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Here is the view of the crowded main area of the Woodbridge Car Show, just inside the entrance to the winery.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- No November event scheduled. HAPPY THANKSGIVING !!
- December 6, 2015 - Annual Sunday Brunch at Basil Leaf Cafe, 501 Hartz Avenue, Danville, CA 94526. It starts at 11:30 a.m. this year.
- January 16, 2016 - Planning meeting for next year at the Hance residence in Walnut Creek. Starts at 11:30 with pizza lunch followed by meeting at 1:00 p.m.
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FROM THE PREZ

Saturday, October 17th, saw some NCKCC members traveling a little further away from the Bay Area for our fall "wine tour". Not our usual wine tour since we visited only one winery: The Woodbridge Winery in Acampo, near Lodi. The Winery had their annual Car Show/Chili Cookoff. The weather was cool with a high overcast for most of the day. We got to taste a few wines, sample a couple of contest chili's and see a number of really nice cars. Amazingly, around 2:00 pm, a few clouds rolled in with some sprinkles, so many of the display cars cleared out. For many of those cars, it was probably the first time they had ever seen a drop of rain. See Vern's write-up and pictures of the "Woodbridge Wine Tour /Car Show" elsewhere in this newsletter.

As is usually the case, there is no "official" club activity scheduled for the month of November. Hopefully taking a month off from Club activities will allow our members to get a head start on all their holiday preparations.

Having bypassed November, the Club still has one more activity for this year and it is usually a one not to miss: The NCKCC Annual Brunch. Our location this year will be the same as the last several years: the "Basal Leaf Cafe" in the city of Danville. The restaurant is located at the corner of Hartz Avenue and Church Street. The date is Sunday, December 6th. More details on the "Annual Brunch" are also in this newsletter.

Also, with the New Year just around the corner, it is time for our members to start thinking about what they want to see on our slate of Club activities for 2016. Please pass on your suggestions to any of the Club officers via e-mail, phone or at the Annual Brunch. The club will again schedule a 2016 planning meeting in January. All members are more than welcome to attend. Be sure to bring lots of activity ideas and suggestions. Planning meeting details will be in the December newsletter.

Take care, have a great Thanksgiving, and hope you can all make it to the Annual Brunch on December 6th in Danville.

Jim Wagner, NCKCC President

NCKCC ANNUAL SHOW BLACKHAWK MUSEUM SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

One added footnote to our Annual Show:

With all the car photos that have been graciously provided by Sherman Mah and Dave DeCato, I have used these to create a YouTube slide show that is now available on our website. Go to "Annual Show" and click on 'slide show'.

Again, thanks to all of you that displayed your cars! We couldn't have done it without you.

NCKCC "WINE TOUR" SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

By Vern Hance

With a slight threat of rain by the weatherman Carol & I ventured from Walnut Creek across the Antioch bridge to Rio Vista then east to Lodi and a bit north to the Woodbridge winery of the Robert Mondavi clan. There we found about 100+ cars all packed into the limited space around the winery grounds.

Our NCKCC display consisted of three cars; Jim & Robert Wagner drove the ZR-2 Fiero, Bob & Linda



Kluber displayed their Austin Healey replica and Gerald & Holly Case brought their Model A replica. It was a different wine tour than we have had in the past because it incorporated wine tasting, the car show and gourmet chili tasting as well as other food options like tri-tip sandwiches and bratwurst dogs with sauerkraut. So there was plenty to do besides taste wine.

In the heart of the Chili tasting area was this nice fountain made of a stainless wine bottle pouring into an overflowing wine glass,



I made my photo tour of the show cars and some of my favorites are shown on the next page. I am also planning to put together a short video that will be posted to our website in the next couple weeks, so check back and click on the "Photos & Videos" section.



This '32 Coupe had a full blown hemi. (above)

A pretty smooth '37 custom Coupe)below)



A 1-qwner classic Porsche 356 (above)

And nearby there were a multitude of tables where tasters could sample the dozen or more varieties of chili from the hottest to the mellowest meaty varieties.



Then about 2 p.m. a few drops of rain started just as we got the Klubers to pose by their car.



By that time Jim & Robert were in their car ready to leave. (below)



COMING ON DECEMBER 6th OUR ANNUAL BRUNCH

By Vern Hance

Again this year we are on schedule to meet at the Basil Leaf Cafe on Sunday December 6, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. for our annual Champagne Brunch. Note the earlier time which will be an improvement.

The brunch includes Coffee, Mimosa, Orange Juice, Omelets / Eggs made to Order, Eggs Benedict, French Toast, Belgian Waffles with Strawberries, Cream, or Syrup, Organic Breakfast Sausage, Bacon, Selection of Breakfast Breads, Roasted Breakfast Potatoes, Fresh Fruit Salad, Yogurt, Greek Salad, Caesar Salad, Organic Green Salad with Seasonal Berries, Spinach Salad with Mandarins, Homemade Pizza, Tortellini Carbonara and Rigatoni Neapolitano with Chicken.

To make sure you are included please reserve your place at the table by mailing a check for \$15 per person, payable to NCKCC, at 3317 Ellesmere Ct, Walnut Creek, CA 94598. If you have a PayPal account you can establish your reservation via a PayPal remittance to nkccc@astound.net. Guests are welcome, but we need to collect \$25 per person, since the club is generously subsidizing the Brunch for members.

I have reservations for 20 people, so please send your reservation payment early so I can negotiate for a larger group if necessary.

PLANNING MEETING JANUARY 16th 2016

Our planning meeting for the coming year will start at 11:30 a.m. with a pizza & salad lunch at the Hance residence, 3317 Ellesmere Court, Walnut Creek. The meeting will start about 1 p.m. so if you can't make lunch come for the meeting.

At the meeting we will discuss our 2016 choice of "official" club activities for the rest of the year. We hope you will give some thought to events you would like to have on our schedule. Also, do a little research about your suggestion so, if it involves a visit to some display, museum or show, we will know the dates it is open, the cost, who to contact, etc.

We will also need to vote on who will fill the officer positions for 2016. We would like to see some new participants, so let us know if you would be willing to fill one of our positions.

Another item on our agenda will be to review our '32-year-tradition' of having a "Annual NCKCC Car Show". We have found over the past years a trend of fewer kit cars entered and fewer spectators. This has led us to embrace more restored and modified cars that were never offered as kits. Our experience in 2015 show at the Blackhawk Automotibe Museum was a success but with fewer cars, mostly club members. Is this our new template?

Think about it and express your opinion.

CHASING CLASSIC CARS

This is a relatively new television series on Velocity TV, which is owned by Discovery Communications. Velocity was launched in late 2011: aimed primarily at an "upscale male" audience, the network focuses primarily on automotive-oriented programming and other shows of interest to a male audience.

Wayne Carini seems to be the driving force in "Chasing Classic Cars" and chases cars for a living. Not literally, but if a vehicle were an iconic Mercedes Gullwing or a luxurious Maserati Ghibli, for instance, and Carini saw it in motion, it's a sure bet he would get himself in gear and run after it. With a lifetime of experience in automobile restoration under his belt, master car restorer Wayne Carini has a resume that includes body and paint work on rare car collections owned by the likes of David Letterman, tennis great Ivan Lendl and the DuPont family. He's been

featured in the New York Times as well as numerous automobile magazines, and starred in two one-hour television specials.

Now, Chasing Classic Cars gives viewers a true insider's look into Wayne's inner circle as he embarks on his personal mission to uncover the world's most rare and exotic cars. Filmed entirely in high definition, Chasing Classic Cars welcomes you into the elite club of car restorers and collectors as Wayne buys, restores and sells vintage rides, and the owners of the most exclusive and secret garages open up their doors to Wayne.

I haven't figured all the ways you can watch this programing, but one way is through a Facebook account. <https://www.facebook.com/chasingclassiccars/>

It is also available on the Dish Network, Direct TV and Comcast and probably other cable networks.

I got interested in exploring this series after attending a Blackhawk Museum lecture on the building of custom car for Wayne Carrini by Moal Coachbuilders right here in Oakland. The car was on display at the Museum during the lecture which was attended by about 100 people.



Wayne Carini's Speedway with crowd (above)

Other Moal Coachbuilder creations (below)



A November 2 episode of Chasing Classic Cars (which I missed) was devoted to Carini's latest "Speedway" project. Other Moal creations were on display in the Museum Plaza.

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Ron Sutherland's MG-TD