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When was the last time you were served like this at a wine tasting? Our gracious and knowledgeable host, Darrell, provided an interesting tour as well as personal attention to our tasting experience.

ACTIVITY NOTICE

November 16, 2003 Annual NCKCC BRUNCH at the Blackhawk Grille followed by a visit to the Blackhawk Auto Museum next door. (See page 3 & 4)

WINE, SUN & FRIENDS

By Vern Hance

We couldn't have had a nicer day for our October 18th wine touring. Sun, gentle breeze and mid-70s temperature.

We planned to start at Wente Winery at 5050 Arroyo Road but, due to a large event scheduled there, we got our first stop moved to the Wente Estate on Tesla Road. We left instructions at the Arroyo Road winery to send any NCKCC members to the Estate location but no stragglers showed up.

The visit at Wente included an interesting tour of the facility, including harvesting machines, presses, bottling and barrel storage. We topped that off with tasting of five delightful wines. Perhaps as a result of the last minute change, Wente gave us the "Red Carpet" treatment, as you can see on the cover.

After Wente we traveled to Cedar Mountain Winery which was established in the Livermore Valley in 1990 by Linda and Earl Ault. The winery is surrounded by the Ault's 14 acre vineyard. We tasted several more wines including some Port. We found out the Port wines are fortified with 180 proof brandy.

We enjoyed our picnic lunch at Cedar Mountain, as we sampled a couple bottles of Chardonnay.

The next destination was Chouinard Winery. It is a small winery hidden in the wilderness of Palomares Road in Castro Valley. We sampled some Zinfandels, Alacante and for variety I brought home a Granny Smith Apple wine and a bottle of Muscat.

As the afternoon shadows lengthened we perched on the balcony at Chouinard for the group portrait shown below.



Attendees above (L to R): Dave Jones, Carol Hance, James & Wendy Wagner, Leanne Jones, Sue & Roger Winslow.

For those that couldn't make it, keep next year in mind. Leanne has resources that make wine tours a treat.

ANNUAL BRUNCH SET **NOVEMBER 16th**

The plan is finalized. The Brunch will be at the Blackhawk Grille in the Blackhawk Plaza shopping center in Danville starting at 11:15 in the Vintner Room.

We start with a social time with buffet appetizers and sparkling wine, then at 11:45 we sit down to be served our selection (see below) from the Brunch or Lunch menu. Dessert will be a Sorbet Trio with tuille cookie along with gourmet coffee and tea.

A short business meeting will follow with election of officers for 2004. We will brainstorm our desired monthly activities for next year and seek "Champions" to plan and promote those events.

Next we will adjourn to the Blackhawk Automobile Museum for a tour and probably display our cars in the circle in front of the Museum.

Now, about the menu choices.

- (1) Blackhawk Benedict - old fashion ham, english muffins, hollandaise
- (2) Petite New York Mignon - spinach, edamame, truffle french fries
- (3) Roasted Chicken - celery root puree, chanterelles, szechuan broth
- (4) Salmon Pave - braised red cabbage, fingerling potatoes, mustard sauce

The cost for NCKCC member families will be only \$20 per person. Guests are welcome but we are asking them to pay \$26. (This is providing about a \$10 subsidy to club members and \$4 for guests)

To reserve your place please send your payment in advance to the Treasurer. Make checks payable to NCKCC and mail to 3317 Ellesmere Ct. Walnut Creek, CA 94598. **Please** indicate your menu choice (by number) so we can advise the restaurant in advance.

The Blackhawk Automobile Museum <www.blackhawkmuseum.org> not only has automotive treasures, it also has displays associated with the Smithsonian Institution. A new display, "Women of our Time", starts on November 14 and features 20th Century photographs from the National Portrait Gallery of women that led the shifting role of women during the Century.

Another exhibit, "FastForward III", will continue through November 16 and features Transportation Designs by San Francisco's Academy of Art College.

A future exhibit worth noting is "European Train Enthusiasts" featuring HO-Scale model trains. November 28 - January 11.

Regular admission is \$8 (\$5 over 65) but we may get a group rate.

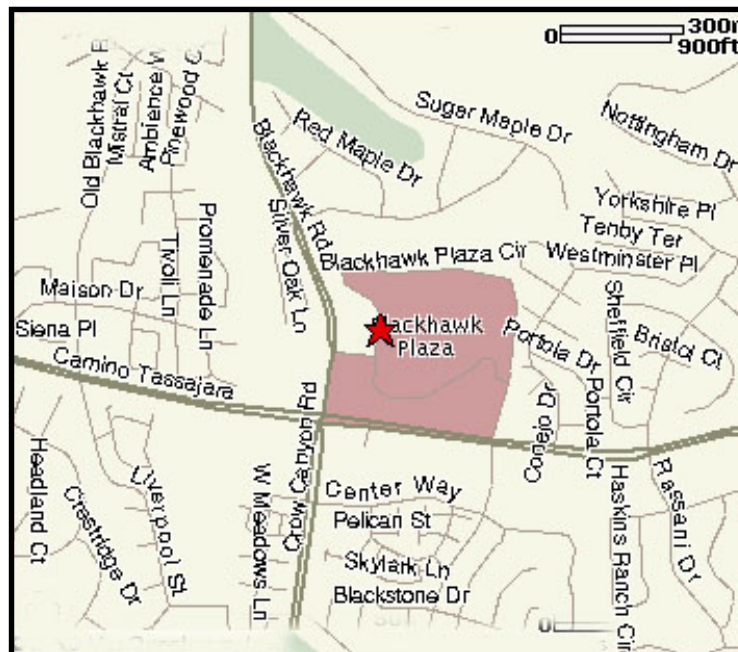
Now turn to page 4 for driving instructions, a map and an aerial photo.

HOW TO GET TO BLACKHAWK PLAZA

From Sacramento: Take I-80 West to I-680 South. Continue south past Walnut Creek to Crow Canyon Road exit. Turn left from exit ramp and go east for about 5 miles to Camino Tassajara. Go right on Camino Tassajara for about 2 blocks to the first left turn lane. On green arrow, turn left to the Plaza parking lot.

From San Jose: Take 1-680 north past Pleasanton and the I-580 intersection. Exit on Crow Canyon Road and continue east (right) for about 5 miles to Camino Tassajara. Go right on Camino Tassajara for about 2 blocks to the first left turn lane. On green arrow, turn left to the Plaza parking lot.

Depending on your desire to walk, you can park near the Blackhawk Grille or near the Auto Museum since they are at opposite ends of the Plaza. I'm including an aerial photo (along with the map) to give you an idea where each is located.



MORE SAN LEANDRO SHOW PICTURES

I said last month I would show more pictures of cars that I liked in spite of their not receiving a trophy. Here are my choices as space permits.



Shown above: Chuck Foster's Lone Star Cobra with a 5 liter Ford under the hood.

Below: Greg Enes showed his Cobra without a body but with a 428 Ford engine and a lot of very special chassis features.



Above: Dale Fieber's Vintage Speedster. Below: Ed Flagler's Auburn.



Below: Tim Figuhr's very unusual Cobra with a Type 3 VW engine.





Dennis Gacutan's Ferrari GTS365



Joel Heinke's Ferrari 250 GT



Terry Geiser's Emerson Cobra



Jeff Johnson's Avenger GT-15



Gerg Hampton's Blakely Bearcat



Carl Clark's 2.1 liter Speedster



Jay Lamont's 429 CID Emerson Cobra



David Sholty's JPS Speedster



Brinton Jones' Corvette powered Manta Mirage



Charley Spear's Auburn Speedster



Jerry Poca's Porsche 959 kit



Tom Wallters' Mercedes 500K

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The newsletter has been pretty full lately and we haven't had space to acknowledge our new members, so we will make up for it this month.

Norval & Lucille Gryte live in Calistoga, 707-942-8215, and drive a CMC Gazelle powered by a 2.3 liter Ford. They have attended our annual shows and are looking for a new home for the Gazelle. (see photo)

Michael Brauner lives in Pleasant Hill, 925-934-1441, and has a CMC Gazelle that doesn't get driven much so he also want to find a new home for his Gazelle. (see photo)

Chuck & Rosalie Foster live in Vacaville, 707-446-0061, and finished building a Lone Star Cobra with a 302 V-8 and a T-5 tranny. They brought their Cobra to our show and joined our club the same day.

Clay & Toni Kyler live in Tollhouse, CA, 559-855-3697, and have assembled a Butler Cobra which took home the 2nd Place trophy at our San Leandro show. It features a Ford 351W engine and 4-spd top-loader tranny. Clay says the car is for sale.

Joel & Debra Benson live in San Leandro, 510-895-8522, and have a

Mercedes SSK kit, with a 2.3 liter engine and 4-spd tranny, that is unfinished and for sale. (see ad)

Bill & Claudia Navratil live in Campbell, 408-374-5277, and recently returned to California from Oregon. They drive a Gatsby with a 351W Ford under the hood. They have been active with the OHAA prior to their return.

James McKarns and Doris live in San Mateo, 650-344-9034, and are interested in kit cars but haven't made the decision yet. They learned of our club from our show and took that opportunity to join us.

Bill & Evelyn Kaiser live in San Francisco, 415-648-6250, and have an all metal Packhard replica based on a 1967 Buick Wildcat chassis. This car was built in the Philippines and is currently available for sale.

Andrew & Kelli Moriarty live in Elk Grove, 916-689-2325, and have a CRL Marlene kit with a Ford 2.8 L V-6 and auto tranny. The kit is unfinished and a full schedule forces Andrew to offer it for sale. (see new ad)

So, we say **WELCOME ABOARD** to these new members and hope to see them at our future activities.

RECENTLY LISTED CARS FOR SALE



This is Norval Gryte's M-B SSK (Gazelle) that was first advertised in the October NCKCC News.



This is Bill Kaiser's Packhard replica based on a '67 Buick. The ad first appeared in the October NCKCC News.



This is the M-B SSK (Gazelle) that belongs to Michael Brauner. It was first advertised in the October NCKCC News.

FOR SALE

COBRA-. Registered 2001 Shelby <200 miles, smog exempt, Arntz styling, Butler quality. 351 Cleveland w/ 10" setback, Jag rear-end, 4-spd top-loader, Hurst shifter, H.D. half-shafts and strut assy. 52% wt on 12" Z-rated rear rubber, 10" rubber front. 6-piston 13" Wilwood brakes. Hood, trunk, doors molded inside & out. Finished eng. compt. Marty Krueger 775-852-1453 or E-mail mck427@msn.com (3/02)

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. \$6,200 Call Wayne McAllaster (510) 656-5844 or E-mail medusa427@aol.com (4/03)

CORSAIR - Neoclassic similar to Gatsby or Excalibur. Unfinished but 65% complete. Free to a good home. Robert Ksenzulak 925-963-3737 e-mail katieandcoz@yahoo.com (11/03)

FERRARI Testarossa (Ladre kit) On stock 1988 Fiero - under 20K original miles. V-6, 5-spd stick, A/C, AM-FM cassette, Hayashi Racing wheels with VR rated Goodyears. \$8,000 Call Warren Okamura 925-458-4030 evenings. (4/03)

FERRARI Testarossa (Dazzling Black Convertible) 34K original miles on Corvette platform. One of nine, custom built by SCM Motors for Mid-east royalty. at \$85K each. 626-458-922 asking \$30,000. (5/03)

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 500K PARTS - For Classic Factory 500K: (4) door latch plates, patterns for tall tail light bases and side window frames. Also windshield frame patterns for 4-pass 500K. Call Diana (574) 277-3798. Write 51500 Orange Rd., South Bend, IN 46628-9419. (3/02)

MERCEDES 500K Heritage kit, unassembled, body in crate. Burgandy exterior/interior. All options. Stub Chevy front end, 350 engine and auto tranny (not rebuilt) \$14,000 Call Louis Boscacci (415) 892-5245. (04/03)

MERCEDES SSK (Gazelle) replica. 2.3 liter 4-cyl, 4-spd tranny. Excellent condition. \$9,950 o.b.o. Norval Gryte 707-942-8215 or e-mail <gryte@calicom.net> (10/03)

MERCEDES SSK (Gazelle) replica. 2.3 liter 4-cyl, 4-spd tranny. Low miles but needs some TLC.. \$4,500 o.b.o. Mike Brauner 925-934-1441 (10/03)

MERCEDES SSK (Gazelle) replica. 2.3 liter 4-cyl, 4-spd tranny. Partially completed.. \$2,500 o.b.o. + shipping. 510-895-8522 or e-mail <dbensonco@aol.com> (10/03)

MERCEDES SSK (Gazelle) 2.3 Pinto powered, gray w/ red fenders, Auto tranny.. License & Smog thru 3/04. Priced for quick sale. only \$3,000 obo. B. Pincus 925-939-7581 05/03)

MARLENE - 500K kit by CRL, complete but not assembled. White body & interior. Includes Ford 2.8L V-6 and auto tranny. Make offer to Andrew Moriarty 916-689-2325 (11/03)

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

PACKARD '31 4-pass Coupe. All metal replica built on '67 Buick Wildcat running gear. 2000 miles on rebuilt 430 CID V-8, 4-bbl, 360 hp engine with chrome side pipes. \$7,500 o.b.o. Bill Kaiser 415-648-6250 (10-03)

STERLING powered by '63 Buick 3.8 liter V-8. Fast, reliable, smog legal. White w/ brown interior. Removable sunroof, stereo, CB. Gorgeous, one-of-a-kind looker. Ya gotta hear the engine snarl. Excellent condition. **REDUCED TO \$4,000.** Roy Yates 650-365-1909. (2/01)

2003 AHA Knott's Berry Farm Show 53 minute video covering cars.. Available as DVD or VHS tape \$16 postpaid in U.S. Send check to VMH Services, 3317 Ellesmere Ct. Walnut Creek, CA 94598. Or use a credit card and e-mail funds via "PayPal" to vmh@mac.com (6/03)

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

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- over 1200 web pages
- Pro tips on motorcar photography

Curt Scott

661-251-2223

Note: Curt Scott has a great web report on the Monterey Historic Races at www.cobracountry.com - Help him identify one last person in a group shot.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2003

- November 16 - Annual Brunch starting at 11:15 a.m. at the Blackhawk Grille, officer elections and 2004 program planning plus a tour of the Blackhawk Auto Museum. Bring your ideas for next years activities.

MORE PICTURES FROM THE WINE TOUR



Above: Wente's giant harvesting machine that straddles the row of grapevines and "some-how" picks the grapes.

Upper right: Wendy, Roger, Sue and Carol taste the Cedar Mountain Chardonnay.



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