



# **NCKCC** News

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David Snoek receives the “Best of Show” (aka High Tide) award from Leanne Jones at our 21st Annual Handcrafted Automobile Concourse. Show report and more pictures starting on page 3. (Photo by C. Honodel)

### ACTIVITY NOTICE

**October 18, 2003 - Wine tour of Livermore Valley wineries arranged by Leanne Jones. (See page 2)**

**November 2 or 9, 2003 Annual NCKCC BRUNCH. Date & location have not been established yet. (Stay tuned)**

## **WINE, SUN & FRIENDS**

What more can a person ask for? On Saturday, October 18th, (YES I SAID OCT 18TH NOT OCT 19TH) we will be traveling through the Livermore valley to some well known and some not so well known wineries this luscious valley has to offer.

We will meet in the parking lot of the Fairway Park shopping center at 10 am. The shopping center is located at 31123 Mission Blvd in Hayward between Industrial Pkwy and Whipple Rd. There is a donut shop there that will be more than happy to fill your stomachs early. There is also Albertson's where you can purchase your picnic lunch necessities.

From here we will travel to Wente Winery at 5050 Arroyo Rd. If you wish to meet us here at the first stop, this website will provide you with directions. <http://www.wentevineyards.com/directions2.shtml>

After Wente we will travel to Cedar Mountain Winery located at 7000 Tesla Road. Cedar Mountain Winery was established in the Livermore Valley in 1990 by Linda and Earl Ault. The winery is surrounded by the Ault's 14 acre vineyard, Blanches Vineyard. The Aults believe that quality wines begin with the

grapes in their vineyard. They specialize primarily in Livermore grown and produced wine whose full potential is realized with fine oak cooperage. Their focus is on Estate Cabernet but also produce Estate Chardonnay as well as Port wines from their vineyards and from the Sierra Foot Hills. These hand made wines are available only in limited quantities. Cedar Mountain produces 4000 cases per year. This is one of the very few wineries in Livermore valley that has Ports. Therefore this is a must see stop for you Port Lovers!

We will be enjoying our picnic lunches here. From here we will have our choice of many other wineries. The choice will be yours as to what direction you wish to go. We find that traveling to the Calaveras Canyon to visit Chouinard Winery is always a treat. This is a small winery with some wonderful Old Vine Zinfandels as well as a fabulous Alacante! Chouinard Winery is located at 33853 Palomares Rd., Castro Valley.

I have been setting up these tours for several years now and I have found that the closer to home you can find some of the best wines around. So please join us as we set out to explore the Livermore Valley 'Jewels'!

Please call Leanne Jones (510-471-6411) to let me know if you will be able to join us.

**WE WILL SEE YOU THERE!**

## **21st ANNUAL HANDCRAFTED AUTOMOBILE CONCOURSE**

By Vern Hance

This years show restored some of the excitement of earlier shows and we enjoyed great weather and had plenty of prizes. We had 68 cars registered this year including 14 Cobras, most of which appeared Saturday morning. Spectators abounded on Saturday with nearly 500 spectators. On Sunday it appears we lost spectators in competition with both a Giants and 49ers game in San Francisco.

We had a much different mix of cars spearheaded by a pair of awesome GT-40s and a trio of beautiful Auburn Speedsters. Porsche Speedsters totaled seven, with two of them constituting the display for JPS Motor Sports. I counted six big Mercedes 500K replicas. We had a good showing of Street Rods including a chopped '34 Ford coupe, a '32 Ford Victoria and two totally "one-off" creations that swept the "Special Interest" class. Returning exhibitor, Bill Nalbandian, showed his electric powered Bradley, Tim Figuhr (FiberJet Industries) brought a VW powered Cobra and Gary O'Connor's Woodster roadster were returning favorites. Ferrari, Bugatti, MG-TD and Jaguar replicas were well represented. Barry Bristol's long awaited and extensively reworked Porsche 914 came back as an impressive long tail Porsche 917 powered by a mid-engine Buick V-8. To round out the impressive variety Brinton Jones brought his Corvette powered Manta Mirage and Greg Hampton showed his Blakely Bearcat.

We were particularly pleased with the great turn-out by our Oregon Kit Car friends. We even sent them back with 4 trophies. In the "Unfinished Class" Gene Stager took the trophy for his "close to finished" bright red Heritage Mercedes 500K. I had to give the vote counters a tour to convince them it was really not finished.

The "Dominator" of the "Large Sports" class was Al Bohr's Fino. It's exquisite multi-hued paint job and Cadillac Northstar powertrain took home two awards, 1st Place in Sports A class and Ladies Choice Award.

Our Saturday "Snack & Beverage Time" late Saturday afternoon provided a time for all to gather and enjoy a social hour prior to our catered dinner at the nearby Marina Inn. The dinner was attended by 72 people and we had enough raffle prizes to give everyone a good chance at being a winner.

We want to thank Carolina Williams, Show Chairperson, for all the work that went into making this show a success and express our appreciation for the many members who worked at their various assignments to make it all happen. And, of course, above all a huge thanks to those who brought their cars. The feed back I got says the show was enjoyed by all.

On the following pages we will show as many trophy winning cars as we can. You can see them all in color on our website at:  
<http://www.nckcc.com>

**SHOW AWARDS FOR 2003****Best of Show:**

David Snoek Ford GT-40

**Ladies Choice:**

Al &amp; Rhoda Bohr Fino

**National Kit Car Club Award:**

Bill Foster FireWoody

**Best Manufacturer:**

JPS Motor Sports with 2 Porsche Speedsters

**President's Choice:**

Dane Slack Ford Special

**Vice President's Choice:**

Barry Bristol Porsche 917

**Show Chairman's Choice:**

Bill Foster FireWoody

**Best Unfinished**

Gene Stager Mercedes 500K

**Class A: (SPORTS)**

1st - Al & Rhoda Bohr Fino  
 2nd - David Snoek Ford GT-40  
 3rd - Farhad Faily Ford GT-40

**Class B: (SPORTS)**

1st - Jerry & Lisa Mills Austin Healey  
 2nd - Dee & Bea Farris Tomahawk  
 3rd - Steve Cameron Tomahawk

**Class C: (SPORTS)**

1st - Chuck Honodel Porsche  
 2nd - Paul Harford Porsche  
 3rd - Patrick Friel Porsche

**Class D: (CLASSIC)**

1st - Steve & Mary Bales M-B 500K  
 2nd - Don Campbell Auburn  
 3rd - Bill Navratil Gatsby

**Class E: (CLASSIC)**

1st - Hans Kiel Jaguar SS-100  
 2nd - Bob & Barbara Bohaboy Marlene  
 3rd - John Knebel Glasspar G-2

**Class F: (CLASSIC)**

1st - Dick & Ellen Lager Bugatti  
 2nd - Pat Cooley Bugatti  
 3rd - Clayton Jones MG-TD

**Class G: (COBRA)**

1st - Russ Thompson 427 Cobra  
 2nd - Clay Kyler 427 Cobra  
 3rd - Dave & Leanne Jones 427 Cobra

**Special Interest:**

1st - Bill Foster FireWoody  
 2nd - Dane Slack Ford Special  
 3rd - Don Wicks Meyers Manx SR-2

NCKCC sincerely thanks all those who entered their cars. Without you we could not have had such a great show. We hope you will attend our 22nd Handcrafted Auto Concourse in September 2004 ! Copies of the *NCKCC News* are being sent to all non-NCKCC member exhibitors.

**SPORTS A CLASS**



1st Al Bohr - Fino

**SPORTS B CLASS**



1st Jerry Mills - Austin Healey



2nd David Snoek - GT-40



2nd Dee Farris - Tomahawk



3rd Farhad Faily GT-40



3rd Steve Cameron - Tomahawk

**SPORTS C CLASS**



1st Chuck Honodel - Porsche



2nd Paul Harford - Porsche



3rd Partick Friel - Porsche Speedster

**CLASSIC D CLASS**



Steve Bales - Mercedes 500K



2nd Don Campbell - Auburn Speedster



3rd Bill Navratil - Gatsby

**CLASSIC CLASS E**



1st Hans Kiel - Jaguar SS-100

**CLASSIC F CLASS**



1st Dick Lager - Bugatti



2nd Bob Bohaboy - Marlene



2nd Pat Cooley - Bugatti



3rd John Knebel - Glasspar G-2



3rd Clayton Jones - MG-TD

**COBRA CLASS**



1st Russ Thompson -Cobra



2nd Clay Kyler - Cobra



3rd Dave Jones - Cobra

**SPECIAL INTEREST CLASS**



1st Bill Foster - FireWoody



2nd Dane Slack - Ford Special



3rd Don Wicks - Meyers Manx SR-2



## **COOL SEPTEMBER DAYS** **SEPTEMBER 12-14**

By Tom Wallters

The weekend at South Tahoe ranged from very hot, to cool and breezy, to very hot. It was a good thing I had the option of trading in my free T shirt for a fleece pullover; else I would have froze like the other T shirt clad car dudes. Prices were up slightly for the rooms and car show — and no freebies — with the exception of a 2 for 1 bar drink. But the movies at the Horizon were first rate — it was a tough choice as we only had time for 2 of the 5 playing — we saw “Match Stick Man” and “Open Range” — both were goood. So what’s the big deal with movies, you ask? Well, we almost never go to movies due to the crowds and the prices, but since they are in the hotel and only \$5 a pop — how do we resist?

We skipped the “mystery” tour — after finding out it just went a half mile up the main drag to a restaurant. Bob Bohaboy and I did the poker run in his car, while the wives did what the wives will do — we got a couple of pretty good hands but got beat by a flush — rats!

Irene and I stayed away from the tables — but the Bohaboy indulged — we found out Sunday morning that Bob hit the big one! 2,500 coins! But then he admitted the coins just happened to be pennies — bummer.

Needless to say we pigged out on the buffets and had a nice relaxed dinner at Josh’s - Josh’s still serves the famous double lobster tail for \$16.95.

But what about the cars? Oh yes — there were lots of them — but noticeably down from years past - I would guess in the range of 300. Lots of 30’s 40’s and 50’s cars. Some nice trucks and some very unique specimens — like the little Austin panel truck with an enormous hemi sprouting through the hood (photo below).

Carl Clark won best foreign with his Porsche and Tom and Irene won best special constructed with the Mercedes 500K. That was us from the NCKCC; the Bohaboy, Carl Clark and the Wallters. We will probably do it again — you should give it some thought for next September - watch for it in next year’s calendar.



## FOR SALE

COBRA-. Registered 2001 Shelby <200 miles, smog exempt, Armtz 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)

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. Bob Pincus 925-939-7581 05/03)

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

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2003

- October 18 - Winetasting - Livermore (Leanne Jones)
- October 24-26, 2003 - Club Sandwich, Riverside Hotel, Laughlin. NV
- November 2 or 9 - Buffet (Leanne to investigate; Steve has a backup plan)



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**Shown Above:** Tom Wallters (upper left) won "Best Specially Constructed" and Karl Clark (upper right) won "Best Foreign" at the Tahoe Cool September Days Show.

Below left: Gene Stager receives his trophy for "Best Unfinished" at San Leandro Show