



# NCKCC News

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Here is our destination for March 18, 2018, "The Cobra Experience", at 777 Arnold Drive, Suite 200 in Martinez. Be there 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. for the Cars & Coffee Event. Or you can come at 10 a.m. when we expect to get a guided tour of the Museum.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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- April 8, 2018 - April Fool's Rally by Empire Sports Car Ass'n; Santa Rosa
- May 12, 2018 - USS Hornet Museum visit, Alameda, CA
- June 2 & 3, 2018 - Walnut Creek Art & Wine Festival.

**FROM THE PREZ**

The first actual “official” Club event of 2018 is coming up on Sunday, March 18, 2018: a visit to “Cobra Experience Museum”, 777 Arnold Drive, Suite 200, Martinez, CA. This activity was suggested by member Dave DeCato. Vern has all the info elsewhere in this newsletter as well as in the February newsletter. Check out their website: [www.cobraexperience.org](http://www.cobraexperience.org). Their museum is full of Cobras and other high performance cars. Just the thing on a cold March day to warm the hearts of any performance enthusiast. There’s even time for some “car talk” over coffee if you arrive early for their “Cars and Coffee” event, 8:30 to 10:30. Well, this “opportunity” has finally knocked and I hope to take full advantage of it.

Take Care & Hope to see y’all soon,

Jim W

**2018 DUES ARE STILL DUE**

The \$24 annual dues are due in January. Listed below are those that have already paid their 2018 dues. 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.

The following 19 families have paid their dues for 2018.

- Bales                Barrilleaux
- P. Cooley        DeCato
- Ellis                Elster
- Foote                Hance
- Howes              Ketchel
- Knebel             Maddux
- Rhodes             Rubenstein
- Simons             Tattersall
- Thomson          Wagner
- 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 [nkccc@astound.net](mailto:nkccc@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 [nkccc@astound.net](mailto:nkccc@astound.net)

**MARCH 18 VISIT TO COBRA EXPERIENCE**

Time for ACTION on “Cobra Experience”! Order your tickets online at their website: [www.cobraexperience.org](http://www.cobraexperience.org) (\$10 adult, \$7 senior)

It’s located at 777 Arnold Drive, Suite 200 in Martinez and has a museum full of Cobras and other high performance cars. They hold a ‘Public Day’ on the 3rd Sunday each month which starts with a Cars & Coffee event, 8:30 -10:30. Their Public Day runs from 10am to 3 pm and the admission is \$10 (\$7 senior) with ticket sales available on their website.

**To participate on March 18th, we suggest you order your ticket on the website and then plan to arrive at 10 am and stay as long as you want. If you want to arrive earlier for the Cars & Coffee event your admission ticket should get you a parking place even if you don’t want to display your car.**

Please let Vern or one of the club officers know that you are attending so we can look for you and engage in a little car talk.

To get there take I-680 to Highway 4 and go west toward Richmond. Take the Center Ave. exit and go right for a half block. Then right again on Howe Rd. and continue for about 300 ft, then take a right on Arnold Dr. 777 Arnold Drive is on the left almost immediately.



## **LINDA KLUBER - JULY 11, 1951 - DECEMBER 1, 2017**

It is with regrets that we are very late in reporting on Linda's battle with cancer.

Linda passed away at her home in Martinez on December 1, 2017. Always a competitor Linda, affectionately known as "Babe," fought a short and valiant fight with cancer.

Babe was a proud native Californian from Long Beach. She moved with her parents Marie and Lee Pruett along with her sisters Kristina and Nanette to Pleasant Hill, CA where she graduated from



Pleasant Hill High. She attended DVC with her future husband Bob where she earned better grades than he did! Babe and Bob were married August 1974 on a family friend's ranch in Sonoma, CA with the sounds of "Freebird" blaring from a neighboring ranch. Their more than 46 years of togetherness and 43 years of marriage allowed them to explore the richness of life to the fullest. This included trips to Alaska and the Arctic Circle via the Alaskan Highway, baseball spring training and most recently, Olympic, Glacier and Crater Lake National parks.

Babe had a successful 35-year career as an account executive extraordinaire in the office supply industry. She cultivated many enduring friendships among her clients with whom she kept contact into retirement.

An accomplished athlete, Babe excelled at racquetball, tennis, basketball, softball and especially golf. She was proud of her first hole-in-

one, her first golf score of 79 and the fact she could beat her husband at any of these sports. Her week was capped off with Friday golf with her golf partners Von, Christiane, and Adeline. Babe plans to see them at the "20th" hole.

Babe loved music and the environment. She was a champion of the disadvantaged. She attended the Strawberry Music Festival for more than 30 years and was a significant contributor to the Boys and Girls Club, Shelter Inc, Camp Concord, the Sierra Club and the American Cancer Society.

Babe is survived by her devoted husband Bob, his many siblings, her sister Kristina, her nephew and two nieces and their children. The nieces and nephews brought her immense pleasure as she did not have children herself. Her love of family, friends and fun will be part of her legacy and will carry on in our hearts.

Babe's waning days were comfy and peaceful as she was surrounded by family and friends. Continuum Hospice provided stellar care under the loving hand of Joy. Dr. Kim of Walnut Creek Kaiser was especially helpful with the transition.

In lieu of flowers, please contribute to a charity who ministers to families less fortunate.

## **INVITATION TO RALLYE WITH ESCA - APRIL 8th**

*The Empire Sports Car Association has sent the following information about their upcoming Rallye.*

Dear Sports Car Enthusiast:

This is to inform you that the Empire Sports Car Association (ESCA) is presenting our 54th Annual April Fools Rallye on Sunday, April 8, 2018. The rallye is an A- B variety type, and, as always is geared to the beginner. The route will be less than 50 miles long and runs mostly on some scenic country roads.

There will be a short rallye school before the rallye, for all those new to rallying. This rallye will be another high quality ESCA event!

This year's rallye will, again, be a charity event, with the profits going to Canine Companions for Independence®.

Please call (707) 546-6867, or e-mail [thebeard@sonic.net](mailto:thebeard@sonic.net) The rallye also has a web site with a paper rallye, more information, and, pictures of past events. The rallye web site is:  
<http://www.sonic.net/~thebeard/>

Directions to the rallye start location.  
Take the STEELE LANE exit off Highway 101, one mile North of downtown Santa Rosa Go West on STEELE and it will become GUERNEVILLE . Go Right on RANGE Turn Left on W. STEELE.  
Turn Right into the second driveway and go to the back of Snoopy's Home Ice parking lot. Look for the yellow Ice Arena parking sign.

Rallymaster Bob "THE BEARD" Jenkins

## **ACCC NEWS - FROM BOB STEARNS, PRESIDENT**

I hope that everyone had a safe and prosperous New Year. 2018 will be a very busy year for the vehicle owners in California. The good news is that the "gas tax repeal petition" gathered more than the needed 585,000 signatures to get the measure on the 2018 ballot. Make sure you get out and vote in November 2018. You may have already noticed the increase in your registration fees that were effective January 1, 2018.

The 2018 ACCC Conference will be held on April 11 and 12, 2018 at the California Automobile Museum located at 2200 Front Street in Sacramento, California. The conference will begin at 9:00 am each day and will have speakers from the DMV, CHP, California Legislators, an automobile trade school and the ACCC lobbyist. This is a chance to talk to these representatives in person and perhaps they will be able to answer any questions you may have. The cost per individual is \$25 for the two day conference which includes a free museum tour, lunch for both days as well as continental breakfast each day.

The SEMA Action Network (SAN) announced that the next Collector Car Appreciation Day (CCAD) will be celebrated on July 13, 2018. The date will mark the 9th yearly commemoration in what is now an annual event to raise awareness of the role automotive

restoration and collection plays in American society. Intended to celebrate past and future classics, the U.S. Senate helped launch CCAD by passing Resolutions each year since 2010 at the SAN's request. The previous resolutions were sponsored by Senators Richard Burr (R-NC) and Jon Tester (D-MT). The Senators have been strong advocates for the automotive hobby in Washington, D.C., and recognize the integral role collector cars have played in fostering our nation's appreciation for the automobile's unique historical place in our history.

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- June 23, 2018 - Canepa Motorsports Museum, Scotts Valley, CA
- July 21, 2018 - Private Garage Tour of Jarl de Boer's collection.
- August 18, 2018 - Hiller Aviation Museum, San Carlos, CA
- September 15, 2018 - NCKCC Annual Show, Blackhawk Museum, Danville, CA
- October ??, 2018 - Maybe a wine tour? Champion needed.
- November - No Events. HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- December 2, 2018 - Annual Sunday Brunch at Basil Leaf Cafe.

## **CARS FOR SALE**

### **1957 PORSCHE SPEEDSTER Replica**

Like new; 3,000 miles; 2332 cc VW T-1 engine. Professionally built by JPS Motorsports. Asking \$35,000.

Contact: [brianc@chinnockcellars.com](mailto:brianc@chinnockcellars.com) or (707) 259-1626 (510) 918-0155



### **1965 AC COBRA Replica**

Like New. Less than 1000 miles. Always garaged, Professionally built. New 351 Cu. In. Windsor Engine and Tremec Tranny. Asking \$32,000.

Contact Mike at: 1 408 847-4139



**1934 Mercedes-Benz 500K** replica, 350 Chevy engine, Edelbrock computerized EFI, R700 4-speed auto tranny, running gear from '75 Camaro, Vintage Air heat/air, power steering brakes, new wide whitewall tires in 2015. All black areas repainted in 2015. All Maintenance performed by AAA Certified repair shop in Benicia. Asking \$27,000. Contact Chuck Maddux at (707) 745-4361: email [camnsam@att.net](mailto:camnsam@att.net)



### **VSE JACKRABBIT**

Built by Herb Adams VSE in Carmel, CA. Completely restored with new battery, brakes, and CIS fuel injection system. Based on 1.6 L front engine, front drive VW Rabbit and VSE tube steel frame. Asking \$5,000 o.b.o. Call Stephen Catalan (415) 342-6703 or [khumbukat@gmail.com](mailto:khumbukat@gmail.com)

