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Jim Wagner (ZR-2 Fiero) and Steve & Mary Ellen Bales ('39 Ford Deluxe Coupe) were the first arrivals for the Hot August Niles show. The weather was nice and there were lots of beautiful cars. We made some special invitations to those that we wanted to see at our September Show.

EVENT NOTICE

September 10 & 11, 2011 - NCKCC Handcrafted & Special Interest Car Show benefiting Meals on Wheels. A 2-day show at the Concord Hilton Hotel. Please register your car SOON. (See page 2)

October 2, 2011 – Knightsen Days Car & Tractor Show, Sponsored by The Knightsen Volunteer Firefighter's Assoc. Free entry. Raffle, food, music. RSVP to Al Bello (925) 625-3553 before 9/27/11.

October 15, 2011 – Computer History Museum, Mt. View (See page 3 and RSVP to Tom Wallters)

FROM THE PREZ

Well, August is over and that means the NCKCC Annual Car Show has nearly arrived. The Show Committee members have done a great job putting together the final details for this year's show. Registrations for this year's show have been a little slow, so if you haven't already, please send in your car show registration to Vern. (The registration form was included in the previous 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 10th & 11th, 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. The Club had five of our members in attendance although Vern had to leave early to attend a wedding reception. (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.

This Niles show was also our final pre-show opportunity to "push" our September NCKCC show. We handed out numerous flyers and personally invited a number of owners to bring their cars to our show in Concord. As we handed out our flyers to the steady stream of spectators, there appeared to be a lot of interest in our show from the men and the women too!

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

Jim W

NCKCC 2011 CAR SHOW NEWS **SEPTEMBER 10 & 11, 2011**

By Vern Hance

As of this writing (8/24/11) we have 15 cars pre-registered and 19 people prepaid for the Saturday night dinner.

We really need a lot more cars, so if you have been holding off registering your car, please send in your registration **soon**.

Regarding the dinner, we need to select our entree in advance so the Chef at Grissini's can prepare.

Here is the menu:

Start with a Caesar con Tiglio salad.

Entrees will be either:

1. Orechetti Bolognese - Orechetti pasta tossed in tomato and cream ragout with ground veal, pork and pancetta, topped with ricotta cheese.
2. Lemon Pepper Chicken – Lemon and mixed peppercorn marinated breast of Fulton Valley chicken with cannellini beans in tomato sauce, arugula salad and Pecorino Romano.
3. Grilled Pesto Salmon – Grilled Atlantic salmon with tamari ginger glaze, roasted sweet peppers, couscous and asparagus with basil pesto sauce.

Desert will be Tiramisu or sherbet.

Please indicate which 'entree' (1,2 or 3) that you want when you send your registration form. For those 19 of you that have already signed up for the dinner, please send an email to nckcc@astound.net indicating your 'entree' choice or choices.

House wines are \$19/ bottle. If you want wine or cocktails with your dinner you must pay for them. The club \$25 fee covers the food only.

The room is secluded and can handle 30 to 40 people. We will need to let them know what dinners are being ordered a week beforehand.

The room is reserved for 9/10/11.

In early August we mailed about 400 postcards and/or 150 emails to all former members and car show participants in an effort to generate some show cars and show car enthusiasts. We have had several responses already.

Also for those planning to stay over at the Hilton Hotel the deadline for **our special room rate is August 26th**. (See registration form) You can register for a room directly from our website <www.nckcc.com>

The car registration form is available at our website <www.nckcc.com> click on Annual Show.

MORE CAR SHOW EVENTS

AUGUST

23-26: Good Guys Hot Rod Week, Pleasanton
<http://goodguyshotnews.wordpress.com/2010/05/03/hot-rod-week-2010-tour-stops-announced/>

26-28: 25th Annual Good Guys West Coast Nationals, Pleasanton <http://www.trivalleycvb.com/includes/events/index.cfm?action=displayDetail&eventid=5850>

SEPTEMBER

3: Clayton, CA Derby Car Show parking, T-shirts, goody bags are limited to **first 335 cars entered at the event**. This is a first come first served general admission event and is usually filled by 9:00am.

16-18: Ukiah, CA "Fabulous Flashback Car Show"
<http://www.ukiahmainstreetprogram.org/details.asp?id=16681&subarea=Home>

17: Hot Chili & Cool Cars, Rocklin, Megan, (916) 624-2548, www.rocklinchamber.com

18: Sip & Stroll, Summerset
 26: Nostalgia Days, Altamont Cruisers, Livermore
<http://www.altamontcruisers.org/events/NostalgiaDayCS.asp>

OCTOBER

7-9: NSRA Sacramento <http://nsra-usa.com/index.php/site/evsum/C2>

10: Pete Paulson Motorsports, French Camp, CA
http://www.hubgarage.com/mygarage/Paulsen_Motorsports/vehicles

COMPUTER HISTORY MUSEUM - OCTOBER 15, 2011

By Tom Wallters

On October 15, we visit the Computer History Museum, in Mountain View. This is a one of a kind museum is in the heart of Silicon Valley, which has contributed much to the "Computer Revolution". The theme of the museum exhibit is "Revolution - The First 2000 Years of Computing".

Exhibits include: Calculators, Punched Cards, Analog Computers, Birth of the Computer, Early

Computer Companies, Real-Time Computing, Mainframes, Memory and Storage, Software Theater, Supercomputers, Digital Logic, Artificial Intelligence & Robotics, Computer Graphics, Personal Computers, Mobile Computing, Networking & the Web, What's next - and more; including the Babbage Exhibit (Babbage designed the first programmable computer in the early 1800's).

We will meet at 10 AM at the museum entrance. We will tour the museum and then have lunch at the Lakeside Cafe, located on a small lake, just down the street from the museum (I was unable to get Google to open their cafeteria for us - shucks). Personally, I am very excited about visiting this museum, having spent my entire career working on and around computers, including an analog computer!

The entrance fee is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, free for kids under 12. Driving directions will appear in the October newsletter. (the address is 1401 N Shoreline Blvd, Mountain View.)

Please let me know if you plan to attend. twallters@gmail.com or call (650) 961-8256

NILES HOT AUGUST NILES SHOW AUG 20, 2011

By Vern Hance

Hot August Niles is over and offered a showcase for a wide variety of vehicles including our NCKCC cars, Vintage Corvettes, Street Rods, Restored '30s and '40s cars and the biggest showing of Studebakers I have seen in one place. In fact we are hoping that Jim Wagners friend will bring his '41 Studebaker President to out show. (We twisted his arm just enough to let him know he was welcome)

Our NCKCC exhibitors included: Steve & Mary Ellen Bales ('39 Ford Deluxe Coupe), Jim Wagner (ZR-2 Fiero), Larry Fewell (M-B Marlene), Dave & Joyce DeCato (Ford Woody Surf Van) and Vern Hance (M-B 500K) I don't know if anyone in our group won a prize, but the awards are mostly for comical gimmick car characteristics.

Page 4 shows some of our people & cars.



Above: Dave & Joyce DeCato's Woody Surf Van

Below: Larry Fewell's M-B Marlene



Below: Vern Hance's M-B 500K



Right: Here is the '41 Studebaker President. It is powered by a flathead straight 8 engine.



KNIGHTSEN CAR & TRACTOR SHOW - OCTOBER 2, 2011

By Vern Hance

NCKCC members are again invited to this free Sunday Car Show sponsored by the Knightsen Volunteer Firefighters Association. Show hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Our NCKCC members, Al Bello and Gil Somerhalder, are some of the 'Movers & Shakers' behind this show and have promised us some premium display spots for our cars - but we must RSVP to Al Bello (925) 625-3553 by 9/27.

Knightsen's Main Street will be closed to accommodate the car display and there will be drawings for a variety of prizes, including gift certificates for auto parts, restaurants and other items. Drawing tickets can be purchased at the show.

TV and other Media will cover the event, so you might end up with your car featured on the front page of the S.F. Chronicle Auto Section, like I did a few years back.

Entertainment is scheduled to include Mexican Dancers, A simulated Western 'Shootout' and display of Horsemanship by Caballeros. In addition Jerry Caesar's Hot Rod Shop will be open for a tour of his projects and the Fire Department will be open for tours.

Food will be available at several locations and T-Shirts to commemorate the event will be available.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome new members William (Bill) and Sheryl Roles to our NCKCC family. They live in Danville, (925) 964-0447, and recently acquired a Vintage Speedsters '57 Speedster replica.

It is powered by a 1915 cc VW engine and drives through a 4-speed tranny with a 3.88 final drive ratio.

They are interested in rallies to local points of interest and technical information exchanges.

Our website assisted in their locating our club.

A picture of their red Speedster is shown at the right.

HARRY BUTLER DIES - 1928 - 2011

Many of you 'Long-time' members will remember Harry and treasure the memories of events in Carmichael, CA where he piloted his red MG-TD in Carmichael's Fourth of July Parades.

Harry was born in Coronado, CA in 1928 and enlisted in the Army Air Corps at age 19. He served in Guam, March Air Force Base and at the Pentagon in Washington D.C. He stayed active in the Air Force Reserve and attained the rank of Lt. Colonel.

Harry worked in banking and finance up until he retired in 1975, holding positions with Crocker Anglo, Security Pacific and Bank of Sacramento.

He is survived by his wife of 50-years, Marguerite "Peg" and two daughters.

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- December 4, 2011 - Annual Brunch, Location TBD (See note below). Vern Hance, Champion



54.5 MPG CARS PROMISED

By Vern Hance

Last month we reported that U.S. fuel economy standards would double by 2025 according to a White House announcement.

I have been trying to understand how the arithmetic works that allows manufacturers to achieve that 54.5 MPG.

What I found is very difficult to comprehend and does not appear to correlate to the way most of us calculate our mpg. I do my calculations by dividing the miles driven by the gallons of fuel used. But that's too simple.

The new 2012-2025 Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) allows for adjustments for features such as grille louvers that automatically close at high speeds (reduces drag), air conditioning with 'climate friendly' refrigerants, solar panels and other gadgets. The CAFE standards allow a manufacturer to count each electric car as two zero-emission vehicles. It

also allows a 1.5-2.0 mpg credit for strong hybrids trucks and SUVs (that can run for a time on batteries). Vehicles that shut off the engine at stop lights also get some type of reward.

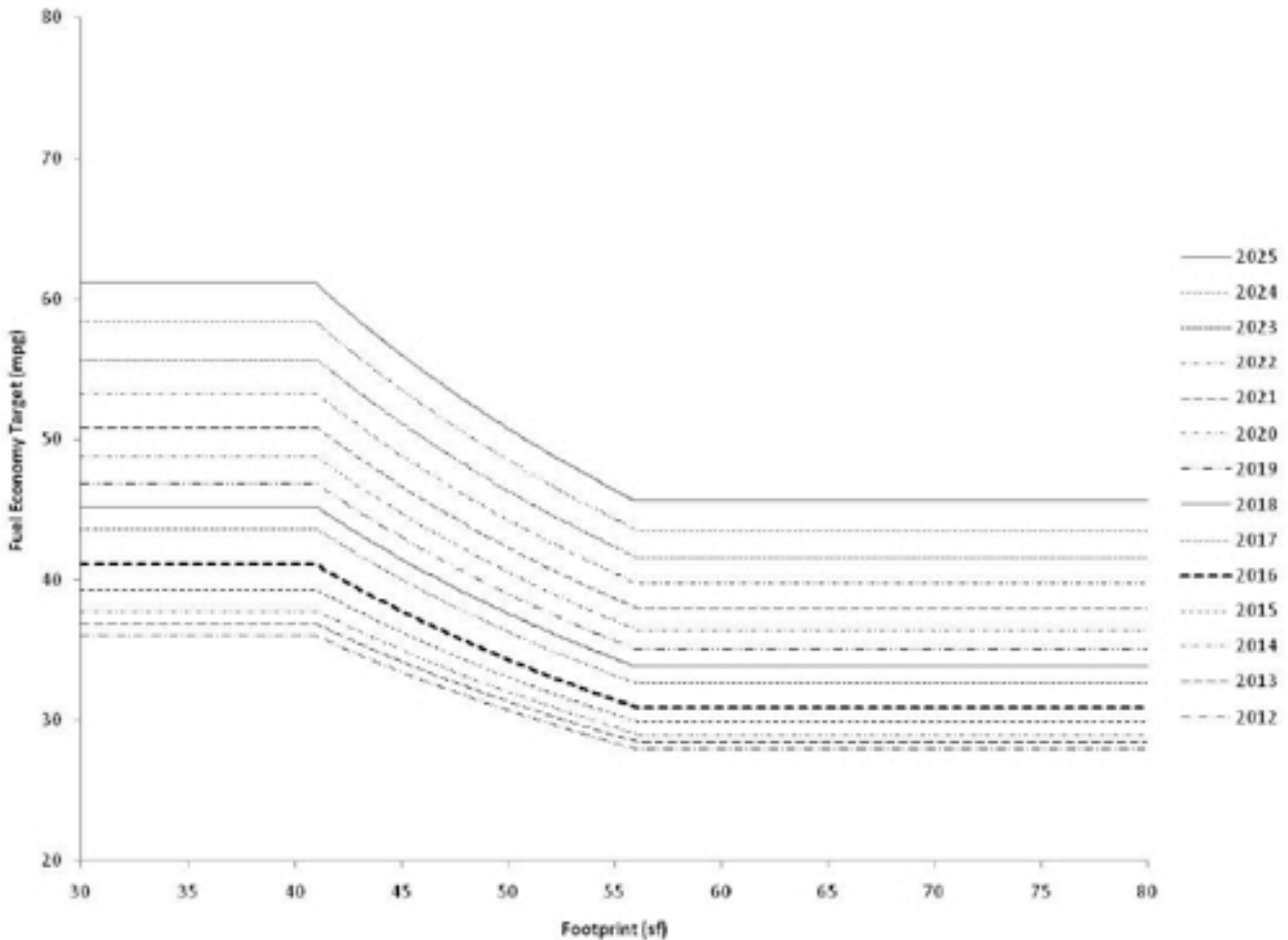
Oh yes, the foot print (the square feet of roadway your vehicle occupies on the road) also comes into the calculation.

I found a chart (see below) on the DOT website that shows the year by year target mpg (top line is for 2025 - lowest line is 2012) for various size vehicles. A big Chevrolet pickup takes up about 65 square feet and a Ford F150 takes about 75 square feet. From the chart you can see why large pickups will continue to be marketed vigorously. A Prius or a Ford Escape occupies about 42 square feet.

The comment below was attributed to a Mercedes representative.

"It's clearly inequitable and favors manufacturers of full size trucks," the executive said. "It could have an adverse effect on real world [gasoline] consumption by driving consumers to trucks."

Chart A.1: CAFE Target Curve for Passenger Cars



I don't pretend to understand what the real (arithmetic) mpg of 2025 vehicles will be, but I found a chart in Wikipedia that purportedly came from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The chart is reproduced below and seems to be saying that the window stickers on 2012-2025 cars won't show many vehicles that actually go 54.5 mpg. The chart shows an "EPS Window Sticker" column that appears to have numbers that look to be 'credible' mpg figures.

So it sounds like EPA is preparing to protect themselves from criticism by not using the 'incredible CAFE' numbers prescribed by the CAFE law.

Notice on the cart below that the the EPA sticker mpg for a 2025 Ford F150 shows 23 mpg, a Mercedes S-class shows 34 mpg and a Honda Fit shows 43 mpg.

Somehow that doesn't seem to be as dramatic as the 54.5 mpg heralded by our legislators.

2011-2025 CAFE standards for each model year in miles per gallon. ^[45]

Model Year	Passenger Cars				Light Trucks			
	"footprint": 41 sq ft or smaller (e.g. 2011 Honda Fit)		"footprint": 55 sq ft or bigger (e.g. Mercedes-Benz S-Class)		"footprint": 41 sq ft or smaller (e.g. Nissan Juke)		"footprint": 75 sq ft or bigger (e.g. Ford F-150)	
	CAFE	EPA Window Sticker	CAFE	EPA Window Sticker	CAFE	EPA Window Sticker	CAFE	EPA Window Sticker
2012	36	27	28	21	30	23	22	17
2013	37	28	28.5	22	31	24	22.5	17
2014	38	28	29	22	32	24	23	18
2015	39	29	30	23	33	25	23.5	18
2016	41	31	31	24	34	26	24.5	19
2017	44	33	33	25	36	27	25	19
2018	45	34	34	26	37	28	25	19
2019	47	35	35	26	38	28	25	19
2020	49	36	36	27	39	29	25	19
2021	51	37	38	28	42	31	25	19
2022	53	38	40	30	44	33	26	20
2023	56	40	42	31	46	34	27	21
2024	58	41	44	33	48	36	28.5	22
2025	61	43	46	34	50	37	30	23

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. **Reduced to \$8,000** o.b.o. Call Tomi 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)

FERRARI Testarossa (yellow). This beautiful and extremely well built smog exempt car won 7 awards including first place at Knott's and was featured in Kit Car Illustrated. The chassis is a lengthened Fiero, with a Chevrolet 327 engine, a Getrag 5-speed transmission, authentic Ferrari chrome-plated aluminum wheels, Eagle F-1 tires, plus many other amenities. This is my fourth replica and is by far the best. \$21,500. Al Clavelli 650 573-8125 or e-mail alclavelli@aol.com. (7/11)

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

Shown above right are the cars listed.



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From top:: Dave Fernandez '27 Bugatti,
Tomi Izuno's Fiero Factory, Ferrari replica
Al Bohr's Fino with Cadillac Northstar power
Al Clavelli's Ferrari Testarossa