



NCKCC News

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This is a view of our 2006 San Leandro Show during one of the brief periods of sunshine on Saturday. See page 4 for more details.

ACTIVITY NOTICES

October 7, 2006 - Car Show & Historical Movie, 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. Knightsen, CA
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October 14, 2006 - Wine Tour in Santa Cruz Mountains. (Details on page 12, Map on page 16) RSVP to Leanne Jones at (510) 471-6411.

GREETINGS FROM THE PREZ

By Dave Jones

Congratulations on a fine show! We reached our goal and then some of supporting the Wheel Chair Foundation by being able to contribute enough to buy 7.5 wheel chairs if bought in the U.S. or 15 chairs if the monies are applied in a third world country!! Our goal for the first year doing this benefit was to reach 2 or 3 chairs, but thanks to the generosity of our membership we exceeded it many times over.

I want to personally thank each and every one of you for making this a very special show. We actually made a small profit on the banquet this year (\$21.74) which went toward our wheel-chair goal. All profits from our gate receipts went toward our goal also. But the most striking and heart warming experience that I had was to see how you all responded at the banquet when we "passed the hat" so to speak. That alone raised \$682.00 for the Wheelchair Foundation. You should all be proud of our accomplishment this year!

The weather wasn't what we wanted on Sat. and I have since found out that this alone kept about 6 or 7 cars away from the show. I hope we will see them next year. Got to start now praying for good weather next year.

I hope that all of you could agree with me in saying that this new format for our show is a good way to go. We not only paid all our bills without dipping into the club checking account, but also we were able to do something good for our community.

I have received a couple of negative comments about the increased registration fees and the cost of the banquet. I would like to address that issue now.

Our cost for all of the things associated with the show have gone up quite a bit in just the past 2 years alone. By raising the fees as we did by just \$5.00 for the registration and the cost of the banquet we not only covered the cost of the show but also became a part of an organization that is able to give something back to their community. We have talked about doing something like this for a long time. Besides, where can you get a great meal with wine provided, a raffle that gives everyone in the room a prize, and thru the generosity of our membership, raises money for a good cause, plus have a great time doing it, for \$25.00 a head?

I hope you agree that your donations and fees went for a good thing. Now I'll get off my soapbox and get back to the business at hand. Again let me say to all, Congratulation on a great show!

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Planning for our 25th edition of the NCKCC show is already in the works! Hopefully some new connection that were made at this past show will pan out to help us achieve a higher attendance for next year. A rigorous campaign has begun to invite manufactures, and vendor to the show. We already have reassurances from our friends from the AHA that they are coming back for the 25th anniversary show and we hope that they will spread the news about that to their members.

If any of you know of someone that has a car and has not brought it to the show, please encourage them to come next year. Start now bugging them to be there! If you have a car in the works now, make every effort to have it ready to go for next years show. We would like to have as many as possible there.

We accomplished what we did this year with only 58 total registrations and 67 banquet tickets sold. Just think what would be possible if we can bring in 80 cars next year!

On the subject of elections for next years officers. The club is trying to set up a date sometime near the first of the year to be able to use the boardroom at the Bering Auto Museum to hold those elections. This is one of the benefits of being a contributor to the Wheelchair Foundation. As soon as a date can be secured it will appear in the newsletter.

All members are invited to this meeting. Remember, it is Your club and you do have a say in how it is run. I encourage all to participate.

I know that the year is fast winding down, but I hope you will consider being at one or more of the up coming events. Knightsen's event on the 7th of Oct, or the Wine Tour that is listed in another part of this newsletter, the brunch on Dec 3rd.

Remember that the coming out party for next year has been set for April 14, 2007 in Ripon Ca. at Leanne's sisters home. This will include a short driving event and a BBQ. So write that one in your 2007 calendars.

Sorry for rambling on, but much needed to be covered. So, enough said. Thank You One And All for a successful 24th year. Now, Forward, Onward and Upward to the 25TH Annual NCKCC Show!!!!

KNIGHTSEN SHOW **OCTOBER 7th**

The Knightsen Show is at hand and promises to be full of fun and prizes. There is no entry fee. Prizes are awarded to the lucky raffle ticket holders and include a 1991 Buick Riveria, a Dell computer, a digital camera, battery charger. etc. Raffle tickets are \$5 each.

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NCKCC 2006 HANDCRAFTED AND COL- LECTOR CAR SHOW

By Vern Hance

The weather caused this year's show an inhospitable Saturday with mostly cloudy skies and wind all day. Sunday was nice but the Saturday weather scared away many cars and spectators. We had 58 cars registered this year including 8 Cobras, 4 GT-40s, 5 Porsches, 5 Mercedes, 5 Ferraris, 3 Mustangs and a host of other unique and special cars such as T-Bird, Bugatti, Frazer-Nash, Gatsby, Fiero based ZR-2, Fino & Finale.

Darren Friedman took 1st Place with his beautiful Cobra with a display setup to dazzle everyone. The 2nd Place Cobra was Curtis Tung's Factory Five jewel. The 3rd Place Cobra was Dean Hornbacher's Midstates red beauty.

In the Sports A class Russ Thompson took 1st place with his Ford Daytona coupe. Al Bohr took 2nd Place with his Northstar powered Fino and 3rd Place went to Alan Phillips with his Northstar powered Finale. Alan also received the "Ladies Award" trophy.

Sports B class was lead by Mike Koken with his immaculate Z-car based Ferrari

259 GTO. The 2nd Place trophy went to Jim Vermace for his Sebring MX and 3rd Place went to Paul Harford for his Porsche Speedster.

Classic C was dominated by Mercedes 500K replicas. 1st Place trophy went to Steve & Mary Ellen Bales, 2nd Place to Vern Hance and 3rd Place to Chuck Maddux.

Classic D saw Don Geisen take 1st Place for his intricately detailed Frazer-Nash. Tom Lugone's Bugatti T-27 took 2nd and Hans Kiel's Jaguar SS-100 took 3rd.

Special Interest 1st Place went to Gil Somerhalder for his 1950 Ford replica built on a 1995 T-Bird. Anthony & Esther Moniz took 2nd Place with their Ford Model A (Shay replica).

Greg Enes took the Unfinished Award for his "almost finished" Cobra, besting Joel Heinke who continues to make progress on his Ferrari 250 GTO. This year Joel had two body shells on display next to the Corvette powered chassis. These were created from the molds taken from the nearly completed body you saw last year.

Other Trophies included the President's Award which went to Alan Declue's silver GT-40, the Vice President's Award was received by

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Doug Wallace for his flawless '57 Ford T-Bird. And the Show Chair's Award which went to Mike Koken for his Ferrari 250 GTO. And the big "Best of Show" Trophy went to Al Bohr for his Fino.

A totally new car was the Dena, which was displayed by Jaime Dunst, President of "R" Motorsports Ltd who traveled here from Victor, NY. The car was designed by Merlyn Cofano in Petaluma, CA and is based on a modified VW chassis. The dune buggy heritage is evident but the car is very attractive and looks like a boulevard racer.

"R" Motorsports took home the Manufacturer Award and the National Kit Car Club Award.

Colin & Irene Faithfull, displayed their CalAce car in brilliant British Racing Green. This kit is available from C-F Enterprises and is similar in appearance to a 289 Cobra (no fender flares) but is based on an MG chassis and drive train.

Matt Artrip came from Odenton, MD to promote Mid-Atlantic Euro Sports new Porsche GT-1 replica, which uses a Porsche 911 as the donor vehicle. Matt and partner Rich Vecchio promised to have a body to show next year. Sunday brought a pair of GT-40s owned by Bob Silva and Alan DeClue from Oakley. They also brought Bud Jones

along with his GT-40 to add to the excitement. Also on display Sunday was a Mini Cooper replica built on Toyota MR-2 mechanicals. Tony Goncalves built the Mini, but also displayed another creation both days. It was the Eagle Ferrari Dino body based on a mid-engine Porsche 914. Nice car !



Our late Saturday "Snack & Beverage Time", that preceded the banquet, was held at the nearby Marina Inn in our private banquet room. The banquet was attended by 67 people and we had enough raffle prizes to give everyone a 100% chance at being a winner.

We want to thank Leanne Jones and Carolina Williams, Show Co-Chairpersons, for the work that made 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.

SHOW AWARDS FOR 2006**Best of Show:**

Al Bohr Fino

Ladies Choice:

Alan Phillips Finale

National Kit Car Club Award:

Jamie Dunst & Merlyn Cofano Dena

AHA Club Award:

Al Bohr Fino

Best Manufacturer:

"R" Motorsports (Dunst & Cofano) Dena

President's Choice:

Mike Koken Ferrari 250 GTO

Vice President's Choice:

Doug Wallace '57 Ford T-Bird

Show Chairman's Choice:

Alan Declue Ford GT-40

Best Unfinished

Greg Enes Cobra

Recognition Award

Kei & Miki Iinuma Cobra

Honorable Workmanship Award

Bill Navratil Gatsby

Class A: (SPORTS)1st - Russ Thompson Daytona Coupe
2nd - Al Bohr Fino
3rd - Alan Phillips Finale**Class B:** (SPORTS)1st - Mike Koken Ferrari 250 GTO
2nd - Jim Vermace Sebring MX
3rd - Paul Harford Porsche Speedster**Class C:** (CLASSIC)1st - Steve & Mary Bales M-B 500K
2nd - Vern Hance M-B 500K
3rd - Chuck Maddux M-B 500K**Class D:** (CLASSIC)1st - Don Geisen Frazer-Nash
2nd - Tom Lugone Bugatti T-27
3rd - Hans Kiel Jaguar SS-100**Class E:** (COBRA)1st - Darren Friedman Cobra
2nd - Curtis Tung FFR Cobra
3rd - Dean Hornbacher Cobra**Special Interest:**1st - Gill Somerhalder 1950 Ford
2nd - Tony Moniz Shay Ford Model A

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 25th Anniversary show in September 2007. Copies of the *NCKCC News* are being sent to all non-NCKCC member exhibitors.

SPORTS A CLASS



1st Russ Thompson - Daytona Coupe

SPORTS B CLASS



1st Mike Koken - Ferrari 250 GTO



2nd Al Bohr - Fino



2nd Jim Vermace - Sebring MX



3rd Alan Phillips - Finale



3rd Paul Harford - Porsche Speedster

CLASSIC C CLASS



1st Steve Bales - Mercedes 500K



2nd Vern Hance - Mercedes 500K



3rd Chuck Maddux - Mercedes 500K

CLASSIC D CLASS



1st Don Geisen - Frazer-Nash



2nd Tom Lugone - Bugatti T-27



3rd Hans Kiel - Jaguar SS-100

COBRA CLASS E



1st Darren Friedman - West Coast Cobra

SPECIAL INTEREST CLASS



1st Gil Somerhalder - 1950 Ford



2nd Curtis Tung - FFR Cobra



2nd Tony Moniz - Shay Ford Model A



3rd Dean Hornbacher - Midstates Cobra



BEST UNFINISHED

Greg Enes - Cobra



BEST MANUFACTURER

"R" Motorsports - Dena



NATIONAL KIT CAR CLUB AWARD

Jamie Dunst/Merlyn Cofano - Dena



PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Alan Declue - Ford GT-40



SHOW CHAIR'S CHOICE

Mike Koken - Ferrari 250 GTO



VICE PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Doug Wallace - '57 Ford T-Bird



LADIES CHOICE

Alan Phillips - Finalé



BEST OF SHOW
A. H. A. SPECIAL AWARD
Al Bohr - Fino



RECOGNITION AWARD
Kei & Miki Inuma - Cobra



WORKMANSHIP AWARD
Bill Navratil - Gatsby

NCKCC IS GOING TO THE SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS!

OK everyone, here is the information on this years wine tour. I always rack my brain to find the great and small wineries for our group to go to. But this year I kept saying to myself..."we've been there". So either we are drinking far too much, or we just know all the fabulous places in the area! Well either way, since it has been some years since we have visited the Santa Cruz mountains wineries, we should go again.

So that is the case...We will be going to Byington Winery, David Bruce, and possibly Testarossa wineries. There are still some final detail to work out so feel free to call me or e-mail me for details.

First stop: BYINGTON WINERY:
The Byington Winery was first conceived to be a family residence, but now the Byington family welcomes visitors to their Home Away From Home. There are beautiful panoramic views of the area, and even on a clear day you can see the Monterey Coast. There are picnic tables available for our use, so be sure to pack your picnic lunch. To find out more about Byington Winery go to www.byington.com

Second stop: DAVID BRUCE WINERY:
The winery has adhered to traditional European winemaking practices that trace their lineage back to the early pioneers of winemaking in the Santa Cruz Mountains and Santa Clara Valley.

David Bruce Winery has also been at the forefront of efforts to create innovative new methods that have changed winemaking in California. To find out more about David Bruce go to www.davidbrucewinery.com

Our alternate 2nd (possibly 3rd) stop, TESTAROSSA VINEYARDS:
I just couldn't help myself here! The name got me!! Testarossa Vineyards, located in the historic Novitiate of Los Gatos, was founded in 1993 by the husband and wife team of Rob & Diana Jensen. The name Testarossa (Italian for "red-head") was a nickname given to Rob when he was a young university student studying in Italy. Their winemaking team is dedicated to making small lots of vineyard-designated wines from only the best vineyards in the cool ocean-influenced counties of Monterey, Santa Barbara and Sonoma. To find out more about Testarossa Vineyards go to, www.testarossa.com

We will meet at Sonoma Chicken Coop, 200 E. Campbell Ave. (See map on page 16) Campbell, CA 95008 at 10 am. If you would like to get a bite of breakfast first, you should arrive earlier.

So there you have it. Polish your cars, pack your lunch, and plan on having a great day! See you all at the Sonoma Chicken Coop. Please e-mail me or call me with your RSVP! Leanne Jones (510) 471-6411 or leanne_jones2001@yahoo.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome two new members this month.

Ron Gin lives in San Francisco, 415-566-6950, and drives a beautiful Cutting Edge 427 Cobra, which you probably saw at the show. He is interested in shows and driving events. He discovered NCKCC through our 2001 show.

Tom & Jackie Lueder live in Occidental, Ca, 707-874-2587, and drive a 1937 Jaguar SS-100 replica, which was at our San Leandro show. The car is VW powered and was built by Tom's father, a former NCKCC member. They are interested in finding a new home for the car, so check it out in the car ads section.

We welcome these new members and look forward to their participation in our club events.

KNIGHTSEN SHOW OCTOBER 7th

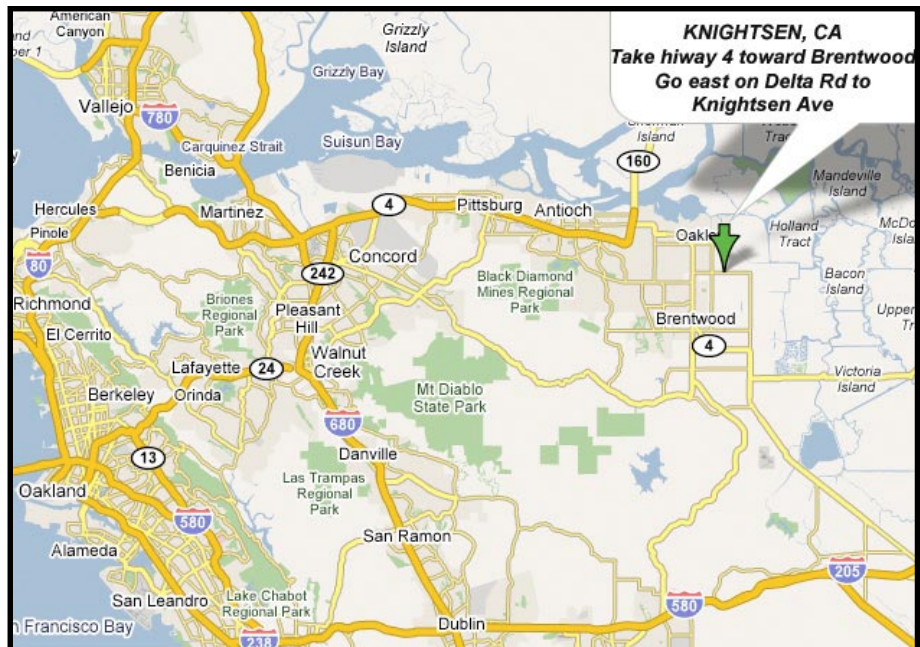
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The event starts at 2 p.m. and continues to 10 p.m. with a free movie "1878 to Today" at dusk, depicting the

founding and history of Knightsen.

The location is downtown Knightsen Avenue near Jerry's Custom Rod Shop. There will be food and dining opportunities as well as music and drinks available.

The event is sponsored by the Knightsen Firefighters Association and the Knightsen Town Advisory Council. They expect over 100 cars of all types, so it would be a good idea to call NCKCC member Al Bello at (925) 625-3553 to tell him you are coming. He has promised to reserve a space so we can park our cars together, but you have to give him the numbers so he can reserve a suitable space.



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)

JAGUAR SS-100 on a '69 VW Chassis, 1600 cc dual-port engine with 4-speed tranny. \$4,000 o.b.o. Call Tom at 707-874-2587 or e-mail tjranch@flash.netdex.com (See picture at right) (10/06)

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)

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) 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)



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2006

- October 7, 2006 - Car Show & Historical Movie, 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. Knightsen, CA
- October 14, 2006 - Wine Tour. Details TBA
- December 3, 2006 - Annual Brunch at The Pleasanton Hotel, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
- April 14, 2007 - Coming Out party for new cars and new members in Ripon, CA

East Contra Costa Historical Society
& Museum
3890 Sellers Avenue
Knightsen, CA.

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2PM. to 4 PM.

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or

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