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This is the view of our "Handcrafted & Special Interest" Car Show on September 11 & 12, 2010 from the Concord Hilton Hotel.

ACTIVITY NOTICES

October 16, 2010 - S. F. Bay Cruise. RSVP Tom Wallters 650-961-8256 or twallters@gmail.com

December 5, 2010 - Annual Meeting at the Pleasanton Hotel

FROM THE PREZ

By Jim Wagner

I think all our Club members would agree that the 2010 NCKCC Handcrafted Car Show turned out to be a pretty good one. Although the number of cars on display did not meet our expectations, those that did enter covered the whole spectrum of the hobby, from beautiful classics to exciting exotics and everything in-between. Many thanks to the 2010 Show Committee for all their hard work in putting together a great show and banquet. Vern has all the pictures and award details in his article elsewhere in this newsletter. I would personally like to thank all those members and friends who participated in the show. Their comradery, conversation, and, of course, "car talk" helped make this year's show most memorable.

As the holidays approach, planned Club activities are fewer. However, there is a good one for October. Champion Tom Wallters is coordinating a Bay Cruise leaving from Pier 43 ½ on October 16th. Should be great fun! See all the cruise details elsewhere in this newsletter.

There is no club event in November, but be sure to mark your calendars for the Annual Brunch on December 5th. We will be returning to the "Farmer Restaurant" in the Pleasanton Hotel. As I recall, last year's brunch at the "Farmers" was excellent.

Take care, Hope to see y'all soon,

GOLDEN GATE BAY CRUISE - OCTOBER 16

By Tom Wallters

Please see the September newsletter for information on the cruise itself and for scenario CalTrain and Bart routes.

Here is the scenario for the outing:

1. we all arrive at the Red and White Fleet Terminal on Pier 43 1/2 **at least 45 minutes** prior to the 10:45 AM cruise departure (aim for getting there around 10:00).
2. we board the 10:45 tour boat and do the Golden Gate Bay Cruise.
3. we return to Pier 43 1/2 around noon.
4. we walk to "Fishermen's Grotto" for lunch (2851

Taylor Street).

5. we head home or... There are many things to see and do in the Fisherman's Wharf area, you might want to hang for awhile before heading home.

To get tickets for the excursion, call 415 673 2900 (you may need to press 0 after the intro) and order your tickets for the "Golden Gate Bay Cruise" - you then pick them up at the terminal.

Or you can order them on line by going to <http://www.redandwhite.com>. Click "Book Online", then "Golden Gate Bay Cruise". Fill in the booking info and press "submit booking".

Or you can buy them at the terminal. The tickets are \$24 for on-line booking and \$20 (\$4 saving) if you book over the phone or buy them at the terminal. The tickets are open (not specific to a date/time).

To get directions from GoogleMaps go to: <http://maps.google.com>. Once there, click on "Get Directions", then fill in your starting point and for the ending point, type "Red and White Fleet, San Francisco, CA".

If you plan to drive, there are several parking lots in the area. I checked parking prices (on the web) for Central Parking at Talor St. and Jefferson St. - the weekend rate is \$10 for up to 12 hours.

Please give Tom Wallters a call at 650 961 8256 (or email twallters@gmail.com) and let him know how many are coming and if you desire to have lunch at "Fisherman's Grotto". There are many restaurants in the area, this one is close by the Red and White Fleet terminal and has a good selection (lunch specials, sandwiches, seafood, pasta, steaks, etc) at reasonable prices - the reviews look very good.

You may contact Tom by cell phone on October 16 at 408 391 2574.

NCKCC's HANDCRAFTED & SPECIAL INTEREST CAR SHOW

By Vern Hance

The Northern California Kit Car Club's 28th Annual show, a two-day show at the Hilton Hotel in Concord, California went off smoothly, and was blessed with clear skies and comfortable temperatures in the low 80s.

The show car count was down a bit due to the sick economy in California, but we enjoyed a greater variety of cars both old and new. Our kit cars spanned a full spectrum and our Special Interest

Class included cars from custom Corvettes and AMX Javelins to T-Roadsters, '32 Fords & a Mini-Delahaye.

Wes Abendroth brought his historic silver 1965 Fiberfab Centurion from Nevada. Many people would mistake this car for a Corvette concept car, but it was built by Fiberfab in Sunnyvale and was inspired by the Stingray Racer designed by Peter Brock. Powered by a 327 Chevy V-8 it is campaigned in Vintage Racing, most recently at the 2010 Monterey Historic Races. Wes took home 1st Place in Class A Sports.

Richard Mauro trailered his 1958 LaDawri from Klamath Falls, Oregon and won the 2nd Place trophy for Class A Sports. This Chevy V-8 powered beauty was also shown at the 2010 AHA show in Pomona and is an outstanding car.

Another historic entry was a Mercedes 300SL replica, dressed as a '57 LeMans Factory race car. It was found after 50 years in a San Gabriel backyard in sorry shape. Dave Wolin, with some expert help, restored it to its present racing form and has entered a number of events.

Among the new cars, Doug Abadie brought his Superlite Roadster (SLR), which is an exo-skeleton (external frame) car powered by a 243 HP Acura mounted in a transverse mid-ships position. What a track and autocross car this could be! Race Car Replicas supplied the kit and Doug did the rest. The 1st Place Special interest award went to Doug.

The 2nd Place Special Interest award went to Steve & Mary Ellen Bales 1939 Ford Coupe. Steve did a great restoration on this car, but is well known in the winner's circle for his Mercedes 500K replica, which is in a showroom waiting for a new home.

The competition in Class B Sports was intense and resulted in Linda Ferriera taking 1st place with her Porsche 356 Coupe, built by John Steele of JPS Motorsports. 2nd Place went to Mike and Melinda Koken with their beautiful Datsun based Ferrari 250 GTO. Many worthy speedsters and Fiero based cars rounded out this class.

Class C Classics was populated with Mercedes 500K replicas. Chuck Maddux took 1st with his Heritage and Tom Wallters took 2nd with his 500K.

The Class D Classics 1st Place went to James & Robert Wagner for their Bugatti Type 35 replica and 2nd Place went to Jerry Barrilleaux with his '52 MG-TD.

The Cobra competition was close with some extraordinary cars on display. Curtis Tung's FFR Cobra took the Spectator's Choice/Best of Show award. This promoted him out of the Cobra class leaving Jim Smith, of Oakdale, as the 1st Place winner and Sherman Mah, of Concord, as the 2nd Place trophy holder.

The first day of our show was on 9/11, so we displayed a large American Flag and observed a minute of silence in memory of those lost in that 2001 attack.

At show closing time on Saturday we held a reception for car exhibitors to show our appreciation for their essential contribution to the show. Sparkling beverages and cheeses were provided by Chuck & Sue Maddux and other club members.

The next activity was a catered dinner in a private room at the Hilton. We enjoyed a Green Salad, Chicken Marsala, Rice Pilaf, Steamed Vegetables, Desserts and coffee, then had a prize drawing that netted almost everyone a gift. Following dinner we opened our hospitality suite, where we visited and swapped stories about adventures for another couple of hours.

Sunday we had some additional cars that couldn't attend Saturday. The exhibitor and spectator ballots were counted shortly after noon and the trophies were awarded during our traditional "drive-through" award ceremony. By 3 p.m. exhibitors were heading for home and club members were busy with the tear-down routine.

Our show was planned as a benefit for the local Food Bank and we were pleased to provide approximately \$600 in support of their mission of providing food for needy families.

Many thanks to the exhibitors that brought their beautiful cars and to the Hilton Hotel and staff for flawless service. Thanks also to our Show Committee and members that helped make the show a success.

I hope to soon publish all the photos from the show and a short video. So check our website nckcc.com soon. Look under the PHOTO/VIDEO section.

The trophy winners are listed below.

TROPHY WINNER'S LIST

- Class A Sports 1st Place Wes Abendroth
 Fiberfab Centurion
- 2nd Place Richard Mauro
 1958 LaDawri Conquest

- Class B Sports 1st Place Linda Ferriera
 Porsche 356 Coupe by JPS
- 2nd Place Mike & Melinda Koken
 Ferrari 250 GTO

- Class C Classics 1st Place Chuck & Sue Maddux
 Mercedes 500K
- 2nd Place Tom & Irene Wallters
 Mercedes 500K

- Class D Classics 1st Place Jim & Robert Wagner
 Bugatti Type 35
- 2nd Place Jerry+Carol Barrilleaux
 MG-TD

- Class E Cobra 1st Place Jim Smith
 FFR Cobra
- 2nd Place Sherman Mah
 FFR Cobra

- Class S
Special Interest
- 1st Place Doug Abadie
 Superlite Roadster by RSR
- 2nd Place Steve & Mary Bales
 '39 Ford Coupe

- Spectator's Choice
Best of Show Curtis Tung
 FFR Cobra (Shown below)

Shown below:

1st Place Class E Cobra

Jim Smith
FFR Cobra



Shown below:

2nd Place Class E Cobra

Sherman Mah
FFR Cobra



Shown at right:
1st Place Class S Special Interest
Doug Abadie
Superlite Roadster



Shown at left:
2nd Place Class S
Special Interest
Steve & Marry Ellen Bales
Mercedes 500K

Shown at right:
1st Place Class A Sports
Wes Abendroth
Fiberfab Centurion



Shown at right:
2nd Place Class A Sports
Richard Mauro
1958 LaDawri Cong



Shown at left:
1st Place Class B Sports
Linda Ferriera
Porsche 356 Coupe

Shown at right:
2nd Place Class B Sports
Mike & Melinda Koken
Ferrari 250 GTO



Shown at right:
1st Place Class C Classic
Chuck & Sue Maddux
Mercedes 500K



Shown at left:
2nd Place Class C Classic
Tom & Irene Wallters
Mercedes 500K

Shown at right:
1st Place Class D Classic
Bugatti Type 35
Jim & Robert Wagner





Shown at left:
2nd Place Class D Classic
MG - TD
Jerry Barrilleaux

MORE SHOW PICTURES BELOW





Remembering 9/11/2001





REMEMBERING MARTY

Martin Rosenthal passed peacefully on September 16, 2010 after a period of declining health.

A lifelong San Franciscan, Marty grew up valuing hard work balanced by a wonderful sense of playfulness.

An avid ice skater as a young man, his favorite job as a youth was an ice guard at Sutros Bathhouse where he was able to combine his love of skating with a job he enjoyed.

Marty graduated from George Washington High School in 1953. He attended University of Colorado at Boulder where he met Bette Rosenthal, just two weeks into their freshman year. They married their senior year. After they graduated, Marty and Bette, moved to California where they raised their three children.

Marty was a pharmacist by trade. He owned his own pharmacy, Bemar Rexall, for many years prior to working for independent stores and Walgreens.

A lover of the outdoors, Marty enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and waterskiing. He loved sharing these interests with family and friends. Many summers were spent teaching countless people how to water ski behind the family's speedy red boat.

Later on, Marty and Bette would most often be found at Sierra Point Yacht Club where they shared their love of boating with family and friends.

Marty loved his show cars. He found great pleasure in entering various cars in shows throughout the years, including his Shelby, Kurtis and his Alfa Romeo. He won many trophies and enjoyed countless hours of "car talk". He was an involved member of the NCKCC. He also had a lifelong passion for building. Model boats and airplanes were among his many projects, as were his construction of hydrofoils and even a motorized surfboard. When he had an idea he would figure out a way to make it work.

An avid traveler, he and Bette shared many adventures together across the globe. His favorite trip was an African safari.

Marty, a loving husband, brother, father, grandfather and friend, is survived by his wife of 54 years Bette Rosenthal, his sister Idell Weiss (Otto), his children Julie Rosenthal, Linda Bryson (Rudy) and Sandi Pierce (Gary), and his grandchildren Brandon, Jessica, Andrew, Tito, Allen, Cydney and Morgan.

A memorial service was held at Hills of Eternity Chapel in Colma on Friday, September 24, 2010 at 1:30pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made in his memory to the California Pacific Medical Center Building Fund, P.O. Box 45902, San Francisco, Ca. 94145, The Homeless Cat Network, P.O. Box 6, San Carlos, CA, 94070, or a charity of your choice.



ACCC PRESIDENT SPEAKS

This is the first issue of the DeFender since taking office as ACCC President on July 1, 2010 and I want to ensure all members that I will do my best to keep on top of any issues that have an effect on the car hobby. If you have any suggestions or recommendations on how to keep our hobby alive in California, please do not hesitate to let me or any of the other Directors know.

Although the 2010 Legislative session has ended, the state legislature can be called back to vote on issues, so we will not let ourselves get into a relaxed mode. As President of the Association of California Car Clubs, I am looking forward to getting new legislation ready for the 2011 session. The ACCC will be working along with other car enthusiasts to get new legislation passed that will clearly identify the definition of our classic/collector vehicles so that there is no misunderstanding of the definition. This will hopefully help us get hobby friendly legislation passed in 2011 that will both satisfy the California Air Boards and the legislators.

On Friday September 10, 2010, the Roamin Angels Car Club of Grass Valley, Ca. invited the Association of California Car Clubs to set up an information booth at the "Cruisin the Pines" car show. Thanks to our VP Vic Repstad, the following people were invited to the Friday night Tri-tip dinner and were allowed to speak to the participants. They were Congressman Tom McClintock, Assemblyman Dan Logue, Assemblyman Ted Gaines, Nevada County Supervisor Ed Schofield, NSRA Dave Cahal, Cruisin News Publisher John Sweeney and myself. The subjects ranged from keeping our cars on the road in California to Proposition 23 (suspending AB32 - Greenhouse emissions). If Proposition 23 does not pass in the November 2, election, it could impact our hobby in California. It could have an impact on the small businesses that supply our parts and a push to eliminate the older vehicles that are determined by the Air Boards to be a major polluter and health hazard to our children. I encourage you to vote YES on Proposition 23 and remember that if you will be attending the ACCC meeting on November 2, 2010 at the SEMA Show in Las Vegas, you will need to cast your vote by absentee ballot before the election date.

The 2010 ACCC meeting is on track for November 2, 2010 at the SEMA Show in Las Vegas, Nevada. We have 62 attendees signed up to attend and thanks again to the SEMA Organization for allowing the ACCC to meet in one of the Conference rooms at the Las Vegas Convention Center each year. We plan on having a guest speaker and hopefully a member of the California State Legislature that is also a member of the SEMA Automobile Caucus Group. Remember that it takes many individuals (Car enthusiasts, businesses and clubs) to keep our hobby alive in California. I would like to encourage you to talk to all your friends and ask them to join the ACCC and become a Part of the Solution. Without increased membership it is very difficult for the ACCC to stay in business and protect your classic/collector vehicles. All it takes is a mere \$25.00 a year to become an individual member. My theory is that if you can spend thousands of your hard earned dollars to purchase or build your car, \$300 plus for a car cover to protect your valuable vehicle from the environment and many dollars to insure it from accidents or theft, why is it so difficult to spend a mere \$25.00 a year to help protect your vehicle from being taken away from you by government regulations?.

The 2011 ACCC Legislative Conference is in the planning stages and will take place again at the California Automobile Museum located at 2200 Front Street in Sacramento, California. The dates are May 11-13, 2011 and if I can get the newly elected Governor (whom ever he/she may be) to allow the ACCC to have a car display on the West Steps of the State Capitol, the show will be on Tuesday May 10, 2011. I will keep you informed of the progress as soon as possible.

Thanks to all of our Directors (who work without compensation) and members that receive this newsletter for your efforts in supporting our mission. If there are any questions that you may have, please give me or one of our Directors a call. The telephone numbers and email addresses for all the Directors of the ACCC are on our website www.acccdefender.org

The next issue of the deFender will be published in December and in that issue, we should have more details on the new legislation for 2011.

Bob Stearns
ACCC President
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FOR SALE

BUGATTI 1927 Bugatti, good cond. Never wrecked. Yellow paint, brown upholstery that needs rework. Less than 50 miles on 1600cc recon. engine. Consider delivery. \$3000.00. (See photo) Dave Fernandez 530-384-2778 email daf360hd@att.net (3-10)

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See photo and magazine story at: <http://kitcar.automotive.com/26615/0601kc-mercedes-benz-500k/index.html> or type Bales Benz in Google. (04/10)

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We can help!

Contact: Car Concepts by Merlin Cofano 415-320-0678 (10/09)

"Cars for Sale" ads in the NCKCC News are for members only. Rate is \$10 for 12 issues.

Shown below are some of the cars listed.

Dave Fernabdez '27 Bugatti



Steve Bales Mercedes 500



Tomi Izuno Fiero Factory Ferrari replica



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010

- October 16, 2010 – S. F. Bay Cruise. Pier 43 ½ in the heart of Historic Fisherman's Wharf.
- December 5, 2009 - Annual Brunch, The Farmer Restaurant, Pleasanton Hotel. Vern Hance, Champion

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