



# NCKCC News

## Handcrafted Automobiles

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You might find a rare truck like this 1938 Studebaker President (straight 8) pick-up truck, at 'Spring Fever', like I did in 2014.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May 13, 2017 - Niles "Spring Fever" car show in Niles District in Fremont.**
- **June 3 & 4, 2017 - Walnut Creek Art & Wine Festival. NCKCC will display cars on the green. (THIS IS OUR NEXT BIG ACTION ITEM - SO GET READY!)**

**FROM THE EDITOR**

Robert Wagner still needs Jim's 24/7 care. So I agreed to be a stand-in again.

Sorry to report that our May 21st tour of Jarl de Boer's car collection had to be postponed. Our substitute event is the Niles "Spring Fever" car show on May 13th. More elsewhere in the newsletter.

We were also sorry to learn that our fellow club, AHA, in Southern California had to postpone their Annual Show scheduled for April 22 at the Nethercutt Museum.

On the brighter side, NCKCC has reserved the Blackhawk Museum Plaza as our Annual Show site on September 17, 2017. Start planning now. We are looking for 25 cars, which will pretty well fill the Plaza.

We were also pleased to bring our total member count has now increased to 28. Some we thought were lost were found!!

Since we are short of news this month, I decided to try to understand what Calif. is doing on car taxes and "Cap & Trade" which we are paying for indirectly. The last 2 articles mark my progress, so far.

Vern Hance, Editor

**DUES COMPLETE FOR 2017**

Here is the UPDATED final list of 2017 members. So if you don't see you name, it means I haven't received your dues payment.

These are the 28 members that have paid their 2017 \$24 Annual dues:

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| <b>Bales</b>   | <b>Barrilleaux</b> |
| Bello          | P. Cooley          |
| <b>de Boer</b> | <b>DeCato</b>      |
| <b>Ellis</b>   | <b>Elster</b>      |
| <b>Fewell</b>  | <b>Foote</b>       |
| <b>Hance</b>   | <b>Jermanis</b>    |
| <b>Ketchel</b> | <b>King</b>        |
| <b>Kluber</b>  | <b>Knebel</b>      |
| <b>Kunedt</b>  | <b>Maddux</b>      |
| <b>Mah</b>     | <b>O'Connor</b>    |

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| <b>Rhodes</b>       | <b>Rubenstein</b> |
| <b>Sommerhalder</b> | <b>Simons</b>     |
| <b>Tattersall</b>   | <b>Thomson</b>    |
| <b>Wagner</b>       | <b>Walters</b>    |

If we still missed some one:

To make a PayPal payment to NCKCC just send it to [nckcc@astound.net](mailto:nckcc@astound.net) That way I will receive an email advising me of your payment. Or a \$24 ck. to NCKCC.

**NILES "SPRING FEVER" SHOW - OUR ALTERNATIVE EVENT FOR MAY 13th**

For those of you looking for an alternative car event we suggest the Niles Merchant's "Spring Fever" car show in the Niles District of Fremont. The date is Saturday, May 13, 2017 and runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$25 if registered before May 1st and \$30 after that date. Our NCKCC website (Hotline) has a registration form that can be downloaded, printed and mailed in to get registered.

At this date we have two members that will display their cars and another member or two considering attending the show. Call Vern if you have questions.

**WALNUT CREEK ART & WINE FESTIVAL IS NEXT- JUNE 3 & 4, 2017**

I have advised the Walnut Creek Chamber of Commerce that we plan to display 8 Special Interest/Handcrafted cars on each of the two day festival, in a continuation of our practice for at least two decades.

Now it's up to us to produce some cars. The Festival hours are 11:00 am to 7:00 pm Saturday and 11 to 6 on Sunday. We urge car exhibitors to arrive about 10 am, to avoid the traffic when crows arrive.

We plan to stage our cars on the grassy hillside behind the vendor booths. And here's a couple of pictures from last years show to inspire you!!



**Please call or email Vern your preferred day or days & your car choice.**

A map is included elsewhere in this newsletter for your convenience.

## **ACCC E-NEWS - April 23, 2017**

### **Hidden Cost of Gas Tax Legislation!**

By Jon Coupal

For the last three weeks this column has focused on both the policies and politics of the \$5.2 billion annual transportation tax increase. In the unlikely event that some have forgotten — or were on another planet — the taxes include a substantial hike in the car tax as well as a 12 cent increase in the gas tax. However, as one might hear in a low-budget, late-night television ad, “But wait, there’s more!” Specifically, the gas-tax hike which politicians tell us is 12 cents per gallon — which is bad enough — in actuality could be as high as 19 cents gallon. How is that possible? The explanation is a bit complicated but important to understand. It involves a convoluted process known as the “gas tax swap”

passed by the Legislature and implemented by the California Board of Equalization in 2010. The gas tax swap eliminated the state sales tax on gasoline and replaced it with what was supposed to be a revenue-neutral per-gallon excise tax. This made it more legally defensible for the state to repay Proposition 1B transportation bond debt when California was in the midst of recession. The BOE was tasked with adjusting the numbers every year in a “backward looking” process so that California would collect no more revenue from the excise tax than it would have collected from the sales tax had it not been eliminated. But here’s the kicker: The tax hike just jammed through the Legislature in less than one week by Senate Bill 1 contains a provision that, beginning in July of 2019, adjusts the base excise tax to what it was in July 2010 when the gas tax swap started. Currently, the excise tax on gas is 27.8 cents a gallon. But in July of 2010 it was 35.3 cents a gallon. So as it stands right now, that’s a seven cents per gallon increase, on top of the new 12 cents per gallon tax. Magically, the 12-cent gas tax increase will likely be a 19-cent-per-gallon increase. And, of course, that entire 47 cents per gallon excise tax (35.3 + 12 cents) will be adjusted annually for inflation beginning Jan. 1, 2020 under SB1. If this seems complicated and hard to understand, keep in mind that the politicians like it that

way.

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## **WHAT IS CAP & TRADE**

Cap-and-trade is a market based regulation that is designed to reduce greenhouse gases (GHGs) from multiple sources. Cap-and-trade sets a firm limit or cap on GHGs and minimize the compliance costs of achieving AB 32 goals. The cap will decline approximately 3 percent each year beginning in 2013. Trading creates incentives to reduce GHGs below allowable levels through investments in clean technologies. With a carbon market, a price on carbon is established for GHGs. Market forces spur technological innovation and investments in clean energy. Cap-and-trade is an environmentally effective and economically efficient response to climate change.



## **AIR RESOURCES BOARD NEWS** **RELEASE 5/3/17**

\$599 million in cap-and-trade funds includes electric cars, trucks, school buses; 65% of funding in and for disadvantaged communities.

Today the California Air Resources Board announced that California Climate Investments in zero-emission vehicles have reached \$599 million since 2013, putting hundreds of thousands of ultra-clean cars, and entire fleets of zero-emission trucks and buses on California roads and highways. The announcement was made at the annual Advanced Clean Transportation Expo in Long Beach.

“Investing in zero-emission cars, trucks and buses is a smart and effective use of cap-and-trade proceeds,” said CARB Chair Mary D. Nichols. “It generates thousands of clean-tech jobs in California, helps bring these ultra-clean vehicles to market sooner, and places them in the communities that have the greatest need of clean air.”

The funding is from California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of cap-and-trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy and improving public health and the environment — particularly in disadvantaged communities.

Since the transportation sector overall is by far the largest contributor to the state’s total annual greenhouse gas emissions, a major focus of the climate investment program has been supporting the development and deployment of next-generation zero-emission trucks, cars and buses.

The investments support a wide range of next-generation vehicles, including electric school buses in Sacramento, electric yard trucks in Fontana, hydrogen-powered buses in the Coachella Valley, and a fleet of electric delivery trucks for Goodwill Industries in the Bay Area. More than 65 percent of the investments are for projects or vehicles that are in, or benefit, disadvantaged communities.

One major focus of these investments is to accelerate the market for the next generation of clean, heavy-duty trucks and buses, both those that run on electricity and on hydrogen. Several are demonstration projects, such as putting newly built zero-emission trucks to work side-by-side with existing diesel trucks in rail yards or distribution centers to fully determine their benefits and capabilities in those demanding work environments.

In many cases, it is estimated that the overall operating costs of the zero-emission trucks and buses will be less than fossil-fuel powered trucks over the life of the vehicle because of lower fuel and maintenance costs. The California Climate Investments are designed to help drive down the upfront purchase price of the cleaner zero-emission trucks, and as their numbers increase, that cost will drop even further due to economies of scale.

Another goal of these investments is to support the market for zero-emission cars throughout the state, and making them available to residents of low-income communities. Thanks to the state’s zero-emission regulation and incentives, California -- with 283,000 zero-emission and plug-in vehicles to date -- comprises more than 40 percent of national zero-emission car sales, even though the state has only ten percent of the nation’s population.

Many of these cars, trucks and buses are built in California. Tesla, which manufactures electric cars in the Bay Area; BYD, which builds buses in Lancaster; and Proterra, which builds zero-emission vehicles in the City of Industry, together employ more than 12,000 workers building the cars and buses that are helping to clean California’s air and fight climate change.

The cap-and-trade program also creates a financial incentive for industries to invest in clean technologies and develop innovative ways to reduce pollution. California Climate Investments projects include affordable housing, renewable energy, public transportation, zero-emission vehicles, environmental restoration, more sustainable agriculture, recycling and much more. At least 35 percent of these investments are made in disadvantaged and low-income communities. For more information, visit <http://www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/>.

**CARS:**  
115,000 Light-duty ZEVs and PHEVs (plug-in hybrid-electric vehicles)  
Full battery electric cars – 71,000  
Plug-in hybrid cars – 43,000  
Hydrogen fuel cell cars – 1,000

**HEAVY DUTY TRUCKS:**  
46 class 7+8 heavy duty zero-emission trucks

**DELIVERY, UTILITY, TRASH TRUCKS:**  
950 delivery, utility and refuse trucks  
Utility Trucks – 107  
Hybrid Delivery and Refuse Trucks – 732  
Battery electric delivery trucks – 111

**TRANSIT AND LIGHT RAIL:**

407 zero-emission transit buses, shuttles and light rail cars  
 Transit Buses – 309  
 Shuttle Buses – 68  
 Light Rail - 30

SCHOOL BUSES:  
 29 electric school buses

OFF-ROAD, CARGO-HANDLING EQUIPMENT:  
 46 zero-emission yard trucks, fork lifts, cargo-handling equipment

## **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.



## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2017**

- **June 3 & 4, 2017 - Walnut Creek Art & Wine Fest - Ygnacio Vly Rd & San Carlos (see satellite view above) NCKCC will have a Car Display both days.**
- *June 18, 2017 - Father's Day Car Show at Blackhawk Auto Museum, Danville*
- **July 16, 2017 - Cruise to Historic Railroad Museum near Rio Vista; lunch in their Deli.**
- **August 12, 2017 - Visit to Canepa Motorsport Museum in Scott's Valley. Museum opens 10 a.m. [www.canepa.com](http://www.canepa.com)**
- **September 17 - NCKCC Annual Car Show at Blackhawk Museum, Danville**
- **October 15, 2017 - Visit to Big Breaks Regional Park near Antioch. We plan to arrange a car display at a nearby restaurant if they will reserve an area for us.**
- **November 23, 2017 - No Event in November. HAPPY THANKSGIVING**
- **December 3, 2017 - Annual NCKCC Brunch at Basil Leaf Cafe, Danville**

**EVENTS IN BOLD ARE NCKCC OFFICIAL EVENTS, OTHERS ARE EVENTS YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO THE EDITOR.**