing our crumbling highways and roads...It's all about Tax & Spend something that they are experts at!*

*I encourage all to contact your representative in both the assembly and the senate and voice your opposition to this taxation bill.*

The Senate Appropriations Committee says the effects of SB 16 (per the the Board of Equalization) Total revenues (excise and sales tax) from the gasoline and diesel tax rate increases would lead to revenue gains of \$1.048 billion in 2015-16 and \$1.863 billion in 2016-17 (General Fund and special funds).

The proposed \$100 fee on zero emission vehicles would generate \$10.8 million annually (special funds).

The proposed \$35 increase in the vehicle registration fee would generate \$1.085 billion annually (special funds).

Assuming no other changes beyond the increased VLF rate itself, the rate increase to 1.0% would generate \$1.216 billion annually when fully phased-in (General Fund).

## **CALIFORNIA BLACK PLATES ARE BACK!**

California license plates are finally back in black. The model is available through The California Legacy License Plate Program. The plates were originally issued from 1963-1969. The new black plates with yellow lettering are being made at Folsom prison.

The Department of Motor Vehicles announced Monday that it had started production on new California plates with black backgrounds and yellow lettering. The model, originally used from 1963-69, is available through the California Legacy License

Plate Program – a result of Los Angeles Assemblyman Mike Gatto's Assembly Bill 1658.



For the black plates to be issued, a total of 7,500 applications had to be turned in to the state agency. The DMV reached that number in June 2014. Gatto said his bill, introduced in 2012, was an attempt to preserve the state's "strong automotive culture ... . It started with the realization that there are an awful lot of people who like classic cars in this state. If you complete an old car restoration from the ground up, nothing is worse than being forced to stamp the current, bright-white license plate on it." Gatto is a car buff whose first car restoration was a 1971 Triumph Spitfire. He said that before his bill, the only option for car enthusiasts was to find old, authentic plates on eBay or at garage sales.

The problem, said DMV spokeswoman Jessica Gonzalez, is car owners must find a license plate that matches the car's model year, in compliance with the DMV's year-of-manufacture policy. "It's not easy and people end up paying an arm and a leg to get one," Gonzalez said. The California Prison Industry Authority discovered and restored the 1960s license plate molds at Folsom State Prison, where the custom classic plates will continue to be made.

Eric Menjivar, Gatto's communications director, described the reintroduction of the plates as a "nice gesture for old car lovers," trading "ugly white" for shiny black with yellow lettering.

California car owners can order the reproduced plates through the DMV for \$50 online or via mail. The price is the same for standard or personalized plate numbers. The DMV began processing 7,500 preordered plates June 17. Preorder customers can expect standard plate numbers to be complete within two to three weeks. Personalized plates – accounting for 55 percent of preorders – should be ready in August, Gonzalez said. Preordered plates will be available for pickup at local AAA or DMV locations.

## **COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY JULY 10, 2015**

The U.S. Senate passed Senate Resolution 196 (S. Res. 196) at the request of the [SEMA Action Network \(SAN\)](#) designating July 10, 2015 as "[Collector Car Appreciation Day \(CCAD\)](#)." S. Res. 196 was sponsored by Congressional Automotive Performance and Motorsports Caucus Co-Chairs Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) and Senator Jon Tester (D-MT). The date marks the sixth commemoration in what has become an annual event to celebrate and raise awareness of the vital role automotive restoration and collection plays in American society.

A growing list of scheduled events, like car shows, cruise-ins and parades, will be held in support of this annual celebration. The SAN is maintaining the event list to commemorate the day at [semaSAN.com/CCAD](http://semaSAN.com/CCAD). Individuals, car clubs and business owners interested in publicizing events can submit the details [using this link](#). Companies should consider hosting a "drive your collector car to work" day for staff members. More event ideas are available [at this link](#). If you are unable to celebrate on July 10th, the SAN encourages events to be scheduled throughout the month of July to honor the classics of the past and the future. Event organizers will be sent a copy of the official Senate Resolution for display at each event.

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### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2015**

- July 3, 2015 - Benicia "Torchlight Parade". Chuck Maddux, Champion
- July 25, 2015 - Jamestown, CA "Rods to Rails" Car Show. Dave DeCato, Champion
- August 1, 2015 - Calif. Auto Museum visit, Car Show and Cruise
- August 15, 2015 - Niles "Hot August Niles" Car Show
- September 5, 2015 - Clayton Derby & Car Show, Clayton, CA
- September 19, 2015 - NCKCC Annual Show at Oakland Aviation Museum
- October 17, 2015 - Wine Tour to a new location. Jim Wagner, Champion
- November, 2015 - No Event scheduled. HAPPY THANKSGIVING !!
- December 6, 2015 - Sunday Brunch at Basil Leaf Cafe. Vern Hance Champion.