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Here's the whole show, small but high quality! Top photo shows the north side of Blackhawk Museum and the bottom photos made up the south side group. More photos inside.

UPCOMING EVENT

We are planning a January 2024 Annual Brunch at The Incontro Ristorante, Danville Their Sunday Brunch is back !! Please e-mail the Prez or Editor ALL the January Sundays you could attend so we can maximize participation. The COST will be subsidized to \$25 per member. Regularly about \$40 with tax & tip.

FROM THE PREZ

In this newsletter, Vern will have the results of our September show at Blackhawk. I was unable to attend due to ongoing health problems. Many thanks to Vern for coordinating the entire show effort. I'm sure all who attended enjoyed the day. And, of course, all the "car" comradeship.

As for me, I will be scheduling hip replacement surgery with Kaiser as soon as I can work all the details. Probably take at least a month if not more just to schedule. Then it's surgery day, then three days in recovery and then 4 more in rehab.

In addition, more personal bad news arrived on Wednesday, October 4th. I received word from Scottsdale, AZ that my sister, Dianne, had passed away two days before her October 6th birthday. Her passing was not expected although she had numerous health problems. She was 77 years old. She will be interred in our hometown in Iowa. I will be traveling back to Iowa to attend her funeral service with my brother-in-law and family.

I do hope to get together with all my "car" friends sometime downstream.

Take Care & Stay Safe,

Jim Wagner, NCKCC President

ANNUAL BRUNCH TBA

Sunday Brunch is back, at the Incontro Ristorente. The Incontro is at 455 Hartz Ave, Danville.

We were originally planning an early Fall Sunday brunch date to get ahead of the Holidays, but with our President looking at November hip replacement it looks like we should target early January 2024 to avoid the busy Holiday season and Super Bowl Sunday which is February 11th, so The January Sundays are 7, 14, 21 & 28. Please let us know the January Sundays that you could attend. **Please email or phone ALL your available January Sundays** so we can pick a date to maximize our attendance. Email or call:

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BLACKHAWK SHOW WAS HELD SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

After being rained out last year, we had the most wonderful weather you could ask for. Clear skies with temperature in the mid-70s!! We had only 8 cars on display in spite of starting our show promotion in late June. Four cars came from our members and two returned to our show from last year thanks to Eddie Togonon's recruiting. Our most faithful supporters, Mike & Melinda Koken drove their Ferrari 250 GTO replica 800 miles round trip from Lancaster, CA to be with us.

Being short on cars, we focused on the social aspects and story telling that is part of all shows. This started on Saturday night (below) when we hosted a "Long Distance Award" dinner for Mike & Melinda Koken, who drove from Lancaster, CA. Also attending were Chuck & Sue Maddux & Vern Hance.



Probably the most surprising car in the show was Cooley's 1979 VW Convertible with an electric motor in the rear engine compartment. Pat said the conversion was done by a shop near Portland and it certainly looked like a factory quality job. Part of the propulsion batteries were in the front gas tank area



and the rest were in the rear luggage area behind the back seat.



Below - Dave Zunino and his '57 Porsche Speedster replica. It's powered by a 1.6 L air-cooled flat-four engine. His car was in our 2022 show too.

Pat & Anita Cooley are listening to Jay Kline explain what is special about his pedigreed 1951 MG-TG Mk II. Turns out it was a small boost in engine displacement and some other improvements. What make it special was the limited production of 700 verses many thousands for the regular MG-TD.



Eddie Togonon's 1956 Ford Victoria, powered by a 302 V-8 is getting lots of attention by spectators. The color scheme is Cream over Peacock Blue.



Mike & Melinda Koken, from Lancaster, CA drove their Ferrari 250 GTO about 800 miles, round trip, to be in our show. Talk about dedication !!



Sherman Mah brought his FFR Cobra powered by a Ford 302.



Pat & Anita Cooley's '79 VW convertible doesn't look like it's got full electric propulsion, unless you study the instrument panel, which has some new gauges.



Here are a couple views of the Chuck Maddux and his 1934 Mercedes 500K Special Roadster replica, powered by a 350 Chevrolet.



Gil Somerhalder brought his AMX Javlin from Knightsen. It has a 401 AMC V8 under the hood.



What's a Blackhawk Show without some car stories told around the base of the big elephant.

