



# **NCKCC** News

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***HERE'S THE MUSEUM - WHERE IS YOUR CAR? REGISTER NOW !  
See page 2.***

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- *September 10, 2016 - (NEW DATE) Cal Auto Museum Car Show & Cruise - Sacramento (See page 6)*
- **September 18, 2016(Sunday) - NCKCC Annual Car Show at Blackhawk Museum**
- **October 15, 2016 - Woodbridge Winery; Car Show, Chili Tasting, Wine Tasting**

## **FROM THE PREZ**

I was able to visit the "Hot August Niles" Car Show on August 20<sup>th</sup>. The large number of cars on display was amazing! My dad and I enjoyed checking them all out and really enjoyed the conversation/car talk with the "Contra Costa Posse" (Dave and Joyce DeCato's car friends from east Contra Costa County). We had a great lunch with Vern on an outdoor table at Bronco Billy's. The "Chuck Wagon" pizza was excellent, however, we did have a major noise/polution problem when a big-block dragster with straight-pipes was started-up a short distance away. The owner ran the engine for about five minutes. We could hardly breathe and certainly couldn't hear a thing for several more minutes. Next year we'll opt indoor seating.

With summer coming to a close, schools have already started their fall sessions and the Labor Day weekend is upon us. September has one major Club event on the "menu."

The NCKCC has once again scheduled our fall show at the Blackhawk Automotive Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville, CA 94506 on Sunday, Sep 18<sup>th</sup>. (<http://www.blackhawkmuseum.org/>) Just as we did last year, our show cars will be displayed on the plaza in front of the Museum. Although there is no "show fee", all participants will still have to register, so if you haven't already, please send in your "no fee" car show registration to Vern. (The registration form is available on the Club Web Site.) Vern will have all the particulars for the show elsewhere in this newsletter. I think it's going to be a lot of fun. "Show cars", "Classic cars" and a "Western Museum" to boot...What a combo!

Don't forget to add to your calendars the NCKCC suggested "wine tour" coming up on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> when we will be visiting the Woodbridge Winery in Acampo for their annual Chili Cook-off/Car Show.

Hope to see y'all at the "NCKCC at Blackhawk" Show September 18<sup>th</sup>,

Jim Wagner

## **NCKCC AT BLACKHAWK ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2016 - OUR #1 PRIORITY**

By Vern Hance

By the time you read this our show will be only two weeks away on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Blackhawk Automotive Museum has again graciously allowed us to have our annual show on the Plaza right in front of the Museum. You can't find a better venue than that !!

### **WHAT WE NEED IS MORE CARS !**

I have listed a registration deadline of 9/12/16 to allow me a week to get name tags, Car I.D. cards and "Don't Touch" signs ready for the car exhibitors - but you don't have to wait for the deadline.

Right now we have only 5 cars registered as I am preparing this newsletter. We really need to get more cars to be able to even call it a car show. I have looked through our membership list and noticed 13 cars that are show worthy but have not been registered. Are we going to see these people's cars at the show?

I realize that there are reasons that make it difficult for people to display their cars at our show, but if all these folks came we would have 18 cars in a respectable size show and provide a positive impression of our club.

So, please get busy and download a registration form from our website [www.nckcc.com](http://www.nckcc.com) - click on 'Annual Show' and mail it to me at the address shown on the form.

If you want to save a stamp I will settle for an e-mail to [nckcc@asound.net](mailto:nckcc@asound.net) that contains all the information requested on the registration about you and your car. I will even send you an e-mail confirmation if you include an email address.

For those that don't have internet access I am including a copy of the show registration form in this newsletter.

One other thing; We don't insist on Kit Cars only. For a number of years we have tried to attract all types of 'Special Interest' cars. Any vehicle that has been created in a way that shows a lot of handcrafted creativity is what we are looking for.

## A SMALL SHOW AT A WALNUT CREEK RETIREMENT RESIDENCE

Our club gets a lot of invitations to participate in car show, but some of them are so convenient that we have to consider them. The latest example was a request for cars at The Kensington Senior Living Community. The request had a fairly short fuse but I made some calls and found Chuck Maddux was ready to display his Mercedes 500K roadster. (Below)



I stopped by the show to thank Chuck and check out the cars. In addition to Chuck's 500K there were about 10 cars on display ranging from vintage pickups to a rare '63 Corvette and a couple of mid 50s VW Bugs in showroom condition. I had a chance to talk to some of the residents and met a man and his wife who had been Docents at the Blackhawk Museum for many years. I enjoyed hearing about some of their activities as Docents. If you have a chance to participate in this type of 'low key' show I would encourage you to give it a try. Never know when you will meet some very interesting people and the residents are always appreciative.



## HOT AUGUST NILES SHOW - AUGUST 20th

I made my appearance at this show to do my 'reporter' duties for the newsletter, but it turned out to be a pleasure rather than a duty. I was pleased to chat with a number of our members that dropped by to say hello to our mainstay exhibitors Dave & Joyce DeCato ('36 International Pick-up) and Jim & Robert Wagner ('36 Ford Slantback) - shown below.

For the fun part Jim treated me to a great Bronco Billy pizza which we enjoyed on a table on the sidewalk. The noise Jim mentioned came from a fueled dragster called 'Pure Hell' which describes the sound.





We were pleased to see Mary Ellen Bales & Sal at the show plus Tom & Irene showed up for a nice visit.

And here are Dave & Leanne Jones with their Cobra, all of them looking well.



Shown above: Joyce & Mary Ellen

Below: Tom & Irene



I spent the rest of my time checking out a bunch of other cars, but there isn't room for all of them so I'll focus on a very pretty '58 Pontiac Bonneville Convertible. The level of trim ornamentation on

many of the '58 GM cars was so extreme it's fascinating. So, here's my photo report on what got my attention.



The Bonneville displayed its golden name on the front fender just below the rocket ship side trim that terminates at the rear fender

where the recessed area must represent the “4-star” rocket blast-off.



the governor launched a new ballot measure committee. In publicly proclaiming the possibility of shifting from the Legislature to the ballot box, the Brown administration underscored its commitment to fortifying its climate change efforts, which the governor has placed at the center of his fourth and final term, despite pushback from some legislators.

As the legislative session accelerates into its final stretch, the fate of California’s cap-and-trade system has dominated talk at the Capitol.

Established under the auspices of a 2006 bill, the system requires businesses to buy permits for the climate-altering emissions they put into the air. But that authority could expire soon, since it is linked to a goal of reducing emissions to their 1990 levels by 2020.

That’s my best guess of what must have inspired the designer. After all the U. S. & Russia launched at least 7 tries to put a vehicle in orbit around the moon in 1958. All 7 failed for various reasons.

The Russian Luna 2 was the first rocket powered spacecraft to hit the moon, impacting the Moon on 14 September 1959.



(More pictures on page 8)

**CALIFORNIA CAP-AND-TRADE  
COULD GO TO BALLOT**

By Jeremy B. White

The fight to extend California’s climate change program could mean putting the issue before voters, a top aide to Gov. Jerry Brown said on Thursday as

In a sign of uncertainty about the program’s future, the most recent auction generated far less revenue than projections, pulling in around \$10 million where previous auctions had reaped hundreds of millions. A bill before the Legislature would set a new 2030 target, shoring up cap-and-trade’s legal authority. But that legislation is in a tenuous position. It would need to clear the Assembly, where an earlier version of the bill died last year shortly after Republicans and moderate Democrats succeeded in diluting another Brown-championed climate bill.

Those obstacles aside, Brown aide Nancy McFadden said on Thursday the administration remains determined to fortify California’s climate programs. In a statement, McFadden rejected “the fallacy that a vote on any single measure in the next 27 days will make or break our climate agenda.” “We are going to extend our climate goals and cap-and-trade one way or another,” McFadden said.



“The Governor will continue working with the Legislature to get this done this year, next year or on the ballot in 2018.” McFadden’s statement accompanied the appearance of a new ballot measure committee affiliated with Brown, Californians for a Clean Environment.

Going through voters, rather than the Legislature, could also dispel some of the legal fog encircling cap-and-trade. An ongoing legal challenge charges that the program should have been passed with a two-thirds vote, rather than a simple majority. (They claim it’s a new tax)

Getting voter approval would remove the need to secure the program with a two-thirds vote, a high hurdle given the difficulty of putting together a simple majority.

With legislative prospects uncertain this year, the California Air Resources Board has also initiated an effort to establish new emissions goals. Shortly after McFadden’s statement, ARB chair Mary Nichols posted a message to Twitter saying it was “certain” California’s climate efforts would continue through 2030.

“Low carbon fuels, (zero-emission vehicles), renewable electricity, cap and trade are all in CA’s future,” Nichols wrote. Should the legislative effort resume next year, Democratic leadership could find themselves in a stronger position. In the Assembly, Democrats could expand their already-substantial margin by multiple seats.

Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, D-Paramount, has projected little urgency about making a deal this year, sources say, and earlier this week Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de León, D-Los Angeles, said he was “not going to negotiate a bad deal just to get it done.” “One way or the other, we’re going to get it done,” he said.

Rex Roden  
ACCC Past President

## **CALIFORNIA POLITICIANS LOOK TO PUSH THROUGH NEW GAS TAX**

**ACCC appeals for help to stop billions in new taxes!**

California’s gas prices are currently the nation’s highest at nearly \$1 above the national average, according to data from GasBuddy. Unfortunately,

the Gas Tax 2016 by Senator Jim Beall (D – San Jose) would raise the price of gas even higher. The Gas Tax 2016, is a centerpiece of an “extraordinary session” called by Governor Jerry Brown for the specific purpose of raising taxes. The proposal is misguided and unnecessary because:

- Longtime gas tax proponent Jim Beall (D – San Jose) has joined with Assemblyman Jim Frazier to propose a 17 cent a gallon tax increase on gas combined with a 30 cent a gallon diesel tax increase. This proposal would amount to a \$7.4 billion a year tax increase.
- Governor Brown’s proposal would raise gas taxes by 6 cents a gallon, or a total of \$3.6 billion a year.
- The California Air Resources Board (CARB) recently imposed a new hidden gas tax This tax increase is estimated to have already added 10 – 15 cents a gallon to the price of gas.
- Even without counting CARB’s hidden gas tax, California gas taxes are ranked the second highest in the nation by the American Petroleum Institute.
- The gas tax increase proposals do nothing to address billions in gas tax money currently being diverted to other purposes other than transportation, totaling \$5 billion since 2010. The proposal also fails to address \$500 million in reported waste at CalTrans.

What can you do about it?

1. First, you can **find your representative and give them a call!**
2. You can also **download the Gas Tax Fact Sheet and share it with your friends!**

You can make a difference!

## **CALIFORNIA AUTO MUSEUM SHOW & CRUISE SEPTEMBER 10th**

Here is some info copied from the Museum website. For more info go to [www.calautomuseum.org](http://www.calautomuseum.org)

NEW ROUTE! We are no longer leaving from Sacramento State, all vehicles (pre-registered and non-registered) will enter via El Camino. We highly suggest you pre-register for this event to limit long delays and lines for registration.

### **Schedule**

4:00 pm– Registration opens and cruise begins!  
Pre-Registered will check in on El Camino, there will be multiple lanes for Pre-Registered participants.

Non Registered participants will park in the Tognotti parking lot and register.

Food trucks, breweries, and bands will already be set up and rockin' and rollin' in their respective lots on Fulton Avenue while the cruise is going. One lane in each direction will be designated for cruisers to park during this time, and one lane in each direction will be open for cars to continue driving the loop. Cars will be cruising from 4 pm to 6 pm but can pull over at any time.

6:00 pm— All Cruisers will parallel park on the curb or in designated "Official Cruise" show lots. Spectators are then free to walk the street.

6:30 pm – Around this time, the California Automobile Museum and our sponsors will be judging the automobiles that are lined up on Fulton Ave. Cars that are in parking lots will not be judged.

8:00 pm – All trophies will have been given out.

8:30 pm-Street fair ends

9:00 pm-Streets re-open

Prices for this cruise are as follows  
Cruise registration is non-refundable.

\$44 per car for museum members

\$49 per car for general public

### **General Information**

Registration/check in and cruising is from 4 PM to 6 PM but cars do not need to cruise the entire time or even cruise at all. Registration will be open and cruisers are welcome to arrive anytime between 4 PM and 6 PM (but not any earlier). Once they check in, they can cruise until 6 PM or immediately find a place to park along the curb on Fulton. Cars can NOT arrive early, check in early, line up early, or park in any of the lots along Fulton between Marconi and Cottage before 4pm. There will be NO parking at Tognotti.

It is VERY important to pre-register- as we will have multiple lanes for check in and will make the Cruise run smoother.

Starting on August 1st, the registration price is \$44 for museum members and \$49 for general public.

There are no restrictions on year, make or model, anything that is eye-catching can be registered. However, it is up to the discretion of the Museum to approve or deny any vehicle.

CruiseFest is free for the general public; spectators may arrive as early as 4:00pm to watch the cars as they drive the cruise route.

Those wishing to register on the day of the event will pull into the Tognotti's parking lot on El Camino, where they will be directed to registration tables. From there, they can pull directly onto Fulton Avenue and begin cruising.

Where do spectators park?

There is plenty of space west of El Camino for people to park; additionally, there will be multiple lots (exact locations to be determined) where CruisFest spectators may park. There will be maps and signs on Fulton Avenue, and we will post a spectator parking map on [calautomuseum.org/cruisefest2016](http://calautomuseum.org/cruisefest2016) as soon as spectator parking locations are finalized.

### **Cruisers**

Where do I go to start cruising?

Participants who have pre-registered will drive east on El Camino if on Bell. The street will be closed starting at Burgundy Way, and participants will be able to check in, get their shirts and goodie bags, and start cruising. There will be multiple lanes available for check in. Cars can NOT arrive early, check in early, line up early, or park in any of the lots along Fulton between Marconi and Cottage before 4 pm. There will be NO parking at Tognotti.

How long will the "entrance gate" be open for vehicles to enter the cruise route/loop?

Registration and entrance will be open from 4 pm to 6 pm. We will close down registrations and the "entrance gate" at 6 pm.

How are 500 cars going to be cruising in a loop during the 2 hours and how do they pull over and get back on?

The speed of the cruise is expected to be between 15-25 mph regulated by the CHP and the traffic lights. Traffic lights will remain operational to slow the cruise and allow pedestrians to cross traffic. These breaks in traffic also allow for drivers to pull into/out of the cruise loop safely. Cars must pull out of the cruise lane should their cars experience any problems including overheating. Tow trucks will be on site to clear the cruise lanes from 4-6pm and clear Fulton after 8:30 PM all at the car owners expense.

Is there anywhere to meet up before the cruise starts?

We recommend that cruisers, especially groups, meet at an off-site location west of Fulton (such as Arden Fair Mall, Howe Community Park, Howe Avenue Elementary School, or the 99 Cent Store on El Camino, for example) and plan on driving east on El Camino towards Watt at 4pm or any time up 6pm.

Please note: Only cars parked at the curb will be eligible for awards. If your car club or group is in a parking lot on Fulton Avenue, anyone wanting to be considered for an award will need to pull out onto the street. Judging will take place between 6:00 and 6:30.

Museum headquarters will be at Tognotti's (on the corner of El Camino Avenue and Fulton Avenue).

## **MORE CARS AT HOT AUGUST NILES**

*Top to bottom: 1933 Willys; 1954 Kaiser Manhattan; 1938 Buick Business coupe*



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