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## NORTH MODESTO

### **Bulletin from May 25, 2023**

**President Jennifer Mullen presiding.** Bell rung at 7:08AM.

**Song:** Gary Goodman

**Pledge:** Nico Flores

**Prayer:** Tim Ragsdale

#### **GUESTS:**

Tom Hansen back to visit. Tom has been a member since 1986 to about 2011 and played a big role in the club. He now shares his time between Arizona and Monterey.

Doug Tripp made a meeting, good to see him.

Peggy Ragsdale came with Tim Ragsdale.

**Selena Little:** Guest of Ken Nolte, Vanguard Key Clubber

#### **On Zoom**

Mark Dunker.

Gary Zimmerman, Doc Z.

Ken Darby calling in from Jackson Rancheria.

Audrey Goesch.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### **INTERCLUB: Ken Darby**



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Brief report on zoom from Jackson Rancherias. "Some interclubs will be held at unknown places and times."

But from prior announcements I think the next one scheduled is ....

**July:** Oakdale

### **SOCIALS:**

Busy days ahead. Coming right up are:

7th June. Packet stuffing at the Man Cave which just happens to include appetizer and wine . This is a lot of fun so come and help out and get jazzed for the coming weekends volunteerism. The Man cave is Randy Cook's huge toy shed at Chenault Drive off McHenry in North Modesto.. .

Parade on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Car Show 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> June.

July 4th parade.

Sanders cabin July 22nd.

The slate for the rest of the year is....

June 7	Graffiti Stuffing Party
June 9	Graffiti Parade
June 10-11	Graffiti Festival & Car Show
July 4	4th of July Parade
July 22	John Sanders Twain Harte Craft Show
September 8	De-Installation & Dinner
October 28	Wine Day - Lodi
December 2	Breakfast with Santa
December 4	Book Sorting
December 6	Toy Wrapping and Social
December 9	Christmas Basket Distribution
December 21	Club Christmas Meeting



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### **AMERICAN GRAFFITI PARADE AND CAR SHOW: Brent and Charlie**

We are at 989 cars registered, just over 900 are in parade. Deadline to register is Sunday, June 4th at 5:00PM!

Newer model cars, please register with Cars and Coffee Modesto through their Instagram page.

Largest car show west of the Mississippi

Charlie says we will all be working-the streets. Manning barricades. Let cars off if overheating and keep non entered cars from joining. A sticker on the front windshield is the ticket for entry.

Candy Clark and MacKenzie Phillips will be in attendance.

Brent says all the applications are done in the cloud but he does have some 'manual' applications. Needs a pen and a check.

If you have friends who want to join in , tell them to go to 'Bring a trailer .com' to find their ride.

Wear a Kiwanis shirt. Shirts available from Karen. Tees are \$20 to members \$25 to public. Entrants tees will be picked up on Friday at packet pick up.

We have a special guest at the parade , Gene Winfield. His birthday is on the weekend so he cannot stay for the weekend car show.

All entertainment is listed on the website, the bands Bill has lined up. Mike Amaral's Beach Boys Experience coming out on Sunday, one of the best Beach Boys tribute bands.

**Ray Sanders:** 4 gates (3 at each gate), Sat&Sun from 8:30AM-5:00PM & 8:30AM-2:00PM, 2 shifts for each day.

**Ken Nolte:** AGF volunteer opportunity. Friday afternoon 11:00AM-5:00PM packet pick up at MJC East right across Coldwell Building

### **HAPPY/SAD BUCKS:**



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No time for the bucks.

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

Gary Goodman: May 21st. According to Aaron, his age is old...

Celebrated with a steak dinner in his backyard with family. He went to Jackson Rancheria just to kick it and have a good time. For his 21st birthday he vaguely recalls working as a pharmacist.

Eric Benson: May 23rd

Harrison Power: May 24th, turned 27 years young.

Enjoyed some bowling with the Murphy Clan at Yosemite Lanes. Says his score wasn't that great, but his last frame bowled was a strike! For his 21st birthday he celebrated with his twin brother at Riley's Bar in Chico where he had his first drink (yeah, sure that was his first drink ever...)

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:**

Bob Reidel: May 19th marked his 44th wedding anniversary. They celebrated with the Goodmans at Jackson Rancheria. A lot has happened in the past few months for our friend Bob. He went through the passing of both in-laws and handled affairs after that happened. Stayed at the Elks Lodge in Fresno, during that time his 45ft motorhome caught on fire with him and family still inside. We are thankful that they all made it out safely. They heard a loud bang, the power went out, and then it just lit up; the fire started under the bed. On a more positive note, he went skiing in Mammoth two weeks ago. He also got to replace the RV, but not with another one. They opted for a 5th wheel and a truck to pull it. Happy \$100.

Loren Suelzle: May 21st

**PROGRAM:** speakers were Alex Bequette who works for Michael Baldwin at MBS Consultants and Legacy Alliance Outreach, and Brenda and Sammy who shared their stories

The organization is focused on helping the disadvantaged youth in our community. There are kids that come in that are wearing the same clothes every day, haven't eaten, not getting enough sleep, etc. There are kids that call on a daily basis trying to get a ride to school. They've learned that some families don't want these kids to get good grades. One child worked really hard and earned a 4.0 GPA three times in a row, who did not want to tell his family for



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fear of being made fun of. All that he asked for, for his hard work, was a family bucket of chicken.

Brenda is a former addict who is 444 days sober. She had a great childhood growing up in Mexico. Her family moved to California when she was 3 and she did great up until about high school. She eventually got a job in the medical field and shortly after became an addict for 6 years. When that happened she lost her daughter. Her family had an intervention for her and that resulted in her going to rehab. Upon getting out of rehab, she just wasn't ready. She reached out to Michael Baldwin who was welcoming and asked her how he could help. She needed a job, so he gave her one. The job gave her a responsibility and kept her out of trouble, instead of being bored and doing things she shouldn't be doing. She is doing much better now; in the process of getting custody of her daughter back, has a great full-time job, and is on track to graduate.

Sammy was formerly incarcerated, serving a 27-year to life sentence, and has since changed his ways for the better. He now is a motivational speaker who helps those who are on the same path as he was, in hopes to get them on a more positive path in life. He goes after those that are in gangs or addicts, to show them that there is more to life and to provide them a place where they can find their self-worth. He speaks with these individuals and allows them to self-reflect on their actions. Through it all, they learn that their actions were superficial and the true reason is due to trauma that causes these behaviors. He says that it's a lot of work, but all worth it in the end. He's happy about the partnerships that they've built with people in the community and police departments.

A lot of these kids grow up and may fall into addiction, which then can lead to being incarcerated. The leading cause of death from overdose for individuals between 14-35 is Fentanyl. Many kids don't know how to cope with their problems so they turn to drugs. Their version of conflict resolution is to fight. They help the incarcerated/formerly incarcerated and the disadvantaged youth so that they don't go down that path.

They are continuing to help people as much as they can by connecting them to work. They have 30 individuals at different job sites, 5 of which are in permanent positions. They also have a workshop that is an introduction of the community to law enforcement. There are still 3 positions available with the next meeting on June 1st if anyone is interested. In the workshop they discuss, advocate, and get to converse with law enforcement officers.



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**MARBLE DRAW:** Bill Schwartz, he got the unlucky white marble

**LUNCH MONEY:** Pete Vella

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05AM

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