



# NCKCC News

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*Linda Kluber savors some Woodbridge wine in preparation for some Chili tasting on a cloudy October day.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 24, 2016 - Happy Thanksgiving. No NCKCC events this month.
- December 4, 2016(Sunday) - Annual NCKCC Brunch at the Basil Leaf Cafe, Danville, CA at 10:30 A.M.

## **FROM THE PREZ**

Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, saw some NCKCC members traveling north and east away from the Bay Area for our fall "wine tour". The Woodbridge Winery in Acampo, near Lodi, had their annual Car Show/Chili Cookoff. 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 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 2017. 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 2017 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 4<sup>th</sup> in Danville.

Take care, Hope to see y'all soon,

Jim W

## **ANNUAL BRUNCH SET FOR 10:30 a.m. DECEMBER 4, 2016**

By Vern Hance

Again this year we are on schedule to meet at the Basil Leaf Cafe on Sunday December 4, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. for our annual Champagne Brunch. Note the earlier time this year. This should be an improvement so we don't have to wait for the previous group to finish.

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 \$18 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](mailto:nkccc@astound.net) Guests are welcome, but we need to collect \$28 per person, since the club is generously subsidizing the Brunch for members (by \$10+).

I have made reservations for 15 people, so please send your reservation payment early so I can negotiate for a **larger** group if it becomes necessary.

## **14TH ANNUAL CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP CHILI COOKOFF AND CAR SHOW**

By Vern Hance

The car show was held at the Robert Mondavi - Woodbridge Winery on Sat Oct 15 from 9:00 AM to 3 PM. The weather was cloudy with threat of rain but our small NCKCC group defied the elements and made it a pleasant outing.

Our club founder, Paul King stopped by on his way home from the Sacramento area and discovered that Bob & Linda Kluber were displaying their Austin Healey 3000 replica.

*Shown below: Kluber's Austin Healy 3000*



*At the right: Our Happy Campers.*

I was told the car show was smaller than usual but that the cloudy weather didn't mess with the show, but did scare a few away from showing up.

And shown below are some shots of the show cars. (Thanks to Bob & Linda for the pictures)





*Above: A long 1969 Cadillac Limo.*



*Above: A nice pink 1957 T-bird.*



*Right: A 1939 Chevrolet Convertible*

## **ACCC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - SEPTEMBER 2016**

I want to thank the membership and Directors of the ACCC for the opportunity to be elected to the Presidency of the Association of California Car Clubs, I am looking forward to working with all of the ACCC Directors ACCC membership and sponsors to continue our fight to keep our classic, collector, antique and special interest vehicles on the roads in California.

Although there have been some disappointments in our elected officials at the State Capitol to rally behind the car hobby in California, there has also been some good out of all of our efforts.

Assemblyman Gatto's AB 1658, introduced in 2012, created the California Legacy License Plate Program which was a major accomplishment by all involved. The new plates, can be ordered by anyone, regardless of their car's age. Black plates can be personalized, like other plates, and plates will also be available for motorcycles. The plates are made from the same molds the original were -- molds the DMV discovered at Folsom Prison, where the classic plates used to be made.

I want to thank our past President Rex Roden for the excellent work and contribution he has made to the ACCC for the past years. I will be working with him and the ACCC Directors in this upcoming legislation year as we all know that there has been and most likely will be legislators and appointed bureaucrats at the State Capitol that will try to get our vehicles off the California roads. 2017 will be even more challenging and I sincerely hope that I can depend on all of the memberships help in accepting these

challenges with the determination of supporting the legislation that is good for the hobbyist and businesses that help keep our cars on the roads and opposing the legislation that is detrimental to our hobby. There has been talk in the past about the possibility of forming a Car Club Council in Northern California. I will be meeting with the San Diego Association of Car Clubs (San Diego Car Club Council) at their February 2017 meeting to get information about this subject.

I have been involved with SEMA/SAN for the past 15 plus years in organizing a group of car enthusiasts to attend the yearly SEMA Show in Las Vegas. I hold a meeting during the show with guest speakers which include legislators from California and other states involved with the car hobby in their respective states. In the past, the SEMA Action Network (SAN) has been very supportive in providing speakers from Utah, New York, Oregon, Wyoming, Dave McClelland (Voice of NHRA), Doug Evans, David Freiburger (Editor in Chief of Hot rod and Hot Rod Deluxe magazines), GM Performance on the E-Rod LS3 Motor, etc.

SEMA/SAN has provided a conference room and guest credentials each year for the enthusiasts. The SEMA Show is not open to the public and we are very fortunate to have developed a good relationship with our friends in the automobile aftermarket. We are all working toward the same mission.

Please let me know if you have any questions or recommendations on how I can best serve the Association of California Car Clubs organization and the membership. You can call me at 916-276-4081 or email me at [bstearns@ncbb.net](mailto:bstearns@ncbb.net)

Bob Stearns ACCC President

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