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Our Car Show activity for May & June. From Top: Niles "Spring Fever"; Art & Wine Saturday; Art & Wine Sunday.

COMING EVENTS

- June 17, 2012 - Father's Day Car Show at Blackhawk Museum. No advance registration. \$10 fee. Starts at 9 am but if you want to get a spot on the plaza get there early.
- July 3, 2012 - Benicia Torchlight Parade
- July 7, 2012 - Patio Party at King residence in Walnut Creek.

FROM THE PREZ

Our Club activity for the month of May was a return to the "Niles Spring Fever" Car Show. As is usually the case for this show, there were plenty of great cars spanning the realm of car collecting from "Antiques" to "Hot Rods", "Lead Sleds" to "Muscle Cars" and Mustangs to Ferraris. (Well, only one Ferrari!) I arrived early in the Fiero ZR2 to secure a couple of parking spots for our group. The DeCatos arrived a short time later in their bright green GM pick-up. They brought with them a "pop-up" canopy that was much appreciated as the afternoon sun was intense. Dave Jones and Bill Landers displayed their beautiful Cobras a short distance away. Vern Hance and Chuck Maddox arrived a little later with their unique Mercedes 500K replicas and parked by the ZR2. Jim Smith drove all the way in from Oakdale to display his snake-eyed Cobra. (It also has the requisite fangs.) Club representation at this event was probably an all time high with 7 member cars on display. Paul and Ruth King dropped in around noon time to discuss some show issues with the group. I took the opportunity to partake lunch with Paul, Ruth, and Chuck across the street at "Bronco Billy's". Luckily, I split my order with Chuck and we both had plenty.

We talked to a number of people about our cars and invited them to our September show. Overall, I think we all enjoyed the event.

The Walnut Creek Art and Wine Festival on Saturday & Sunday, June 2nd & 3rd. has already passed, but the NCKCC again displayed many of our member cars on a shaded grassy knoll overlooking the rows of Art & Wine Festival vendors. The WC Art & Wine has lots to see and eat and is also a great opportunity for the Club to "push" our September NCKCC Show in Concord to the "local" car enthusiasts from Contra Costa County.

Another June event is the Father's Day "Cruising The Classics" show at the Blackhawk Museum on June 17th. You don't need to register in advance - just show up.

Also, a reminder about the July 3rd "Torchlight Parade" in Benicia. The newsletter will probably not be delivered until after the Tuesday parade so don't forget to mark your calendar.

Take care, Hope to see y'all soon,

Jim W

FATHER'S DAY SHOW AT BLACKHAWK AUTO MUSEUM

The Blackhawk Museum is again sponsoring "Cruising The Classics" car show on June 17th. For those who have never been, they run a fabulous event on the Plaza in front of the Auto Museum. The car show is open to anyone who wants to show off their ride. There will be a gourmet sausage and hot dog vendor, great rock band 'Juke Joint' performing and many activities for the whole family. Dads get free admission to the Museum, but others need to buy a ticket to see the fantastic auto exhibition inside the Museum, and take a peek at our collection of Roadside Relics, featuring vintage Jukeboxes, gas pumps, etc. Here are the highlights:

- Bring a rod, classic, or muscle car (Dad's can bring their favorite vehicle regardless of make, because it's Father's Day) & drivers will receive admission to the Museum & a Commemorative Dash Plaque (There is a \$10 registration fee per vehicle). There is no need to register beforehand, simply show up around 9:00am and register your vehicle. Parking on the plaza is first come first serve with overflow parking in the lots below.
- Pinstripers will be on hand to stripe personal items for a fee & display their wares.
- Live music from Juke Joint will set the mood.
- Free Hot Dogs for Children
- Self-Directed, Hands-On Children's Activities are available next to the Styling Exhibition. Also, Crackers the Clown will be on hand to make balloon animals for the children.

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 7th. 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 7th but it is also 30th 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

NILES SPRING FEVER SHOW MAY 19

By Vern Hance

This year we had a nice warm day for a Spring Car Show. We had 3 Cobras, 2 Mercedes 500Ks, a ZR-2 Fiero and a Chevy Pickup, all displayed by the seven club members in attendance.

Jim Wagner pretty well reported on the show in his 'From The Prez' column, so I will concentrate on some of the pictures.

Shown below are the attendees with Bill Landers and Dave Jones missing.



Above: Jim Smith's Cobra shows its snake eyes and fangs.

GET READY FOR OUR FOURTH ANNUAL CAM CAR CRUISE.

The 4th Annual CAM Car Cruise, hosted by the California Automobile Museum (CAM), will be a fun-filled day for the whole family as we cruise through the streets of Sacramento and along Fulton Avenue (Cruise Route Map) where we will conclude with a huge car show on Fulton between El Camino and Marconi. Attendees are encouraged to enjoy the local fares of Fulton Avenue merchants, plus we will have a beer garden, live bands, vendors and more!



Price for car cruise is only \$39 Earlybird Rate through July 15, which includes the Cruise, Car Show, Awards, T-shirt commemorative window decal and goodie bag. Cancellations will result in a \$15 Admin Fee and you will still receive a T-shirt. After July 15, registration is still a low \$49!

Spectators: General admission is free for spectators.

Where to park/view if you want to watch the Cruise? Anywhere along the Cruise Route to watch the Cruise between 4 and 5pm, and in the blue areas of the parking map (Tognotti's, Town and Country Village) if you want to join us for the Car Show with a live band, beer gardens and awards after (5-8pm). Cruise Participants will be parked directly on Fulton Avenue between Marconi and El Camino.

Award Categories

- Favorite Muscle Car - Sponsored by Big O Tires
- Favorite GM
- Favorite Mopar



Above: Bill Landers & Dave Jones settled in a different spot, but we didn't forget them. DeCato's Chevy Pickup is shown below.



Favorite Ford
 Favorite Street Rod
 Favorite Truck - Sponsored by VEPA
 Favorite Orphan (Hudson, Nash, Studebaker, Kaiser, AMC, Packard, etc.)
 Favorite Foreign
 Favorite Sports Car (2-seats)
 Favorite Lowrider
 Favorite Original/Unrestored
 Most Extreme
 Favorite Vintage Motorcycle
 Favorite Convertible
 Favorite Rat Rod/Rockabilly/Suede
 Director's Choice
 President's Choice
 Farthest Traveled
 Fulton Avenue Association Choice - Sponsored by Fulton Avenue Association
 Car Club with Most Entries
 Best of Show - Sponsored by Fulton Avenue Association



Sunday's cars (above) included Bill Landers' Cobra, Pat & Anita Cooley's '27 Bugatti, Mark Rubenstein's M-B Baron and the two Mercedes 500Ks from Saturday plus Paul Kings BMW.

Even with the smaller number of cars, the spectator interest seemed to be greater than in past years, and the car owners got lots of opportunities to pass out invitations to attend our Annual September Show at the Concord Hilton.

As always, our small show was a great time for story telling among our NCKCC group and made for a nice social event.

ART & WINE FESTIVAL 2012

By Vern Hance

As many of you remember, last year's Art & Wine Fest was marked by a weekend of heavy rains. But this year it was the complete opposite, with perfect sunny weather and temperatures in the 75 to 80 degree range.

We didn't have as many cars this year, only five each day, but they represented a good range of models.

Saturday's cars (below) included red '52 MG-TDs owned by Jerry Barrilleaux and Dick & Annette Thomson, Mercedes 500Ks displayed by Chuck Maddux & Vern Hance and a Sebring (Austin-Healey replica) driven by Bob & Linda Kluber. We also let Paul King park his alleged BMW replica nearby.

Below: Bill seems to have the full attention of the Sunday group.



Below: Lots of people wanted to be pictured as proud owners as they posed by our cars.



ACCC LEGISLATION REPORT

AB 2289 (Jeffries) Vehicles: specially constructed vehicles: emission control inspection.

Status:05/10/2012-In Senate. Read first time. Sent to Committee for assignment.

Summary: Existing law requires that specially constructed vehicles be inspected by stations authorized to perform referee functions by the Department of Consumer Affairs for the purpose of determining the engine model-year used in the vehicle or the vehicle model-year, and the emission control system application. Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide an initial registration to no more than the first 500 specially constructed vehicles that meet specified criteria and are presented to the department each year for registration. This bill would require the Department of Motor Vehicles to establish, maintain, and make available to the public the number of current applicants each year for registration of a specially constructed vehicle in the order in which the applications are received. The bill would also require the department to indicate the number of specially constructed vehicles that have been registered for that year. The bill would require the department to consider an application that is received after it has registered 500 specially constructed vehicles in a calendar year in the subsequent calendar year based on the order in which the application is received. The bill would require the department to reject an application from an applicant if the applicant already has another application pending before the department. This bill contains other related provisions.

SEMA SAYS: WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR STATE?

So far this year, thousands of new legislative initiatives have been introduced across the U.S. and Canada, hundreds of which are being closely tracked and analyzed by the SEMA Action Network (SAN). We've already had several successes, most prominently in Maryland (historic vehicles), Virginia (backyard restoration), Utah (vintage trailers), Washington State (restoration and customizing) and Nebraska (special interest vehicles) with many more to come. Because of you, the SAN remains the premier hobbyist network of its kind.

Now that we are three months into the new legislative season, we have compiled an updated list of new bills that may be of interest to vehicle enthusiasts. The most pressing of these bills will continue to be the subject of Action Alerts that are e-mailed to SAN members and highlighted in our monthly publication, Driving Force. The compilation is available on the SAN website, www.semasan.com. Along the top menu bar of the website you will find 'LEGISLATION'. Select 'State' and then choose the state of interest to view a list of pending legislation. Some of the bills listed on the site will not advance past introduction; others will go on to become the laws of tomorrow. As bills progress through the legislature, the SAN aims to inform our contacts and continue to encourage their participation in the legislative process through e-mails and phone calls to state representatives. Such correspondence has a proven and direct impact on the decisions of legislators.

We encourage you to visit www.semasan.com. The information on this site will provide you with the tools you need to help affect real change, protect the industry and hobby from detrimental state laws, and proactively support favorable ones. If you are not yet a member of the SEMA Action Network, we encourage you to join and remain active with our efforts. Joining the [SAN is a simple process](#). Most importantly, it's FREE and carries no obligation. Please contact Greg Dooley at gregd@sema.org if you have any questions. He would be happy to provide you with any bill's full text, current status and committee information.

BENICIA TORCH LIGHT PARADE JULY 3RD.

By Chuck Maddux

Just a reminder that the annual torchlight parade in Benicia is less than a month away. This small town family oriented affair is the hit of the 4th weekend. 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

CARROLL SHELBY PASSES AT 89

That headline sounds a bit like a commentator's line at a car race, which is probably appropriate for the legendary car racer who died on May 10, 2012. He had several careers during his long life including, chicken farmer, race driver, race team owner, automotive consultant and safari tour operator. He was also legendary in medical history, being the nations longest-living heart transplant recipient after having received the heart of a 34-year-old man in 1990 as well as a kidney transplant from one of his sons in 1996.

Born in Leesburg, Texas, in 1923, he won the first road race he ever entered and went on to be Sports Illustrated's Driver of the Year in 1956 and '57. He capped off his career by winning the 1959 24 Hours of Le Mans for Aston Martin. He will be most remembered for his racing and automotive developments. Think Le Mans, Cobras, Vipers and Ford Mustangs.

Even in the early 1960s it was not a new idea to put an American V-8 in a nimble European roadster. But it took someone with Carroll's inexhaustible charm to make it work. In this case, to convince one of the world's smallest car makers and one of the largest to cooperate with one another on what would become the legendary Shelby Cobra. And it happened in large part because Carroll was able to convince Ford that AC was committed to the idea and AC that Ford was committed to the idea long before it was, strictly speaking, true.

Once the Cobra was born, even greater successes followed. In 1965 the Cobras would go on to be the first American team to win the world championship for sports cars. That same year, at the behest of Ford's Lee Iacocca, the Texan debuted the Shelby Mustang. And in 1966 and 1967, Shelby played a key role in

helping Ford's international racing program capture Le Mans.

And there was also his godfather role to the Dodge Viper and more recently a new generation of Shelby Mustangs.

In the Kit Car world he was a loud critic of fiberglass replica builders. And yet he got on the fiberglass bandwagon after he largely failed in his efforts to sue a number of Cobra replica manufacturers. It is likely that few who met Carroll Shelby ever forgot the experience. Carroll was perhaps never at risk of being nominated for sainthood, he always made the car world a more interesting and exciting place.

MEMORIAL DAY CAR SHOW AT LAKEPORT

By Vern Hance, Editor

A couple of our stalwart car show attendees, namely Jim Smith and Bill Landers, went to Lakeport for a car show over the Memorial Day weekend.

Unfortunately, I failed to get much of a story about their adventure.

The point of this "Non-Story" is for me to appeal to those of you that attend other shows or car related events to send me an email with a story or just a few details on your experience. Feedback on these activities can provide interesting news for other club members.

It can also provide some ideas on how other organizations run their car shows that might provide some ideas to make our show more fun and add appeal for spectators.

So please consider yourselves as reporters for our NCKCC News. I need all the help I can get.

EVENTS CALENDAR - 2012.

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- July 3, 2012 - Benicia Torchlight Parade & Dinner at a local Restaurant.
- 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.
- August 15 & 16, 2012 - Little Car Show (Wednesday); Then Pebble Beach Cars Tour d'Elegance with cars on display in Carmel during lunch stop (Thursday).

FOR SALE

BUGATTI 1927 Bugatti, good cond. Never wrecked. Yellow paint, brown upholstery that needs rework. Less than 50 miles on 1600cc recond. engine. Consider delivery. \$3000.00. (See photo) Dave Fernandez 530-384-2778 email daf360hd@att.net (3-10)



From top:: Dave Fernandex '27 Bugatti

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. **Reduced to \$19,900.** Call Al Bohr (503-632-8372) or e-mail: albohr@bctonline.com. (10/09)



Al Bohr's Fino with Cadillac Northstar power

FERRARI Testarossa (yellow). This beautiful and extremely well built smog exempt car won 7 awards including first place at Knott's and was featured in Kit Car Illustrated. The chassis is a lengthened Fiero, with a Chevrolet 327 engine, a Getrag 5-speed transmission, authentic Ferrari chrome-plated aluminum wheels, Eagle F-1 tires, plus many other amenities. This is my fourth replica and is by far the best. \$21,500. Al Clavelli 650 573-8125 or e-mail alclavelli@aol.com. (7/11)

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Shown above right are the cars listed.



Al Clavelli's Ferrari Testarossa