



# **NCKCC** News

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Here is the tasty pork loin that was served at the Wagner Patio Party.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **May 14, 2016 - Niles 'Spring Fever' Car Show, Niles District of Fremont**
- **May 22, 2016 - Castle Tour & Wine Tasting at Castello di Amorosa.**
- **June 4 & 5, 2016 - Walnut Creek Art & Wine Fest - NCKCC Car Display**

**FROM THE PREZ**

Our club activity for the month of April was the NCKCC Patio Party on the 16<sup>th</sup> at the Foster City home of Club President Jim Wagner. The weather showed off Mother Nature at her best with beautiful blue skies, pleasant temperatures and, amazingly for Foster City, no wind. The food; roast pork, baked beans, potato, macaroni, and fruit salads, and mini-croissants; somehow tasted better outside. Maybe those couple of glasses of wine helped with that. I was disappointed to get a couple of late cancellations, but I think all who attended seemed to enjoy the noontime gathering of food, talk and camaraderie.

We have just two activities on the agenda for the month of May. On Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, the Niles Merchant's Association will hold their annual "Spring Fever Niles" Car Show in the Niles district of Fremont. This one always has lots of great cars on display and plenty of restaurants and antique shops to visit. Also, for those of you who are anticipating attending the "Spring Fever Niles" Car Show, please let the event champion, Dave Decato, or Vern, or myself know by phone or e-mail. We usually set up in the lot with the white picket fence across the street from Bronco Billy's. Plan on arriving early between 8:00 am – 8:30 am to secure a adjacent parking spots. Registration forms are available on our Club web site. Early registration ends on May 1<sup>st</sup>, but you can still register later, even on the day of the event.

Our second activity for May is the planned "Wine and Castle Tour" at Castello di Amorosa in Calistoga on May 22nd. More info on this event is in this newsletter.

Note: As of late April, there was little interest expressed by our members for this event. If you are interested, please contact Vern ASAP. Otherwise, this event may be cancelled.

Early June also has a couple of great events: The "Walnut Creek Art & Wine" on June 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> and the "Father's Day Car Show" at the Black Hawk Museum on June 19th. Info for each is in this newsletter. Hope you have the opportunity to attend. I'm sure you will enjoy both.

Take care,

Jim Wagner, NCKCC President

**DUES TIME IS OVER**

We now officially have 27 members that have paid their 2016 dues, so that's our club size for 2016.

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| Bales      | Barrilleaux |
| Bello      | Boscacci    |
| Clavelli   | D. Cooley   |
| P. Cooley  | DeLany      |
| DeCato     | Ellis       |
| Fewell     | Foote       |
| Hammami    | Hance       |
| Jermanis   | Ketchel     |
| Kluber     | Maddux      |
| O'Connor   | Rhodes      |
| Rubenstein | Somerhalder |
| Tattersall | Thomson     |
| J. Wagner  | R. Wagner   |
| Wallters   |             |

If we have left anyone out please email or call the treasurer at the contact listed on page 11.

**"SPRING FLING" PATIO PARTY - APRIL 16th**

By Vern Hance

This year the "Spring Fling" Party was at n the West Bay home of Jim Wagner in Foster City, CA.

For the Menu, we had a delicious Pork Loin Roast. macaroni salad, potato salad, fruit salad, baked beans and chips as well as some wine, beer, sodas and water.





Attendees were limited as you can see, but there was another one behind the camera!

The food was excellent, as expected, but the wine glasses were quickly emptied as we proposed toasts in sympathy for those who could not attend.

After the food, the next highlight of the gathering was the debut of Jim's newly acquired 1936 Ford show car, a 'slantback' powered by a 305 CID Chevy V-8. Some pics follow.

You can see where the "Slantback" name comes from and there's a left front view below that.



We really appreciated Jim's presentation of an excellent patio party, with great food and even to the extent of providing perfect weather for an outdoor spring event.



Jim at the wheel of his '36 Ford. Below: The Chevy V-8.



## **ABOUT THOSE OTHER APRIL EVENTS**

- **April 3, 2016 - April Fools Ralley, Santa Rosa. Organized by Empire Sports Car Assn**

To the best of my knowledge no one from our club attended this event. If someone did attend, please tell your story about it.

• **April 16, 2016 - AHA Annual Show at Nethercutt Museum, Sylmar, CA**

The AHA "Fun Under the Sun" car show is in its 37th Year and was held again at the Nethercutt Museum, 15151 Bledsoe Avenue, Sylmar, CA 91342. We have in recent years been represented at this show by several NCKCC members including Gary O'Connor, Jim Smith and Steve Rhodes.

Again if anyone attended please tell us of your adventure so we can share it with other members.

**LAST CALL: CASTELLO DI AMOROSA TOUR & WINE TASTING - MAY 22, 2016**

The response to this planned event has stimulated interest from only 3 people so far and is in jeopardy of being cancelled.

It is important that you make your commitment before May 5 or I will have to cancel the reservation I have made for 10 people to take the 11:00 a.m. tour.

The tour includes a guided tour through the Castello di Amorosa, located at 4045 St Helena Hwy, Calistoga, CA 94515, followed by a tasting of 5 of their Premium Wines in one of their private tasting bars. All tours feature a barrel tasting and include a complimentary tasting of their current releases. Tours are approximately 1-3/4 hours in length; the walking portion is approximately 60 minutes followed by 45 minute private tasting of their handcrafted Italian-style wines.

The cost is \$40 per person so I'm asking you to send checks payable to NCKCC for the correct amount. I had to secure the reservation with a credit card, so that is why I'm asking you to pay in advance.

**NILES "SPRING FEVER" CAR SHOW - MAY 14th - FREMONT**

The Niles show is two weeks away and I have some information that DeCatos will be bringing one of their cars and that Jim Wagner will be showing his '36 Ford for the first time.

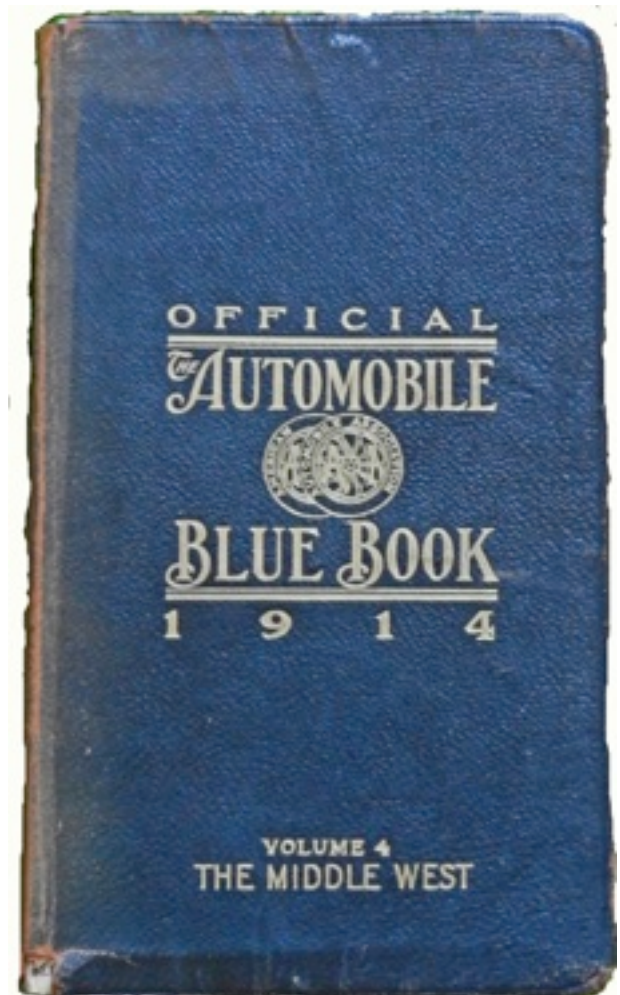
If you are planning to enter a car, please contact Dave DeCato 925-679-1024; [decato@juno.com](mailto:decato@juno.com) or Jim Wagner 650-341-0211; [jamesuu@comcast.net](mailto:jamesuu@comcast.net) so that they can reserve an adjacent spot for your car. Show runs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. but veteran

attendees say to get there early to get a good spot. Registration forms are on our website under "Hotline". Fee is \$25 up thru May 1st and \$30 at the gate.

If you are dropping by the show to say hello, look in the off-street area across from Bronco Billy's.

**TODAY NAVIGATION IS EASIER THAN IN 1914.**

I recently borrowed a vintage AAA Blue Book (shown below) from a friend that he claimed was the "accepted" way to guide you on your road trips in 1914.



Below is a copy of the instruction pages for a fairly short 43.3 mile trip from Bloomington to Peoria, Illinois. (Circled in map below)



I was fascinated by the references to “poles”. They seem to be important navigation aids. I suspect these poles were for telegraph, however electrical power applications were developing rapidly in 1914. We can be sure telegraph poles had been around for many years, based in this Wikipedia quote:

“In 1844, the United States Congress granted Samuel Morse \$30,000 to build a 40-mile telegraph line between Baltimore, Maryland and Washington, D.C. Morse began by having a lead-sheathed cable made. After laying seven miles underground, he tested it. He found so many faults with this system that he dug up his cable, stripped off its sheath, bought poles and strung his wires overhead.”

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### **ANTI-AUTO CAMPAIGN FALLS FLAT**

*By Dan Walters*

California politicians want to lure – or force – the state’s 26 million licensed motorists to sharply reduce their driving. Over the last decade, many legislative bills, numerous executive orders and a paper blizzard of plans and regulations from state agencies have declared war on petroleum-burning cars. Adopted in the name of reducing climate-changing carbon emissions, strategies include spending billions on mass transit, goading local governments into fostering transit-oriented, high-density housing, raising driving costs, and allowing traffic congestion to worsen. But, as with the Vietnam War, the War on Poverty and the war on drugs, so far it’s been a failure.

Californians are buying a near-record two-plus million new cars and trucks a year – and only a tiny fraction of them aren’t fueled by petroleum. Vehicular traffic is still climbing after a slight, one-year dip during the Great Recession, and transit use has been declining. It’s not the first time that Gov. Jerry Brown has tried to curtail driving, nor the first time he’s hit stubborn resistance.

**Route 129—Bloomington, Ill., to Peoria, Ill.—43.3 m.**  
 Route map, page 145      Reverse route, No. 134  
 Road Conditions—Via Danvers and Mackinaw. Good natural dirt roads with some gravel.  
 (For this and other exits, see city map, page 144.)

**MILEAGE**  
 Total Intermed.

0.0 0.0 **BLOOMINGTON, Main & Jefferson Sts.**  
 From Court House go north 2 blocks on Main St.

0.2 0.2 Market St.; turn left with trolley and go straight out of city, under RR. 0.7, cross RR. 1.2, going up long grade. Avoid left-hand road 3.1.

4.2 4.0 Jog right and left **with poles** and keep right at fork just beyond, passing school (on left). Road is direct, crossing trolley and RR. 7.1.

8.1 3.9 End of road; turn right, recross RR. and trolley and immediately turn left **with poles** picking up trolley 9.4; follow same into

10.4 2.3 **Danvers.** Go 1 block beyond center of town, turn right away from trolley, taking first left with travel. Curve left and right across trolley and RR. 11.9, recrossing RR. 12.8, running along between tracks. Jog left and right across RR. 15.5 direct into

16.2 5.8 **Lilly.** At station, ahead on right, turn left 1 block and then right, **following poles** jog right and left across RR. and trolley 17.8—trolley leaves 19.6. **Caution** for RR. crossing 19.8. Straight through **Mackinaw** 20.1. **Caution** for downgrade across RR. 20.5, crossing trolley just beyond.

20.8 4.6 First left-hand road; turn left, **leaving poles**, recrossing RR. Cross another RR. 21.4, curving right with road; follow along tracks, turning left 22.2 on narrow winding road in river bottoms. Cross iron bridge 23.4. **Caution** for RR. 25.4.

26.0 5.2 End of road; turn right with travel and take next left. Cross RR. 27.1 and go straight into

28.4 2.4 **Tremont.** Turn right, crossing RR.

28.8 0.4 4-corners, old park on right; turn left, crossing RR. 29.2.

30.9 2.1 4-corners; turn right with poles, cross RR. 31.2 and 34.1 straight through **Groveland** 34.9. **Caution** for steep downgrade 40.3.

40.8 9.9 At foot of hill turn left, gradually bearing right across RR. Go straight through **E. Peoria** 41.1 onto brick pavement, which follow with trolley—same leaves to left 42.1. Cross RR. 42.6, long bridge over Illinois River, keeping straight ahead on Bridge St. upgrade.

42.9 2.1 Adams St.; turn right 4 blocks to Court House,

43.3 0.4 **PEORIA, Main & Adams Sts.**  
 Jefferson Hotel, Jefferson & Liberty Sts.  
 Crown Auto Co., 504 Main St.  
 Poshard Garage, 221 So. Madison Ave.  
 For city map, see page 156. For diverging routes, see index map, page 155.

During his first governorship 40 years ago, Brown's Department of Transportation suddenly restricted some lanes of the heavily traveled Santa Monica Freeway to carpools. The resulting traffic jams created an intense political backlash. Initially, Brown defended the action, saying, "Obviously, the ethic of unlimited freeways that attempt to pour cement from one end of the state to the other is over, and it takes a while for people to adjust to that."

As the furor escalated, however, Brown ended the experiment, claiming that "Diamond Lanes" were devised by predecessor Ronald Reagan's administration, not his. Since then, the state's population has climbed by two-thirds, but vehicular traffic has more than doubled to 330 billion vehicle-miles a year. With very little expansion of roadway capacity, congestion has reached epic proportions.

A recent study of traffic congestion determined that Los Angeles County has 10 of the nation's 20 worst corridors, including a No. 1 stretch of Highway 101. The Brown administration's newly published California Transportation Plan 2040 indicates that one strategy for moving Californians out of their cars is to let congestion worsen. An earlier draft was quite explicit in that intent, saying the state should reject "road capacity enhancing strategies" and "avoid funding projects that add road capacity."

Those words brought sharp criticism from highway advocates, including the California Transportation Commission, and were erased from last month's final draft. But the plan's intent is still implicit. It offers multiple strategies it claims will reduce driving, but while acknowledging that "Californians continue to display their want to drive their cars ..." it's silent on adding capacity to meet demand. Although state and local transportation officials continue to stifle roadway expansion as they spend billions on transit, the resistance among Californians is evident in the recent experiences of major transit systems.

The Bay Area's regional transportation authority concedes, for example, that per capita use of transit in all forms has declined by 12 percent since 1991. Sacramento's Regional Transit system of rail and bus service has seen a 9.3 percent decline in ridership in just the past year and is in serious financial straits. Californians, it would appear, are voting with their feet – right feet, on accelerator pedals.

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## **SB 1239 PASSED 6 TO 5 IN SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

As you may know the ACCC with the help of Senator Gaines (R) Roseville has introduced legislation (SB1239) that will exempt 1980 & older collector cars & trucks from the biennial smog inspection. Currently 1976 & older are exempt and we want to expand that to 1980 & older.

There are many 1976 through 1980 Corvettes, Mustangs, Mopars, etc. and we want to relieve these car folks from the costly and we feel unnecessary smog inspections.

The bill passed narrowly by a 6 to 5 vote on 4/19/16 in the Senate Transportation & Housing Committee at the State Capitol. It now must be considered by the Committee on Appropriations in the near future. We will have to wait to see how this one turns out.

*In reading the latest revision to the bill any exempted 1980 or older vehicle can lose its exemption under the circumstances described below if:*

- (i) The department determines through remote sensing activities or other means that there is a substantial probability that the vehicle has a tampered emissions control system or would fail for other cause a smog check test as specified in Section 44012.*
- (ii) The vehicle was previously registered outside this state and is undergoing initial registration in this state.*
- (iii) The vehicle is being registered as a specially constructed vehicle.*
- (iv) The vehicle has been selected for testing pursuant to Section 44014.7 or any other provision of this chapter authorizing out-of-cycle testing.*

*So you can see that the SB-100 exemption that helped our kit cars avoid the hassle of smog testing is still needed.*

## **WALNUT CREEK ART & WINE FESTIVAL JUNE 4 & 5, 2016**

I believe we are welcome to display our cars again at the Art & Wine Festival, but to be sure I have made an email request to the Walnut Creek Chamber of Commerce to confirm that we are all on the same page.

As soon as I get a reply i will email the status. Meanwhile I would like you to tell me if you will bring a car and which day (or both) that you plan to participate.

Festival hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

This has been a great, low-key car display and a good time to share stories and visit with other club members al well as educate spectators about our car interests.

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## **10th ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW AT BLACKHAWK - JUNE 19th**

REGISTRATION STARTS AT 7 AM,  
SHOW FROM 8 AM - 12 PM

Bring a collectible, rod, classic, or muscle car. Dads can bring their favorite vehicle regardless of make since it's Father's Day. Drivers receive free admission to the Museum and a Goodie Bag (First 300 Cars). You can pre-register your car online or by mail for \$20 before the event, or \$30 the day of the event. Go to [blackhawkmuseum.org](http://blackhawkmuseum.org) to pre-register. Enter your car today!

Also, Father's Day Brunch 10 am to 2 pm. Scott's Catering will be hosting their famous champagne brunch inside the Museum's Automotive Dining Room during the Father's Day Car Show; tickets will go on sale soon. Reservations are available by calling 925.648.1434 or [blackhawkadmin@scottswc.com](mailto:blackhawkadmin@scottswc.com). (Museum members receive a 10% discount.)

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