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Yes, we did have a small car show while we were having lunch at the Providence Bar & Eatery in Oakley. We even watched numerous spectators from our restaurant table near the window.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **November 23, 2017 - No Event in November. HAPPY THANKSGIVING**
- **December 3, 2017 - Annual NCKCC Brunch at Basil Leaf Cafe, Danville**

FROM THE PREZ

On October 15th, the Club visited Big Break Regional Park in Oakley and enjoyed lunch at the Providence Bar & Eatery and even had a mini - car show. See Vern's write-up and pictures of the "Big Break" activity 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 by-passed November, the Club still has one more activity for this year and it is usually 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 3rd, time is 10:30 AM. 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 planning for next year's activities list will again be conducted via email and phone so be sure to suggest lots of activities, be they old or new. In January, the Club officers will compile a list of "Club" and/or "suggested" activities for 2018.

Take care, have a great Thanksgiving, and hope you can all make it to the Annual Brunch on December 3rd in Danville.

Jim Wagner, NCKCC President

BIG BREAK REGIONAL SHORELINE OCT. 15th

Our outing to Big Break Regional Shoreline turned out well. The weather was great at about 75 degrees and the smoke from the wildfires in the Santa Rosa area was better than a few days earlier.

The Visitor Center is quite new and had some great display units. One had a menu of informational

videos about the history of the Delta area. Another



had miniature objects representing birds, mammals and other shoreline items. If you placed the object under a projector lens it would provide a visual and sound program on a video screen, telling interesting facts about the object.

We were there on a day when an Astronomy Club had set up telescopes so you could view details of solar flares and sun spots. The sun was pretty quiet that day but it was informative to learn that the sun's activities vary greatly from day to day. Here you can see Gil and Al getting informed about sun activities.



Several of us made a short hike to a pier (below) overlooking the flooded area which was an



asparagus farm prior to the “Big Break” in 1928, which separated the asparagus farm from the San Joaquin River and Dutch Slough.



The Delta Discovery Experience, (above) is an “interpretive landscape” depicting the Delta watershed. It is a 1,200 square foot topographical scale map of the Delta, which allows visitors to see how water flows into and through the region.



At about 1:30 we headed for the Providence Bar & Eatery where we enjoyed our lunch. We were seated near a window, so we could watch our cars and the spectators that passed through our reserved parking area.

Our eight participants included Al Bello, Dave & Joyce DeCato, Vern & Carol Hance, Chuck & Sue Maddux and Gil Somerhalder. Al brought his Shay Model A, Dave drove his '32 Ford Roadster, Chuck showed his Mercedes 500K and Gil brought his AMX Javelin.



COMING UP NEXT - OUR ANNUAL BRUNCH AT THE BASIL LEAF CAFE

December 3, 2017 is the date, the time is 10:30 a.m. and the place is The Basil Leaf Cafe, 501 Hartz Avenue, Danville, CA 94526.

This is our Annual Meeting and champaign brunch which is discounted for members. To make your reservation please send a check for \$18 per person payable to NCKCC at 3317 Ellesmere Ct. Walnut Creek, CA 94598 for this bountiful event. Please respond by Nov 24th or sooner so I can adjust the reservation size if necessary.

Non-member guests are welcome but we must charge them full \$28 per person, which includes the gratuity & tax.

The menu for this buffet includes; Omelettes / Eggs Made to Order, Eggs Benedict, French Toast, Belgian Waffles with Strawberries, Cream, Syrup, Organic Breakfast Sausage, Bacon, Selection of Breakfast Breads, Roasted Breakfast Potatoes, Fresh Fruit Salad, Greek Salad, Caesar Salad, Organic Green Salad with Seasonal Berries, Spinach Salad with Mandarins, Homemade Pizza, Tortellini Carbonara, Rigatoni, Neapolitano with Chicken.

Hope to see you December 3rd at 10:30 a.m.

A NOTE FROM GARY O'CONNOR

Many of you know Gary O'Connor, builder of the Corvair powered Woodster, lives in Santa Rosa. We discussed his proximity to the wildfires at our Big Breaks event, so I sent him an email asking if he was safe. Here is his reply:

"We were evacuated and the sky was a very bright red and heading towards us. The fire fighters managed to hold a line not far away in a mobile home park of all places. My wife and I took our '51 Ford Woodie and her '55 TBird to safety but unfortunately had the fire continued the Woodster would have had a Viking funeral in it's little garage.

A couple years ago a friend of mine brought his green '34 Ford woodie to the show at Blackhawk and sadly he lost that and a couple Porsches along with his home.



The Mark West area was hit badly.... my neighbor is part of the Mark West Little League and it was reported that 94 families lost their homes. Within our family my cousin lost her home to fire but all the rest are safe. Everyone knows several families now homeless.

This is a video of the area near our home."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HCNSDk7fyYE>

Editor's Note: The video was shot by Berkeley Firefighters called to assist other firefighters in Santa Rosa. Much more dramatic than the usual 5 O'Clock news coverage.

Gary also wrote: If members want to help they can donate to this charity. This disaster is going to have long term needs so donations are especially helpful. I belong to the Redwood Credit Union so they can donate with confidence that their gift will be well used.

<https://www.redwoodcu.org/northbayfirerelief>

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Allen & Jackie Howes live in Danville and have displayed their silver '57 Porsche Speedster at our Annual Show for the past two years. They are interested in car shows and road trips. They learned about us from John Steele of JPS Motorsports - the builder of their car. The car is powered by a 2110 cc VW engine. We welcome Allen & Jackie to NCKCC and hope they can join us for many of our activities

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2017

- November, 2017 - No Event scheduled. HAPPY THANKSGIVING !!
- December 3, 2017 - Sunday Brunch at Basil Leaf Cafe.

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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.

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1965 AC COBRA Replica

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Contact Mike at: 1 408 847-4139



1934 MERCEDES-BENZ 500K replica, 350 Chevy engine, Edelbrock computerizes 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.



MORE CARS FOR SALE

1989 Chrysler TC MASERATI - Turbo supercharged, Automatic Transmission' Convertible with Hard Top. Cream with Ginger Leather interior 57,000 miles. Have original owner's manuals and Service Manual. Health & old age require sale of this beautiful California Car! Asking \$4,900. Contact John (415) 883-4361 or Knebeljw@gmail.com Novato, CA.



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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 Catlan (415) 342-6703 or khumbukat@gmail.com

