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This is the Sunday display of our *Wheels For Wheelchairs* show cars at the home of the Wheelchair Foundation and the Blackhawk Auto Museum.

ACTIVITY NOTICES

October 11, 2008 - Fall Wine Tour. Starts near Sonoma where "tour packets" and directions will be provided. (See page 3)

December 7, 2008 - Annual Sunday Brunch at Pleasanton Hotel.

FROM THE PREZ

To all members of the Northern California Kit Car Club. This Words From The Prez column is to thank you all for your hard work at this years show. We may not have had as many in attendance as we had hoped, but many people told me that the quality of the cars that came was excellent!

We opened some new ground by having more than one street rod there. I only hope that we can make this area of attendance grow. Those cars are really beautiful. So let's all keep on asking those who have street rods and other types of "component cars" to come to our show. Who knows, we may someday have a class just for them.

As this show will be my last as President of this club I would like to ask that we, as a club, keep on trying to benefit this charity that we have been supporting for the last three years. It has giving our club a rallying point and a purpose behind what we as a community of car enthusiasts can do. I also hope that the title of WHEELS FOR WHEELCHAIRS will continue to grow in meaning for our surrounding communities. Maybe one day we will be a large scale charity event. Who knows?

For the benefit of those who were unable to attend the show and the banquet on Saturday night, I will put

here in writing the announcement that I made at the banquet. Effective immediately I am turning over the rest of this year's Presidential responsibilities to my Vice President, James Wagner. This is being done because of pressing health issues that I will have to be dealing with for the foreseeable future for both myself and my wife, Leanne.

I want to take this time to thank all of you for allowing me the privilege to serve as the president of this club for the past three years. It has had its ups and downs, but overall it has been fun. I will not be dropping out of sight completely. But I will have to scale back on my ability to participate in club activities. I hope to be able to see you all from time to time, out there, enjoying your rides.

So, for now, I will close this last Letter From The Prez with the encouragement to you all to go out and have a Great time with your cars. Attend the different shows that are out there and talk to the people, answer their questions, and keep on driving!!! Until we meet again, Kept the shiny side up, the dirty side down, the bugs off your glass and the cops off your... tail !!!

Yours Very Sincerely,
Dave Jones

AKA: The Prez

OCTOBER 11th WINE TOUR

By James Wagner

NOTE: There is a change in the October Wine Tour itinerary. We will be visiting the same list of wineries as in the September Newsletter, but in a slightly different order. The date is the same: Saturday, October 11.

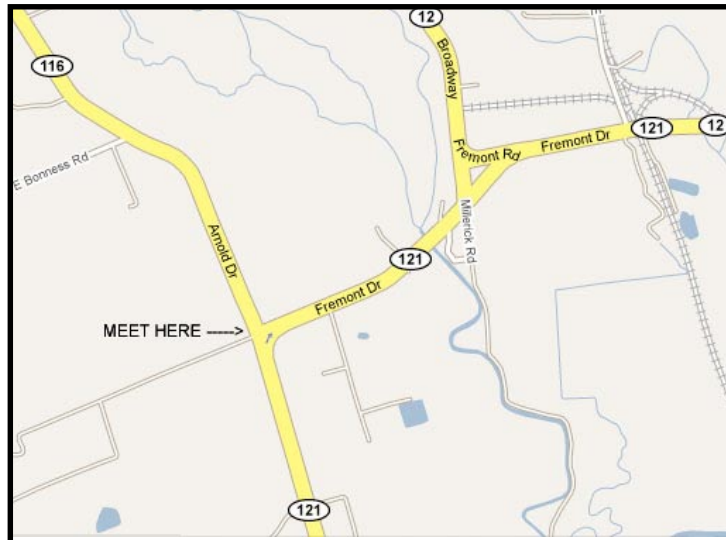
We will be returning to the Sonoma Valley, specifically the Carneros region. Due to the \$4 per gallon price of gasoline, our tour route will have limited drive times between the wineries, leaving more time for, of course, tasting.

First, we plan on visiting the Bartholomew Park Winery (northeast of the “downtown” Sonoma Square) for tasting and a leisurely picnic lunch (lunch not provided, BYOL), then journey to the nearby Buena Vista Carneros Winery for tasting and finally, end our winery tour at the Schug Family Winery at the southwestern edge of Sonoma.

Please note, as is the current trend, all the wineries we will be visiting will have a “nominal”

tasting fee. We will gather at 10 AM at the “country store” parking lot at the intersection of Highways 116 and 121 (Arnold Drive) where “tour packets” with directions to the wineries and other winery info will be provided. When we depart the country store parking lot, we will drive north to downtown Sonoma and loop around the downtown square to show off our cars. Be on notice that this activity will require lots of hand waving. Should be great fun. Please call or e-mail Jim Wagner if you have any questions concerning the October Tour. (650) 341-0211; (650) 393-0642 (cell) or jamesuu@comcast.net (email)

NOTE: Infineon Raceway will have a Classic Sports car Race this weekend. This may affect your choice of routes ! (See cover announcement)



“WHEELS FOR WHEELCHAIRS” -- SAN LEANDRO SHOW

By Vern Hance

The show this year was again intended to benefit the Wheelchair Foundation and support their work of providing wheelchairs to disabled people around the world.

On Saturday we enjoyed warm sunny weather and had 38 cars registered, including 8 Cobras, 6 Mercedes, 6 Ferraris, 2 Porsches, 5 Fords, 4 Bugattis, 1 Sterling, 1 Tomahawk and a host of other unique and special cars such as a Kurtis 500S, a Fiero based ZR-2 and a Ponerri. We were very pleased to have several exhibitors from Southern California and Dan Burrill motorcycled from Oregon to report for *Kit Car Builder* Magazine and present an Award.

Shane Williams Ferrari 355 had its first showing and Steve Bales brought his newest creation, a beautifully restored '39 Ford Coupe. Auto designer, Merlin Cofano, displayed his "Ferrari-looking" Datsun 260Z custom, built by PK Designs. Allen Koch deserves recognition for driving his Bugatti T-35 from Citrus Heights to the show, the Poker run and the Blackhawk Museum. You know how big Bugatti windshields are, I trust !!

The Happy Hour was held in the Marina Inn and featured champagne, cheese, salami and other goodies.

Our Saturday night banquet participation was sparse with only 41 attendees, but there were plenty of good food, wine and prizes for all.

The Sunday Poker Run started at San Leandro, toured through Livermore to the Wente Winery and ended at the Blackhawk Museum. We displayed all 9 cars on the Plaza directly in front of the Museum. I appointed myself as the outside docent and talked with a number of people who were surprised to find that our cars were handbuilt, most of them by the owners.

All of the car owners toured the Auto Museum and some took the Docent-led tour at 2 p.m.

Our cars slowly disappeared as folks headed for home and the Plaza was again vacant by 4 p.m.

Judging by comments I heard, the weekend show and driving event was enjoyed by all.

We did not cover our expenses for the show, banquet and poker run. However, thanks to the generous donations of participants we have sent a check for \$779 to the Wheelchair Foundation. That will buy 10+ wheelchairs.

Many thanks to Show Chair Sarah Smith (and Will) as well as all of you that brought your cars and the many folks that worked on the show from start to finish.

SHOW AWARDS FOR 2008

Best of Show:
 Doug Brothers 33 Ford Roadster

Ladies Choice:
 Don & Jacquie Raye Cobra

Kit Car Builder Award:
 Nelson Abinsay Cobra

President's Choice:
 Richard Collins Ford Vicky

Vice President's Choice:
 Carol Jacobson Dune Buggy

Show Chairman's Choice:
 Harry Craycroft Porsche 550

Best Unfinished
 Cliff Lacasse Ferrari GT250 Spyder

Recognition Award
 Shane Williams Ferrari 355

Honorable Workmanship Award
 Steve & Mary Ellen Bales 39 Ford

Class A: (SPORTS)
 1st - Marty Rosenthal Kurtis 500S

Class B: (SPORTS)
 1st - Mike Koken Ferrari 250 GTO

Class C: (CLASSIC)
 1st - Steve & Mary Bales M-B 500K

Class D: (CLASSIC)
 1st - Robert Wagner Bugatti T-35

Class E: (COBRA)
 1st - Dave Jones Cobra

Class F: (COBRA)
 1st - Russ Thompson Cobra Daytona

Special Interest:
 1st - Doug Brother 33 Ford Roadster
 2nd - Greg Enes Cobra

NCKCC sincerely thanks all those who entered their cars. Without you we could not have had such a great show. Copies of the *NCKCC News* are being sent to all non-NCKCC member exhibitors.

BEST OF SHOW & 1st PLACE SPECIAL INTEREST



Doug Brothers
 '33 Ford Roadster

SPORTS - Class A



SPORTS - Class B



CLASSIC - Class C



CLASSIC - Class D



COBRA - Class E



COBRA - Class F



Special Interest - 1st Place



President's Choice

Special Interest - 2nd Place



Vice-President's Choice



Show Chair Choice



Ladies Choice



Best Unfinished



Recognition Award



Workmanship Award



Kit Car Builder Award



Wheelchair Guy, Knebel



Gatekeepers, Pat & Carol

COOL SEPTEMBER DAYS

By Tom Wallters

It's always a fun time at Lake Tahoe south shore. The Cool September Days car show was a good excuse to mosey on up. We arrived on September 12th and checked out the cars - a good variety of entries; from classics to a brand new Lamborghini, with everything in between. Last years winners were parked along the main drag and along the entry walk into the Horizon Hotel, where the show took place. Bob Bohaboy entered his Marlene but did not win. I decided to drive the 35 mpg Toyota leaving the 10 mpg Mercedes Benz 500K at home.

The show is professionally run and as usual, besides the cars, there was music, food, drinks, activities and lots of vendor stuff. The vendor stuff, tools, artwork, clothing items (Irene bought a real cool hat for \$10). Saturday we did the poker run to Emerald Bay in Bob's Marlene - the drive was gorgeous. Bob managed to pull up 4 Jacks and won \$100! Bob and Barbara also won some bucks on the slots. We ran into Karl Clarke and caught up on his news - he did not bring his Porche.

Irene and I took in a couple of movies at the Horizon - neither of us gamble - Mamma Mia was terrific; Dark Knight sucked, except for Heath Ledger, who was terrific. We also did breakfast at the top of Harrahs - we snagged a

corner table - the view of Lake Tahoe was terrific - and the food was outstanding.

We left for home on Sunday after a leisurely breakfast and took the scenic route - highway 88. So we missed the trophy presentation. Check out the suicide doors in the 57 Chevy truck. The roadster got a lot of attention. I understand the owner is the son of some big shot. *(Below: Tom's cell phone pics)*

We had a great time - the weather was perfect - T shirts all the way. The car show attendance was considerably down from previous years - it picked up a little by end-of-day Saturday but still was down 25% or so from previous years.



FOR SALE

COBRA Ford power, Jag rear-end. Silver w/ black interior. \$21,500 Call Bob Elster 707-938-3254 (1/02)

COBRA-NAF. Ford 289power, 4-speed, Jag posi rear-end. Blue w/ black interior. 5,000 mi. \$23,900 Call Trifam (925) 820-1847 SB-100 smog-exempt (9/07)

FERRARI - TESTAROSSA Spyder. Based on 1989 Corvette with 350 V-8 engine and automatic tranny. **Reduced to \$12,000.** Contact Anthony Ramsinh (408) 268-6554 or e-mail aramsinh@aol.com (11/05)

GATSBY - Ford 351W, auto overdrive tranny, SB100 CA smog exempt. Great driver, awesome condition, continuous show winner. \$29,000 Bill Navratil (408) 374-5277 E-mail bnavra@aol.com (4/08)

MARLENE - 1936 M-B 500K, 2.8 L V-6. auto, Weber carb, MSD, American Racing Baskets, new VDO gauges. Built in 1991 by owner (all receipts avail.) SB-100 smog exempt. Show winner. Asking \$12,000 Call Robert Bohaboy 530-417-2213 or email; robertjb2@sbcglobal.net (9/08)

MANX SR-2 - 1678 cc VW engine with 4-speed stick. New interior in 2002. Built in 1977 by present owner who has all receipts, etc. Includes a spare 1600 VW engine and extra parts. \$5,500. Call Don Wicks (707) 998-9383 or e-mail at dkwicks@mchsi.com (11/05)

MERCEDES SSK (Gazelle) Parts: 4 fenders (brown), windshield, radiator shell, bumpers, interior leather and top (tan), tail lights, supercharger pipes, doors (yellow), latches, hinges, etc. Tim 510-278-3085 (04/05)

PANTERA Factory built, only one known to exist. Red w/ beige interior, Chev engine \$35,000 Call Bob Elster 707-938-3254. (1/02)

PORSCHE 550 Spyder. A Beck turnkey built in 2003. 5,000 orig miles, never tracked, 2156 cc custom 182HP dynoed engine w/ 44mm Webers. Everthing polished or powder coated, ceramic mufflers, 4-wheel discs, custom roll bars, silver-blue, tan interior plus all Beck options. SPCNS smog exempt. Asking \$30,000. Dan Rowland 916-989-4330 or cell 916-367-8502 02/08

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2008

October 11, 2008 - Wine tour in Sonoma by Wagner & Maddux.

October 25-26, 2008 - Club Sandwich, Laughlin, NV

December 7, 2008 - Annual Brunch, Pleasanton Hotel.

NEWS FLASH FROM BILL NAVRATIL

I was glad to hear that the show format and drive turned out good and was enjoyed by all. sorry the attendance was down.

My car was raring to go but my body and an ambulance at 3 a.m.had other ideas. To make a long story short , I had a"minor" stroke and spent 2 days in the hospital. Thank God all of my motor movements are back and I'm feeling fine.

Hope to see you at the next event! Regards, Bill

POKER RUN FINISH

Shown below is the frantic finish to the Sunday, September 7th Poker Run.



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