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Another view of The Candy Store Car Club headquarters located in a former Packard dealership building in Burlingame.

ACTIVITY NOTICE

April 8, 2006 - "Coming Out" party for new cars and new members. Brunch 11:45, The Candy Store meeting at 1:30 p.m. (See page 2)

May 4-7, 2006 - Marque Madness at Laguna Seca (See website hotline)

COMING OUT PARTY **APRIL 8th AT “THE** **CANDY STORE”**

By Vern Hance

We are on schedule for our visit to The Candy Store at 1:30 on April 8th.

The Candy Store whose motto is . . . “Great Cars, Great People”, says this is a perfect setting for our NCKCC event.

For the dozen of you planning to gather for brunch, I had a problem with IL Fornaio, and was not able to get a reservation. (I guess I set the deadline too late and they were booked up) So the revised plan is to meet at Zeyno Mediterranean Grill, 250 Lorton Avenue, Burlingame at 11:45 for lunch. This restaurant has lunch entrees in the \$10-\$15 range, so its not too much different than the original plan. I am sending e-mails to those who responded for the lunch



saying I have a reservation for 12 people for the 11:45 lunch. If you forgot to tell me you were coming for lunch, I suggest you call Zeyno directly 650/344-5655 to see if they can expand the reservation under the name of Vern Hance at 11:45 on April 8th. I am including on page 3 another map to show the location of the new lunch spot and The Candy Store.

After lunch we will meet those who had different lunch plans, at The Candy Store, 1021 Burlingame Avenue in Burlingame for our 1:30 p.m. visit. The visit to The Candy Store costs \$5 per person.

We especially want to honor those members who have joined us during the past year and particularly anyone who has finished or acquired a new vehicle in the past year. The 20 new members listed by last name that joined during 2005 and their cars are listed below.

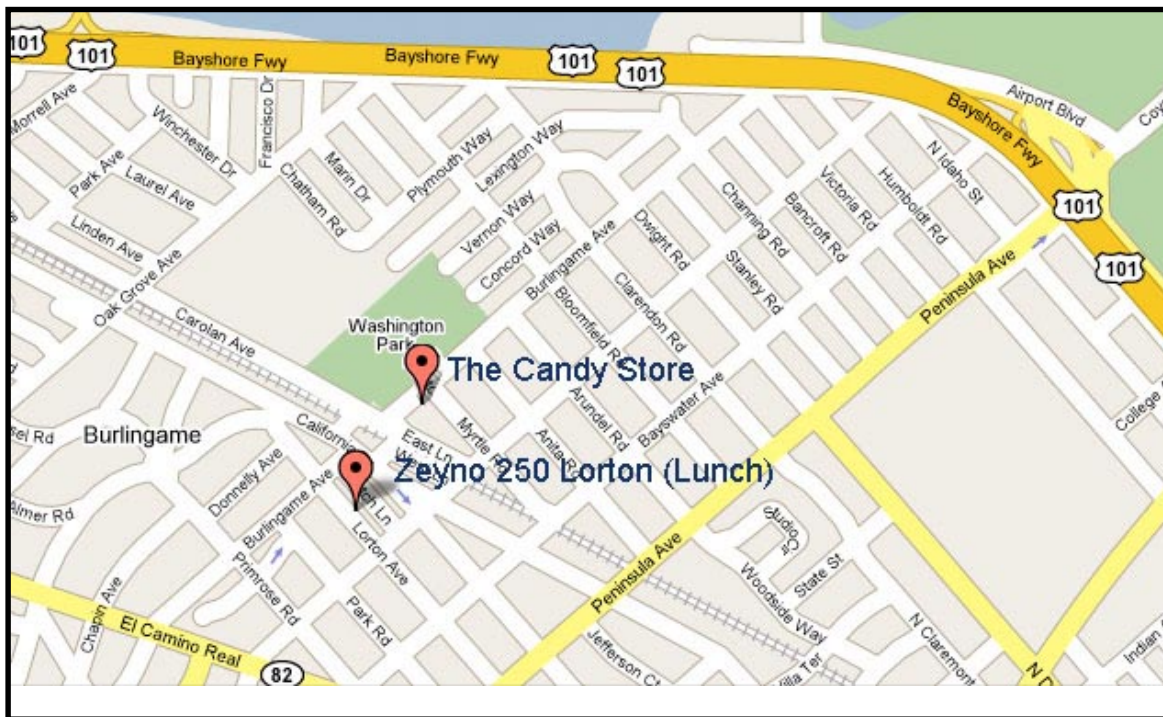
Latty	Porsche 550 Spyder
Cellars	Mercedes 500K
Hackett	Baron
Shambora	Cobra
Lindberg	Hummbug
Robison	Cobra
Kuendt	Bernardi
Beaucage	Porsche Speedster
Hampton	Bernardi ??
Barrilleaux	MG-TD
Penalosa	Mercedes SSK
Levy	Cobra

Ward	Cobra
Delany	Gatsby
Linuma	Cobra
Durand	Cobra
Ramsinh	Ferrari Testarossa
Kendall	Cobra
Geiser	Cobra

After hearing from our honored guests, we should have time to hear your comments and suggestions for our handling of other club activities. If time permits we will show a video of our 2005 San Leandro show.

Some of these cars were new in 2005 while others are still under construction. We still want to see these new members and hear of their car's progress. Known new cars entering the world in 2005 include Ted Evora's Cobra, James Wagner's ZR-2 and Al Clavelli's Ferrari Testarossa. We hope to honor these folks and see their cars on April 8th.

To get there check the map below or create your own set of instructions from Google, Yahoo, Mapquest or whatever. Burlingame is north of the San Mateo Bridge, south of S.F. Airport and west of Highway 101. The map should do the rest to get you to 250 Lorton Avenue for lunch at Zeyno's and 1021 Burlingame avenue for The Candy Store meeting.



CAR OF THE MONTH:
TOM WALLTERS
“THE BEAST”

Irene and I had been in our new condominium less than two years. The landscaping was done. The garage workbench was in place. I was bored. I picked up a copy of Kit Car Magazine on a whim and spotted the ad for the Heritage 1935 Mercedes Benz 500K



Roadster. It got me thinking about my uncle's 1950 MG Roadster, which as a teen-ager, I dreamed of one day owning. That dream never materialized due to a tour in the Marines and getting on with the normal necessities of life. That 500K sure looked fun - convertible, big V8 engine, long, low and sleek - a real beauty. The more I thought about it, the more I wanted one.

I'm a software engineer by trade, and have always been pretty handy around the house. But car mechanics? About all I'd done in the past was change oil and spark plugs. But hey, I'd put together many an airplane kit as a kid. What could be so difficult about putting together a kit car? Isn't it sort of like a big model airplane kit? A few months after seeing the Heritage ad, I bit the bullet and ordered the 500K. It arrived in the driveway a

few weeks later in the biggest crate I had ever seen. It sure got the neighbors' attention in our complex of dainty pink stucco homes with manicured lawns.

As they say, the rubber met the road (or the #@\$% hit the fan). Irene named it "The Beast." Our living room was filled with boxes, fenders, doors, body panels, radiator,

grill, bumpers, etc. The garage was taken over by two huge chassis members; the lower chassis and the passenger cage. The neighbors were probably scratching their heads trying to figure out what CC&R was being violated. But somehow we received no nasty letter from "the association".

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WORDS FROM THE PREZ

We finally have confirmation on Marque Maddness pricing and it is all good news!

Enclosed you will find a copy of the registration form for this event. Terry has informed me that there may be subtle changes in this form due to ongoing negotiations but, as of this writing all the events involved with MM are on!

One thing not on the form is the fact that you will receive a Shell gas card worth \$25 for signing up with your car, whether it is for the full four days at \$120 or just for the weekend at the same price. Your guest cost (passenger) will be \$100 with a Shell Card included worth \$10. That makes your net cost \$95 and \$90 respectively for the whole event or just the weekend.

This is a bargain compared to last years nearly \$300 for the same things we will get this year!

You will be able to register on-line with a credit card in about a week. Or you may choose to send your check to the address on the form. If you have any questions about forms of payment, please call the MM phone number at 510-528-2050.

Please be aware also that parade laps participation fills up rapidly. So if that is one of your hot items, do not delay! Register quickly! Your newsletter registration form is one of the first released by MM, so I advise taking advantage of it quickly!

Hotels tend to fill up quickly also. If you are planning to attend, be aware that last years Headquarters hotel, Embassy Suites, is not participating this year. The MM people are still looking for their home base and will post it when it is finalized on line at their website.

One recommendation is the Comfort Inn close to the Embassy Suites. Pricing is unknown at this time! . Call them for information.

This event has so much to offer for the price. Included is the Saturday BBQ in our own private area that is also a mixer with some professional drivers form the Rolex Proto event. Also included is one driving event. i.e. Autocross, wine tour, photo rally, and the actual Proto GT race on Sunday with our own private viewing area in turn two, and a large screen TV inside a tented area for our viewing pleasure since the race will be televised.

I am looking forward to this event with great anticipation. It will mean greater exposure for our club, and our hobby.

I will be taking vacation all that week of May. I plan to leave for this event on Wed. afternoon if anyone would like to caravan down with me please contact me by phone at 510-471-6411 or e-mail at vnimus 1@yahoo.com.

Sorry about the info delay. Shell just released sponsorship money last week.

Looking forward to seeing all that can make it. This should be a wonderful outing for you car nuts!

MARQUE MADNESS NEWS

It has been a long time since we have sent an e-newsletter and we apologized for keeping you folks in the dark for so long! The MARQUE MADNESS crew has been working long and hard to make the 2006 event at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca (MRLS) a significant improvement over last year's event.

In order to do this, we have made some changes and kept some things the same. The response from many of you that attended last year was fantastic. We appreciate your participation and support. Thank all of you who have since offered to join our crew of volunteers to make the event a success.

Our volunteers are back from last year, with some new ones, including our new General Manager, Erin Brown, who comes to us with great enthusiasm and ability to assist the team in creating another wonderful festival weekend.

As you can see from MARQUE MADNESS home page, the May 4-7, 2006 event will be held on familiar turf. MARQUE MADNESS has adopted the spectating area outside turn 2, the Mario Andretti hairpin, as our own for this event. This is where our activities happened last year, and will again be the center of our focus. A wonderful vantage point.

Our location is in the lakebed area of Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. We love this spot, because it provides a variety

of vistas of the track, significant paved corral area, our own Barbecue Island and a great proximity to the remainder of the track. Daytona Prototypes and cars, coupled with historic stock cars and Mazda MX5 racing series guarantees and a lot of great action.

A lot of this action will spill over to the MARQUE MADNESS activities, including visits from drivers and team members to our barbecue and mixer...

With the assistance of our major sponsor for the event, prices will be reduced this year! We thank Shell Oil Company for fueling our event ... Again, and for participating in making this event available to you. We enjoy getting the word out to you about their fine fuel products. Their continued support is essential in making MARQUE MADNESS happen.

You'll notice from looking at the rates for MARQUE MADNESS Festival activities that broad sponsorship and support has made it possible for us to offer you the same variety of events and on-track activities that we had last year for a lower ticket price.

MARQUE MADNESS is all about bringing together as many car enthusiasts as possible into one fantastic place. We want to see you out there May 4-7, 2006, whether it be on track, or simply as an armchair driver with a beverage in your hand chatting with old and new friends....to rejoice in the whole car culture deal with your friends and family. **Where your car wants you to be....MarqueMadness.<http://www.MarqueMadness.com>**

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Over the next year I spent close to 1,000 hours putting that car together - every Saturday and Sunday, in the garage 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The directions say the kit can be put together in 300 hours; yeah right. I got an education in auto-mechanics the hard way. The doors were the toughest - complicated by power windows, power door locks, control wires, speakers, door and window adjustments in 3 dimensions. Each door took a good part of two weekends. Like all kit cars, there were many problems to solve where the "directions" didn't quite make it. While the kit did include most of the bolts, nuts, washers and rivets, there was still a long list of items I had to buy or scrounge from the junk yard. But finally, it was completed, licensed and on the road.

I can understand why some folks take literally years to put one of these things



together. For myself, I've always been highly motivated to finish things. This is a good, dare we say "indispensable", requirement when attacking a kit car project.

"The Beast" seats two comfortably, and can handle three in a pinch. It's built from a 1975 Chevrolet Camaro donor and weighs in at 3,750 lbs. Power comes from a 250hp Chevrolet 350 V8 mated to a 350 Turbo-Hydramatic Transmission. It can do 0-60 in under 8 seconds and gets 12-18 mpg in city to highway driving. Amenities include power steering, power brakes, power windows, door locks, cruise control and of course, air conditioning.

Although it's been on the road for 15 years now, it is still going strong. Irene and I enjoy going to three or four car shows and car club outings per year. We've made some good friends in the club and continue to meet interesting folks from other clubs. All of this is a bonus that "The Beast" has afforded us.

If you have a car that you would like featured in our Car of the Month, send an email and photo to Steve Cameron. Email: nckcc@usa.com, or snail mail: 2 Woodriver Ct., Sacramento, CA 95831 (916) 399-9393.

FOR SALE

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

COBRA - VW KIT - 427 Snake body fits on your 3" shortened VW chassis. Two available; **reduced to \$2,200 from \$3,200** Call Wayne McAllaster (510) 656-5844 or E-mail 427medusa@sbcglobal.net (2/06)

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)

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 500K 4-PASSENGER. This all metal replica was built by H.T. Price with leather interior, 400cid Ford power, auto tranny, A/C, stereo/cassette, wood steering wheel. Call Diana (574) 277-3798. Write 51500 Orange Rd., South Bend, IN 46628-9419. (3/02)

MERCEDES 540K - Thoroughbred factory built. Datsun 240Z engine + 5-spd tranny. Mustang suspension. New paint, carpet, leather interior, tires & canvas cover. Only \$18,500. Vicki Cavaz (510) 769-1123 or Vicki1757@aol.com (9/05)

MERCEDES SSK (Gazelle) replica. 2.3 liter 4-cyl, 4-spd tranny. Excellent condition. **STILL FURTHER REDUCED** \$6,950 o.b.o. Norval Gryte 707-942-8215 or e-mail <gryte@calicom.net> (2/06)

PRICE REDUCTION!! Moving, must take loss to sell ASAP. - - - MERCEDES 500K - TWO Heritage turnkeys. Blue w/ black top & interior \$19,500 obo, and White w/ burgundy top & interior \$26,000.obo. Also: MG-TD (Fiberfab) red w/ white hardtop & interior \$5,500. J.D.Cellars 541-862-7112 (9/05)

MERCEDES 500K- HERITAGE Kit. Complete with rolling chassis and Chevy 350 TPI engine. Moving, must sell ASAP. \$9,000 obo. Call for details. J. D. Cellars 541-862-7112

MERCEDES SSK (Gazelle) MUST GO. Kit is complete and includes all necessary parts from Mercury Bobcat to complete the car. Call Mark at (916) 723-4954. \$1,000 o.b.o.

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)

"Cars for Sale" ads in the Kit Car Sun are for members only. Rate is \$10 for 12 issues.

The kit car industry on the internet:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2006

- April 8, 2006 - Annual Party for new cars and new members. (See page 2)
- April 22-23, 2006 - AHA "Fun Under the Sun" Show at Knott's Berry Farm
- May 4-7, 2006 - Marque Madness event at Laguna Seca raceway. See <www.marquemadness.com> for more info and history from 2005 event.
- June 3-4, 2006 - NCKCC Mini-Carshow at Art & Wine Fest in Walnut creek
- July 3, 2006 - Torchlight parade in Benicia followed by dinner at a nearby restaurant.
- August 18, 2006 - Pacific Grove Auto Rally along 17-mile Drive & dinner. Registration and staging of cars, 1-5 p.m.Friday. This is the weekend of the Pebble Beach Concours
- September 9-10, 2006 - NCKCC "Handcrafted Auto Concourse" San Leandro
- October ???, 2006 - Wine Tour. Details TBA
- December ??, 2006 - Annual Brunch at TBA

DUES PAYMENTS

Another reminder that newsletter mailings will cease for those not current on their dues by April 15, 2006. Here are the names of 8 more people that have paid their 2006 dues. If your name is **not listed here or in the January, February or March newsletter**, get out your checkbook and send your \$24 payment before April 15th to continue your membership.

Amsberry	Bradley	DeLany
Gauschildt	McKarns	Mireles
Reed	Somerhalder	

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