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This is the Incontro Ristorante in Danville, just 1/2 block north of the former Basil Leaf Cafe, on the same side of Hartz Avenue.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- November No events scheduled. HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- December 2, 2018 This Is the date of our Annual Sunday Brunch <u>AND WE HAVE</u> found a new place for our Sunday Brunch, since the Basil Leaf Cafe has gone away. The new place is Incontro Ristorante, 455 Hartz Ave, Danville, CA. We will meet about 10:45 to be ready for the restaurant to open at 11:00 a.m.

### FROM THE PRES

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 both October and November, the Club is alive and well and living in Danville. Our last activity for this year is usually one not to miss: The NCKCC Annual Brunch. Our location this year will be at the "Incontro Ristorante". The restaurant is located at 455 Hartz Avenue. The date is Sunday, December 2nd, time is 10:45 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 2019. 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 2019. Take care, have a great Thanksgiving, and hope you can all make it to the Annual Brunch on December 2nd at the "Incontro Ristorante" in Danville.

Jim Wagner, NCKCC President

# ANNUAL SUNDAY BRUNCH DEC. 2, 2018 - 11:00 A.M.

By Vern Hance

Well, the good news is we will have our Annual Brunch on schedule and only a block away from the Basil Leaf Cafe, which has been sold and will be reopened in 2019 as a Mexican Restaurant.

We found the Incontro Ristorante at 455 Hartz Avenue. The name "Incontro" translates in English to "Meeting". They have a Sunday Buffet Brunch that includes a Mimosa or Orange Juice & Coffee. The cost is a little more than the Basil Leaf, but the Club will subsidize the event so your cost will be \$20 per person. (Guests are welcome but the Club subsidy is not appropriate, thus the Guest price is \$30, incl. Tax & Tip)

To participate, please send a Vern a check payable to NCKCC for \$20 per member (or \$30 for non-member guests) before November 15. That way I will have a firm count to finalize our reservation.



They open at 11 a.m., so plan to be there by about 10:45, so we can all be seated at once.

## A GATHERING PLACE

Incontro /in'kon-tro/ is a place to gather, meet and encounter family and friends. The inspiration for the

name came from our desire to create a warm meeting place to encounter diverse cuisines from all of the regions of Italy. It is our passion to introduce these foods from the old country to our new home in Danville.



#### Brunch Buffet Menu Includes:

Omelette & Waffles Station, French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Sausages, Bacon, Assorted Italian breads, Soup of the day, Salads, Arancini, Seasonal Vegetable, Assorted Italian Anti pasti platter, Hot Pastas, Entree Chef Choice, Pizza, Fruit Platter, Desserts.

Includes a glass of Mimosa OR glass of Orange Juice and Coffee Our Bread, Pasta & Desserts are made daily on our premises

Some food items changes weekly. Please call for more details.

We already have 11 people signed up for the Brunch, so please remember to send your check before November 15th to insure that you are included.

Parking is available behind Incontro Ristorante, (below) off Railroad Avenue.

Wasn't it Gov Brown who boasted about a 16-billion-dollar budget surplus last June and wouldn't it be negligent for Brown or his successor to forego repairs to all the "unsafe bridges and roads" even when Prop 6 passes. There is plenty of money to fix the roads & bridges, the hypocrisy is overwhelming. I'm thinking that Brown needs the extra tax money from SB1 to finance his 100 billion dollar "crazy train to nowhere" or his new plan to spend billions on "Climate Tracking Satellites" or billion-dollar water tunnels. All this in addition to the huge elephant in the room, "unfunded public worker pensions".

Some folks think that Brown has lost all his marbles and has gone off the rail big time. It's no secret that 100's of businesses have left California, including



Toyota, Nestle, Aerojet, and others as well 1000's of people who found it impossible financially to live here or basically got tired of the constant liberal stream of high taxes and unreasonable fees and regulations. I saw our governor on tv talking about "smart companies will

find ways to overcome high taxes, fees, and regulations".

I guess he feels that Nestle, Toyota, Aerojet, and others are stupid...  $% \label{eq:loss} % \label{eq:loss}$ 

He was also boasting about California being the 7th largest economy in the world. That's not bad except California used to be the 5th largest in the world... Looks like we slipped a little bit!

Unbelievable. I'm happy to say that a Yes vote on Prop 6 is one positive step in the right direction in taking our state back and I hope you all will join me in voting "Yes on Prop 6" November 6, 2018.

# The ACCC...Representing the Car Hobby Since 1972

# FROM THE ACCC OCTOBER 11th E-NEWS

Like the rest of you, ACCC members have been watching the deluge of political commercials on television the last few weeks. I'm sure you all can hardly wait for the election November 6th when these commercials go away.

I was particularly interested in the "No on Prop 6" commercial that talked about "Stop the Attack on Bridge & Road Safety". 300 bridges being unsafe and many of the roads buckling up due to a yes vote on prop 6. **The opponents to prop 6 are basically misleading** Californians into thinking that 1000's of road and bridge repairs will be abandoned if Prop 6 passes.



# NEW LAND SPEED RECORD FOR PISTON POWERED CAR

Danny Thompson had a date with destiny, its flame ignited decades ago by Danny's father, Mickey Thompson, who was recognized as an international racing legend. Mickey first pulled onto the Bonneville Salt Flats of Utah in 1960 with his self built "Challenger I". Mickey made one world record setting pass at 406 mph that year that would set into motion the dream that has recently come to fruition through his son, Danny.

On Saturday, August 11, 2018 Danny Thompson piloted the Challenger 2, a vehicle his father had first introduced to the salt flats in 1968, to a qualifying pass of 446.605 mph. The following day, he delivered a back-up run of 450.909 mph, giving him a two-way average of 448.757 mph, enough for an official Southern California Timing Association (SCTA) AA/FS record — and an unofficial piston-powered world record, a half century after the Challenger II's Bonneville debut.

"In 1968, my dad, the mad scientists at Kar Kraft, and an elite group of Southern California gear heads created a vehicle that they believed had the potential to become the world's fastest hot rod,"

There are faster cars on the salt at Bonneville, but they are powered by rocket or jet engines. Thompson's is a more classic piston-engine vehicle, even if it runs on a brew of nitro-methane and alcohol. Equipped with twin nitro-burning Hemi V8s with total of 5,000 hp, the all-wheel-drive car is more than twice as powerful than when Mickey first built it.

On the Challenger II's final outing, Danny wanted a record; and he got it. For Danny's current Challenger II team, for his dad Mickey, and for himself... a 448.757 mph land speed record.

A video of the NCKCC Annual Car Show at Blackhawk Museum is available on our Website or directly at <a href="https://youtu.be/V6g6dp4bsHc">https://youtu.be/V6g6dp4bsHc</a>

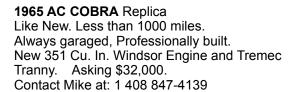
There are about 35 other NCKCC available at youtube.com Do a search for "The NCKCC" The result should show about 35 NCKCC videos by Vern. You may have to reject NCCC first. There are other videos that have sneaked in - so the only true NCKCC ones show Vern as the author.

## **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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1934 Mercedes-Benz 500K replica, 350 Chevy engine, Edelbrock computerized 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: email <a href="mailto:camnsam@att.net">camnsam@att.net</a>

#### Mercedes Benz SSK

'39 Mercedes replica built on a Pinto/Bobcat chassis with a rebuilt 2.3 L Ford engine. Auto transmission and rear axle installed and engine

runs. Needs wheels & tires and some TLC. Have Assembly Manual with list of parts needed to complete. Asking best offer over \$1,500. Located in Lake Arrowhead, CA. Offered "as-is" and "where-is". Unregistered, but have numbers for all major components. Calll Craig Brown (415) 309-2020 or corsair@netwiz.net











