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Presidents' Message

Hello Cruisers

It is with a heavy heart that we mourn the passing of one of our founding members. Peter LaDow passed last week, our thoughts and prayers go out to his family during this time. Lori and Brian have planned a Show and Shine at Fosters on November 3rd 11 am to 3 pm. On a personal note Peter recruited Alma and I while we were admiring his car at the Skip Long show At the Napa Fair Grounds. Thanks Peter. You will be missed.

Next week we Fall back that means, winter is just around the corner. Here's the results of the nominations and election of Officers by the membership from last month's meeting. These are your Board members for 2019. Remaining in their current positions will be Mike Phillips as President, Mike Butler as Vice President, Chris Butler as Secretary, Johanna Smith as Treasurer, Mary Morofsky as Events and Apparel, Bill Knudsen Membership. Brad Parsons has agreed to return and take the Social Media position and Dianne Quick will assume the news letter position. Thanks to everyone for stepping up again and welcome Dianne. (That's what happens when you leave the room during nominations.) HA ! HA ! Just kidding!! Yvonne Westberg has agreed to continue as the Sunshine person. Remember everyone the CHP Toy Drive will be on November 24th at Fosters Freeze from 10 AM to 3 PM. Bring an unwrapped new Toy for children of all ages. The toys will be distributed by CHP within Napa to children in need. If you are unable to bring your toy to Fosters Freeze you can bring it to the next General meeting or drop it off at my home . That will be followed by the Down town Christmas Parade. Assembly time is 3 pm to 5 pm. Hope to see you there this years theme is " HAVE A HOLLY , JOLLY CHRISTMAS. " The Annual Christmas Party is right around the corner December 1st at the Napa Elks Lodge 5:00 to 10:00 we are looking for a large turn- out.

Keep the rubber side down, drive safe.

Mike Phillips Sr.

Peter Donovan-La Dow



Peter Donovan-La Dow, born in Hollywood, California in 1932, passed away peacefully at home October 21, 2018 with family by his side. Wonderful care was given him by Napa Collaborative Hospice, Devita Kidney Dialysis, Your Home Nursing Services and his doctors, Adhye and Goldstein.

In his youth he attended schools in San Francisco, was an Acappella singer at Grace Cathedral and was a fifth generation American who served in the U.S. Navy.

Peter had several careers, one of which he was the owner of the Journal Advertiser, a newspaper in Sonoma County. He volunteered for Napa Meals on Wheels, was an avid reader, played bocce and enjoyed traveling to distant places with family members. With his love and joy of life he made many friendships. He will be remembered in their hearts for the good times they shared.

He was one of the founders and first president of the Napa Valley Cruisers Classic Car Club. At car shows through California he won many first place awards with his beloved Red 1959 Chevy Impala. He was an active member in the Napa Elks and Native Sons Organizations.

Peter is survived by his wife Lori and five children, Dr Craig La Dow, Dr Laurie and Joe La Dow-Loescher, Jeff and Lisa La Dow, Mike and Melissa La Dow and Bryan and Andie La Dow. He has nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

At his request no services will be held but a gathering of his many friends and family to share memories will be held at Foster Freeze on Imola Ave, Napa, Saturday November 3 from 11 AM to 3 PM. A remembrance may be given to a charity of your choice.

Sunshine Corner



It is with grate sadness we lost our member Peter LaDow this past month, we are so sorry Lori, will you and your family please accept our deepest condolences. For those members who do not know, Peter was one of the founders for starting The Napa Valley Cruisers.

Claudette Dailey was in the hospital again for a few days, however she is home recovering.

Please remember Sue Lemmons as she is not feeling well.

Please let the above members know we care by either a phone call or a nice encouragement card.

Remember if you know of someone in need of SUNSHINE please contact:

Yvonne Westberg @ (707) 255 2383—leave a message
(707) 337-5532—text this number
yvonnecoho@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

November 2018

- 4th Daylight Savings Time Ends. Set you clock back 1 hour.
- 4th NVC Breakfast. Red Hen Cantina. 9:00am
- 8th NVC General Meeting. Napa Elks Club 6:30pm
- 10th-11th Pleasanton.29th. Annual GOODGUYs Autumn Get-Together,
Alameda County Fairgrounds, Open to all years, info; 925-838-9876
- 22nd THANKSGIVING DAY HAPPY TURKEY DAY EVERY ONE.....
- 24th NAPA VALLEY CRUISERS- CHP. TOY Drive. FOSTERS FREEZE-
1195 W, Imola Ave, Napa ,10:00 to 3:00 pm. more info. at Club Meeting on Oct. 11th.
from, Tammy.. Elks lodge Napa. 6:30pm.

December 2018

- 1st Napa Valley Cruisers Christmas Party, 5pm to 10 pm. MUST RSVP and PAY BY NOV. 25th
- 25th Christmas Day

January 2019

- 1st New Years Day. HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
- 10th NVC General Meeting. Napa Elks Club 6:30pm

Christmas for Seniors

It's the time of year for giving, so Mike and I have decided to sponsor Cottage Oaks Assisted Living and Rest Home.

On December 17th, 2018 we will be hosting a Bingo Day. All residents that attend will receive a gift when they enter to play.

There will also be prizes for each person that wins a bingo. We will be providing deserts for them to enjoy while playing.

As many of these residents do not have visitors all year long we thought it would be a fun and rewarding thing to do.

We are asking that if any of our club members would like to donate any items for prizes. (See list below) it would be truly appreciated.

Please bring items to our next general meeting November 8th or our Christmas Party December 1st.

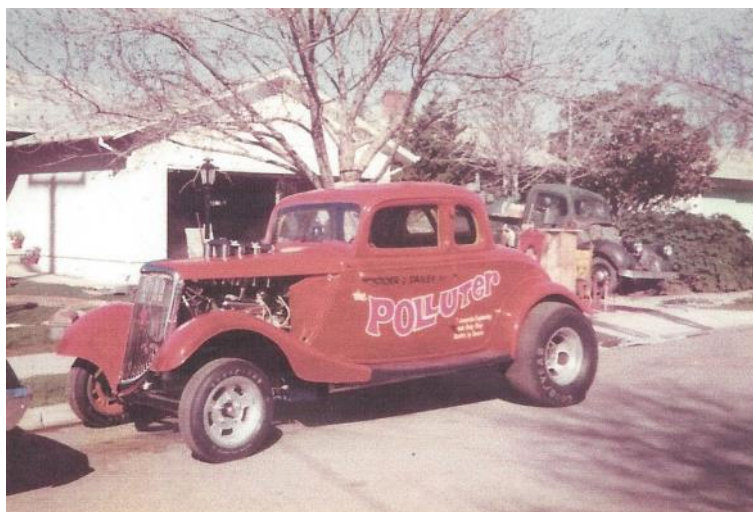
Thank you in advance, Tammy & Mike Robinette

Lap Throws Blankets Non Slip Slippers Note Cards Robe's Wheel Chair Pouch
Stamps All Occasion Cards Boxed Puzzles Costume Jewelry Lotion Lightweight Scarf's

Car of the Month

I've always been interested in racing, so in early 1962 I went to work for Carroll Shelby, who wanted to produce a winning racing car. In the fall of 1963, a new model of the Cobra appeared. It was called "Dragonsnake" and it competed at the drags. It came about when a few Shelby American employees, basic hot-rodders, convinced their boss to set-up the Cobra to win at the strip. The first Dragonsnake, painted metal flaked light blue, was used at the quarter-mile strip. I was the first Dragonsnake original driver "aimer" for the Cobra CSZ2036. My height and light weight was a definite asset. By early 1964 the Shelby Cobra drag racing program started by the employees of the production shop., Randy Shaw, Jere Kirpatrick and myself were the official drag racing team. We won several trophies, major race victories and set national records. As the driver, I set an A/SSP class record of 12.81 seconds at 108.95 mph at the AHRA Winter Nationals Beeline Dragway in Scottsdale, Arizona in February 1964. We continued to improve speed-best A/SSP time was 11.73 seconds at 119.20 mph. The Shelby Dragonsnake was attracting lots of attention. Scheduled to drive in the Hot Rod Magazine National Championships at Riverside Raceway in June, 1964, but was drafted and unable to attend. After serving in the National Guards, I built my 1934 Ford coupe for drag racing with my friend-Sandy Daily. We raced "The Polluter" until 1973. Winning many trophies and set records.

Tony Stoer



DenBeste Motor Sports Road Trip

If you missed the road trip to DenBeste Motor Sports, you lost out. This is a road trip worth seeing. Just to see the show room with all the Shelby Cobras hanging on the wall is a sight to see, not to mention the C&C machines taking a raw block and making it a piece of art engine. Very impressive! A special thank you to Dan McCabe and Don McEachern for there help is putting this together. And a very special THANK YOU to Bill DenBeste for his gracious hospitality and letting us tour his facility!!





NAPA VALLEY CRUISERS
Cordially Invites You to Our

Annual Christmas Party

December 1st, 2018
5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Napa Elks Lodge
2840 Soscol Avenue

Members \$20.00 up to 2 Guests \$35.00
No Host Bar 5:00pm Dinner 6:00pm Music 7pm

Gift Exchange – Bring a Wrapped Gift for a man or women. Value \$25.00
Please attach a name tag with your name on it, so we know who to
thank for our gifts.

Please R.S.V.P. by November 25 to
Napa Valley Cruisers – Christmas Party
P.O. Box 3224, Napa, CA 94558



Name - _____
Members Attending ____ @ 20.00 Guests Attending ____ @ 35.00

Total Enclosed - _____

Mail Checks payable to Napa Valley Cruisers. P.O. Box 3224, Napa 94558

MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 25TH, 2018