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Shown above are some of the cars that participated in the Hot August Niles Show. DeCato's car was nearby.

ACTIVITY NOTICES

September 11 & 12, 2010 - Annual Handcrafted & Special Interest Car Show at the Concord Hilton Hotel. **REGISTER YOUR CAR NOW !!**

October 16, 2010 - San Francisco Bay Cruise. Starts at 10 a.m. Pier 43 ½ at Fisherman's Wharf. (See page 6 for details.)

FROM THE PREZ

By James Wagner

Well, August is over and that means the NCKCC Annual Car Show has nearly arrived. The Show Committee has done a great job putting together the final details to make this year's show one of the best ever. If you haven't already, please send in your car show registration to Vern. (The registration form was included in the July Newsletter and is also available on the Club Web Site.) And don't forget to make your room reservation with the Hilton. I think it's going to be a great weekend and September 11th & 12th, will be here before you know it!

August had only one activity on the Club Calendar of Events:

"Hot August Niles Car Show", but it was a good one. (See Vern's article in this newsletter.) There were plenty of great cars to ogle (approximately 300!), lots of shops to explore along Niles Boulevard and a really great crowd. My dad and I enjoyed an excellent sandwich at the "Nile" Café on "H" Street just off Niles Blvd. Yes, "Nile", not "Niles": It has an unusual Egyptian motif. This Niles show was also our final pre-show opportunity to "push" our September NCKCC show. The Club had five members attending and we handed out several hundred flyers and personally invited numerous owners to bring their cars to our show in Concord. There appeared to be a lot of spectator interest in our show.

Take care, Hope to see y'all at the NCKCC show at the Concord Hilton.

NCKCC ANNUAL HANDCRAFTED CAR SHOW SEPTEMBER 11 & 12

Show Time is here, so the list below covers many important action priorities. We also need volunteers for the many jobs during the show that make it a success.

- **Please submit your car registration forms ASAP.** As of August 25 we have only have 15 cars (Just 9 are from NCKCC members) and 16 dinners confirmed.
- We still need drawing prizes for our banquet drawing as well as merchandize prizes to provide raffle prizes during the show. The sale of extra raffle tickets during the show is important to support the Food Bank, our chosen charity beneficiary.

- We need your help during the show to keep things running smoothly. So please make a note on your car registration form that you will help fill one of the jobs during the show.

- We hope you have been telling your friends about our show, putting up a poster on your company bulletin board or at a local Auto Parts Store. Some things are still on our website to help you. Just click on 'Helpful Documents' on the 'Annual Show' page.

Also remember that our website has a direct link to the Hilton Hotel for reservations. The SPECIAL price ends August 29th, so hurry.

HOT AUGUST NILES SHOW

By Vern Hance

It was a rather COOL August day at the Niles show this year, but was pleasant and the sun did burn off the fog before noon.

There were also some cool cars on display. NCKCC had six cars on display including Dave & Joyce DeCato's 1936 International, Paul & Ruth King's M-B SSK, Chuck Maddux' M-B 500K, Vern Hance's M-B 500K, Jim Smith's FFR Cobra and Jim & Robert Wagner's Fiero ZR2. In addition to the 9 members that came with the cars, Larry Fewell came buy to savor the car line-up.

One surprise came as the result of Paul King putting a 'For Sale' on his windshield. It resulted in a sale and they hurried home a bit early to trade the car title for some money.

Shown below is some of the Show Committee as they met to review last minutes issues about the show.



A number of worthy cars were invited to attend our show as special interest candidates. A couple of these are shown below. The Studemino is a Chev El Camino with a fiberglass Studebaker front end and rear fenders



The Ford 4-door convertible was a beautiful example of a car that was very rare in its day.



Editor's note: This following was excerpted from an article published in the Wall Street Journal. I thought some of you might be interested in a different type of car collector. Be sure to check the website.

CAR COLLECTOR'S BOND WITH BOND

By Mark Yost

Since the 1960s, every little boy, at one time or another, has wanted to be James Bond. He's a secret agent "licensed to kill," he pursues—and often catches—dangerous villains and beautiful women all

over the world, but mostly he has some really cool gadgets.

Doug Redenius is one-for-three. The 54-year old has been a postal worker for more than 30 years and married to the same woman for almost as long. But through luck and determination this humble, middle-class Bond enthusiast from Illinois, who has been a fan of the films and of Agent 007 since the age of 8, has managed to amass the largest collection of James Bond cars in the world. You could call him Q's archivist.

Unfortunately, for much of the year, this collection sits in a barn in a cornfield here, about 10 miles from St. Ann, Ill., where Mr. Redenius grew up. But he is hoping to change that. He has partnered with the city of Momence, one of many dying river towns in the Midwest. Together, Mr. Redenius and Momence are hoping to raise enough money to build the Museum of Bond Vehicles and Espionage. At the bare minimum, they'll renovate an abandoned used-car dealership, hoping to draw about 20,000 visitors a year. If they can find a rich benefactor, they'd like to build a \$1.5 million, 14,000-square-foot exhibit space, designed by the hip Chicago architecture firm Gensler.

"Raising nearly \$2 million will not be easy," said Mr. Redenius. "But if it does happen, I firmly believe we can save a small community and bring much needed jobs and tourism to the area."

Meanwhile, Mr. Redenius's Ian Fleming Foundation—which was incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 1992—and has no formal connection to the estate of Fleming, Bond's novelist creator, or to the Bond films—leases out the cars to auto shows and museums. In fact, nine of the automobiles, including the famous Lotus submarine car that Roger Moore drove in "The Spy Who Loved Me," are on display at the National Motor Museum in England.

Mr. Redenius uses the money from these paying gigs to acquire more vehicles and restore them. But if a charity wants to use the cars to raise money, he charges them nothing.

Mr. Redenius has either a vehicle or a prop from every Bond film except the first two, "Dr. No" (1962) and "From Russia With Love" (1963), and the most recent one, "Quantum of Solace" (2008). The most impressive vehicle he has is from one of the least-popular Bond films, 1969's "On Her Majesty's Secret Service," starring one-time 007 George Lazenby. It's the 1969 Mercury Cougar XR-7 convertible that Bond drives through the Swiss Alps in pursuit of

arch-villain Ernst Stavro Blofeld (played by Telly Savalas). The film also features a steamy back-seat scene with the beautiful Diana Rigg. It is the most expensive car in the collection. Mr Redenius paid about \$75,000 for it. Other items he got for free; some he bought for as little as \$3,000.

Another standout in the collection is the customized Ford Mustang Mach I 429 Cobra Jet from "Diamonds Are Forever" (1971). According to Mr. Redenius, many of the scenes in the film were shot with a less powerful, 351-horsepower version of the Mach I.

When Mr. Redenius found the 429 Cobra Jet, it—like so many of the Bond vehicles he buys—was long-abandoned and in disrepair. So twice a year he hosts a volunteer work week in which a dozen or so regulars fly into Illinois and do some of the restoration work. Not surprisingly, as word of the collection has leaked out, Mr. Redenius has received many offers to come help. "I must have a volunteer list of 2,000 names," he said.

But this is not simple backyard garage work. His regular crew includes engineers, electricians and fabricators who are adept at the highly specialized jobs often required. The 429 Cobra Jet, in his own words, is "rusted out and is generally regarded as a piece of junk." For this particular project, he's hoping to lure one of the many car-restoration television shows, to help defray some of the costs and get the car back to pristine condition.

And Mr. Redenius hasn't limited himself to just cars and trucks. The first Bond vehicle he acquired was a specially built wet submersible used in 1981's "For Your Eyes Only." It was originally part of the USS Intrepid Museum in New York. A local dive club was going to buy it, because it "had no military significance and the Intrepid people really weren't interested in it," he said. He managed to purchase it and spent the next year and a half restoring it.

Mr. Redenius has been able to track down Bond boats through Glastron, the manufacturer that custom built many of them. From "Moonraker" (1979) he has the sleek black speedboat outfitted with rocket launchers, mines and a hang glider. He also has two of the boats used in the swamp chase scenes in 1973's "Live and Let Die." One was used to make a 110-foot jump over a levee (then a world record); the other was the villain's boat that ends up in a nearby swimming pool.

Other interesting gadgets include Blofeld's Bath-o-Sub from "Diamonds Are Forever," which was

crafted by legendary car builder George Barris; the Indian Tuk-Tuk auto rickshaw from "Octopussy" (1983); and, from "The Spy Who Loved Me" (1977), the Wetbike Water Cycle, one of the world's first-ever jet skis. "Once the producers saw it, they desperately wanted to include it in the film," Mr. Redenius said.

Go to the foundation's web site (www.ianfleming.org) and you can see all these and more. There's also a list of items Mr. Redenius hasn't yet acquired but would like to. Like his hero, James Bond, I think he will complete his mission.

Mr. Yost is a writer in Chicago.

GOLDEN GATE BAY CRUISE - OCTOBER 16

Here is the lowdown on the October 16 Golden Gate Bay Cruise outing.

Golden Gate Bay Cruise, with Red and White Fleet Departing from Pier 43 ½ in the heart of Historic Fisherman's Wharf, sail past the San Francisco skyline and view the lively neighborhood of North Beach, the famous swimming clubs of Aquatic Park, the historic vessels at Hyde Street Pier, the San Francisco Maritime National Park, and numerous other exciting sights.

As you head west towards the Golden Gate Bridge, cruise along Fort Mason and the Marina District which was devastated in the 1989 earthquake. Next, enjoy views of Crissy Field and the lush hillsides of the Presidio—both former army installations—that are now part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Don't miss incredible photo opportunities when sailing directly under the massive 4,200-foot span of the 746-foot tall Golden Gate Bridge.

As you steam back into the Bay, travel past the wildlife reserves of the Marin Headlands and the legendary town of Sausalito, once home to the 1960s' flower generation. With Angel Island State Park to your left, slowly cruise around the infamous Island of Alcatraz. On your way back to Fisherman's Wharf, see the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, and Coit Tower. After a full hour of exciting sights, the barking sea lions at Pier 39 welcome you back to Pier 43 ½, where you can visit two National Historic Landmarks, the WWII submarine USS Pampanito and merchant vessel USS Jeremiah O'Brien.

A full bar with drinks, snacks and merchandise

(including logo wear) at reasonable prices is available onboard.

Here is the scenario for the outing:

1. We all arrive at the Red and White Fleet Terminal on Pier 43 1/2 at least 45 minutes prior to the 10:45 AM cruise departure (aim for getting there around 10:00).
2. We board the 10:45 tour boat and do the Golden Gate Bay Cruise.
3. We return to Pier 43 1/2 around noon.
4. We walk to "Fishermen's Grotto" for lunch (2851 Taylor Street).
5. We head home or... There are many things to see and do in the Fisherman's Wharf area, you might want to hang for awhile before heading home.

To get tickets for the excursion, call 415 673 2900 (you may need to press 0 after the intro) and order your tickets for the "Golden Gate Bay Cruise" - you then pick them up at the terminal. Or you can order them on line by going to <http://www.redandwhite.com>. Click "Book Online", then "Golden Gate Bay Cruise". Fill in the booking info and press "submit booking". Or you can buy them at the terminal. The tickets are \$24 for on-line booking and \$20 (\$4 saving) if you book over the phone or buy them at the terminal. The tickets are open (not specific to a date/time).

Below are directions to pier 43 1/2 via public transportation. You will want to get your specific directions from GoogleMaps at: <http://maps.google.com>. Once there, click on "Get Directions", then fill in your starting point and for the ending point, type "Red and White Fleet, San Francisco, CA". Then click the little train icon at the top (for type of travel) and click "Get Directions". The Caltrain schedule can be obtained at: <http://www.caltrain.com/schedules/weekdaytimetable.html>. The BART schedule can be obtained by going to: <http://www.bart.gov/schedules/bystation.aspx> and looking up the schedule for your station.

If you plan to drive, there are several parking lots in the area. I checked parking prices (on the web) for Central Parking at Talor St. and Jefferson St. - the weekend rate is \$10 for up to 12 hours.

Directions to Pier 43 1/2 by public transportation:

From the West and South bay (Mountain View):

Travel time about 1 hour and 53 Minutes.

Caltrain - Direction: San Jose to San Francisco
Depart Mountain View Caltrain

44 mins (12 stops)
Arrive Millbrae Caltrain

Metro rail - BART - Direction: Richmond
6 mins to make transfer
Depart Millbrae BART

33 mins (12 stops)
Arrive Embarcadero BART

Light rail - F - Market & Wharves -
Direction: Fisherman's Wharf
8 mins to make transfer
Depart Market St & Main St

19 mins (11 stops)
Arrive Jefferson St & Taylor St

Walk to Pier 43 1/2, San Francisco, CA 94133
About 3 mins

Red and White Fleet
Pier 43 1/2

From the East bay (Walnut Creek):

Travel time about 1 hour.

Walnut Creek BART
Metro rail - BART - Direction: SFIA / Millbrae
Depart Walnut Creek BART
34 mins (8 stops)

Arrive Embarcadero BART

Light rail - F - Market & Wharves -
Direction: Fisherman's Wharf
5 mins to make transfer
Depart Market St & Main St

19 mins (11 stops)
Arrive Jefferson St & Taylor St

Walk to Pier 43 1/2, San Francisco, CA 94133
About 3 mins. You are there.

Please give Tom Wallters a call at 650 961 8256 (or email twallters@gmail.com) and let him know how many are coming and if you desire to have lunch at "Fisherman's Grotto". There are many restaurants in the area, this one is close by the Red and White Fleet terminal and has a good selection (lunch specials, sandwiches, seafood, pasta, steaks, etc) at reasonable prices - the reviews look very good. Tom's cell for a 10/16 emergency is 408-391-2574

OTHER AUTO EVENTS OF INTEREST

By Vern Hance

I get lots of invitations to attend car shows that come in after we set up our "official" club activities. We encourage members to consider participating in these shows. They are fun and can provide an opportunity to educate the showgoers about our particular branch of the car hobby.

So, here are some events you might consider participating in.

September 18, 2010 - Newark Days Car & Truck Show. Newark Community Park, 35501 Cedar Blvd, \$25 Pre-registration before 9/17 \$15 for second car entered. Trophies, music, food, entertainment. More info call 510/793-5683 or email jpscartrkshow@yahoo.com

September 25, 2010 - Murphys, CA: *Ironstone Concours d'Elegance*: Located at Ironstone Winery, 1984 Six Mile Road. Some three hundred classic and antique cars, vintage motorcycles, wooden boats, art-deco trailers and old-timey campmobiles on display from 11 AM - 4:30 PM. Benefits FFA and 4H. Admission: \$20 per person, kids 14 and under free, \$35 family package. 209-785-4234 Info@ironstonefoundation.org

September 25, 2010 - Santa Maria, CA : *Cruzin' for Life*: at the Santa Maria Fairpark, 937 S. Thornburg. Car show, cruise, dinner & auction on Saturday Sept. 25. Competition burnouts and dragster & funnycar exhibitions on Sunday Sept. 26th. Benefiting Marian Cancer Care Services & American Cancer Society. Thanks to the many participants and sponsors, from the 2009 show we are able to donate \$100,000 to cancer related causes! Marian Cancer Care Center is the recipient of \$64,000 to pay for local cancer patient needs that are not covered by insurance. The Gold Coast Region of the American Cancer Society received \$36,000, including \$25,000 to the Young Cancer Survivor Scholarship Fund and \$11,000 to the Camp Reach for the Stars, our local camp for children cancer survivors. For more info contact Bob at 805-937-8008 or visit website www.cruzinforlife.net

THE UNREPORTED CAR SHOW

By Vern Hance

On Father's Day June 20th I attended "Cruisin The Classics" car show at the Blackhawk Museum. It was a low key show with no trophies or formalities. Just a bunch of people showing off their cars. It only cost \$5 to enter and you did get a dash plaque magnet.



There were about 60 cars with some very special ones on display. This seems to be a regular Father's Day event and should be considered for our 2011 events. Some of the pics are shown above.

DECEMBER ANNUAL BRUNCH

By Vern Hance

In an effort to plan ahead for our Brunch on December 5, 2010, I recently contacted The Farmer Restaurant at the Pleasanton Hotel. They no longer have the full buffet champagne brunch like we had last year. BUT they have a lower cost "Omelette Station" that cost about \$18 w/ tax & tip.

Here is their description of the Farmers Omelette Station:

Step up to our Omelette Station & let our Chef Prepare a Farmer Fresh Omelette just for you. Served with Farmer Country Fried Potatoes, your Choice of Linguica, Sausage, Bacon, Ham or Sirloin Patty, a Basket of Croissants, Mini Muffins, Scones and Biscuits, and a Selection of Fresh Seasonal Fruit.

It does not include champagne, but for those that wish to enjoy a champagne or cocktail, they will serve & collect from you individually.

I thought this might encourage more people to attend, since we could charge \$10 per person and subsidize the difference from club funds, as we have done for many years.

The alternative would be to order individually from the menu, which can be viewed at www.pleasantonhotel.com
I don't know if they will do separate checks for the a la carte menu option for our size group.

Please give this you consideration and let me know if the Omelette Station plan is acceptable to you at \$10/person.

FOR SALE

BUGATTI 1927 Bugatti, good cond. Never wrecked. Yellow paint, brown upholstery that needs rework. Less than 50 miles on 1600cc recond. engine. Consider delivery. \$3000.00. (See photo) Dave Fernandez 530-384-2778 email daf360hd@att.net (3-10)

FERRARI-Look-alike - From Fiero Factory in the U.K. 1988 Fiero based car with 3.8 liter Bonneville engine transplant and upgrade wheels. \$12,000 o.b.o. Call Doug Izuno (925) 254-1789. Or e-mail: tizuno@comcast.net (10/09)

FINO – Built on 1987 Fiero with Cadillac Northstar V-8 & auto trans. Regular trophy winner. Custom suspension, brakes and interior. Special Purple BASF Extreme paint. \$25,000. Call Al Bohr (503-632-8372) or e-mail: albohr@bctonline.com. (10/09)

MERCEDES 500K 350 Chev. w/Edelbrock, Pro Flo Fuel injection. 350 Turbo Tran., Vintage Air, Heat and Defrost. Smog exempt. Steve Bales, 925 820-7420 Email: mbales5140@aol.com
See photo and magazine story at: <http://kitcar.automotive.com/26615/0601kc-mercedes-benz-500k/index.html>
or type Bales Benz in Google. (04/10)

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

NEED YOUR KIT CAR PUT TOGETHER, customized or finished?
Have a car that needs body work?
We can help!
Contact: Car Concepts by Merlin Cofano 415-320-0678 (10/09)

"Cars for Sale" ads in the NCKCC News are for members only. Rate is \$10 for 12 issues.

Shown below are some of the cars listed.

Dave Fernandez '27 Bugatti



Steve Bales Mercedes 500



More cars from the Blackhawk "Cruisin The Classics" (below)



Tomi Izuno Fiero Factory Ferrari replica



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010

- September 11-12, 2010 - NCKCC Annual Car Show. Concord Hilton Hotel, Concord, CA
- October 16, 2010 – S. F. Bay Cruise. Pier 43 ½ in the heart of Historic Fisherman’s Wharf.
- December 5, 2009 - Annual Brunch, The Farmer Restaurant, Pleasanton Hotel. Vern Hance, Champion

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