

Hi!

The Northern California Dodge Brothers & Sisters group once again enjoyed July 4<sup>th</sup> together this year! We gathered at Gene and Vicki Stadelhofer's for this year's festivities. This is about our twenty-first year of doing this, and once again, all had a great time! Present were: Herman and Barbara Boone ('33 DB Rumble Seat Cabriolet); Tom and Elaine Gong ('19 DB sedan); Roger and Lynne Gong ('25 DB Screenside), and daughter Leah and friends; Tom, Sharon, and Jennifer Barham ('26 DB sedan); Travis and Julia Barham ('24 DB touring); Amil and Sharon Gehrke ('27 DB touring); and Bob and Timber Vincent ('36 DB pickup truck). Gene and Vicki had lots of family members present and had the most DB's of our group in the parade: '18 DB touring; '28 DB Victory Six sedan; and '22 DB roadster (Gene drove this one this year—its maiden voyage in the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade!). I didn't really realize how many people participated with us in this year's parade until we got back to Stadelhofer's house for potluck lunch and looked at all the people!!! It was GREAT!!!

We arrived at the parade staging area (this year at St. Isidore's Church—construction at the High School precluded our parking at the usual parking lot where they usually put antique autos) about an hour earlier than last year because the Parade organizers said that the Parade would start at 9:00 a.m. so that it could be finished before the heat really set in. I don't remember when we finally got into the Parade, but we had our usual wait in line. Once we started down the Main St. of Danville, the DB's had no problems this year and everyone enjoyed waving to the crowd and being appreciated! Gene's '22 roadster did fine!

After lunch, we had a short business meeting before everyone headed for home.

As always, we enjoyed good food: Gene and Vicki supplied buns and polish dogs, hot dogs, and hamburgers, along with all the fixin's; the rest of us supplied salads, chips and dips, and lots of desserts, etc.! It was a wonderful meal! Travis and Julia Barham get the prize for roading their DB the farthest: they came all the way from Manteca to be with us! They said they had a great time on their "tour within a tour!"

It was good to see Ben and Betty Miller attend after the parade! When we started this group, the only other DB owner we knew was Leonard Needham; Leonard knew Gene Stadelhofer and Ben Miller and introduced us to them both. "And the rest is history," as they say!

As always the Parade, the food, and the hospitality were exceptional. Our thanks to Gene and Vicki Stadelhofer for once again hosting this annual event on our Tour Calendar! And our thanks to their neighbors who put up with our trailers and tow vehicles every year!

On July 9<sup>th</sup>, Amil Gehrke, Donn Marinovich, Roger Gong and Tom Barham attended the Penngrove Steam Up with assorted DB's (Donn's '22 DB Screenside, and Amil's '27 DB Roadster, Amil's '27 DB touring, and Amil's '30 Rumble Seat Straight 8 DB coupe!). We enjoyed the displays and the people, even picking up a new couple as members this year ("welcome aboard" to Reta Kyle and Gary Santero, '26 DB Coupe). After the Power Up, we were treated to the viewing of a Dodge Brothers wooden boat at a local upholstery shop in Petaluma. Wow, I've never seen one of these beauties before! The upholsterer had pictures of catalogs from the period showing exactly what we were looking at. Amazing!

On August 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, several DB's and their owners attended the Great Gatsby Festival at the Tallac Historic Site in South Lake Tahoe. Roger Gong has provided a wonderful and complete description, illustrated with pictures, of our group's participants, their DB's, and the venue that you can see and read at [norcaldb.org](http://norcaldb.org). Click on [ncdbs meets](#), scroll down to the year 2011, and click on Tallac. Great job, Roger!

On Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, we will once again attend the Galt Old Car Festival. This is an event held annually at McFarland Ranch, a restoration project of the Galt Historical Society, in Galt. I highly recommend it to you. Cars from the early 'teens that you don't normally see are displayed on a grassy field. Tours of the farmhouse are available, there is a

raffle, music, etc. It is a nice and relaxing way to spend a Sunday afternoon. And it is also the afternoon that we get together for our annual Northern CA Region/Chapter meeting. Please attend to find out what's going on in your Chapter!

On October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, the Barham and Boone families will host the "Silent Starters to Sutter Creek" Tour! We will meet at Herman and Barbara Boone's house in Farmington at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> (for those that want to, you may arrive Friday late afternoon/evening and camp in the Boone's orchard—call Herman Boone for details at 209.886.5553). After a drivers' and navigators' meeting at 9:00 a.m., we'll begin our journey along back roads from Farmington to Sutter Creek. There will be at least one "potty stop" on the way, and the trip will be very leisurely. There will be a trouble truck and trailer. We will travel 50 to 60 miles each day.

Our first stop will be at New Hogan Reservoir to view the dam (and more importantly, to use the "facilities!") Then we'll proceed through back country roads at a leisurely pace to Mokelumne Hill, our lunch destination. We'll eat at Jeff Tuttle's Union House restaurant and then have a short session with a representative of the local Historic Society in the town library across the street. If you are adventurous, you can search for the DB fire truck in town! Then we'll drive through Jackson and then to the Kennedy Mine Tour which will take about 1.5 hours. We'll then drive a short distance to Sutter Creek Days Inn, our destination for the evening. Timber Vincent has arranged for our Saturday evening camaraderie dinner at J&D Steakhouse in our own separate room. When we're through, we can enjoy the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sutter Creek Musical Organ Rally, described as: "Music of yesteryear played on Main Street on unusual band organs from all over the country. At least six organs will be played, from organ grinder/monkey size to Majestic organs." Herman and Barbara have taken this in once before and we're looking forward to it! It should be very unusual and enjoyable for a group that likes old iron and mechanical contraptions!

It is a short walk back to the Days Inn in Sutter Creek where we'll stay the night (possible shuttle service for those that would like it from the trouble truck!). Make sure you call the Days Inn at Sutter Creek to register your room. There is a block of 15 rooms reserved for the Dodge Brothers group on my credit card. They will be held until 9/7/2011, at which time we will have to release them. So call the Days Inn at 209. 267.9177 and ask for Charlie Kain, the Manager who gave us the AAA discount which works out to \$85.50 per room before taxes. (NOTE: call me before you call Charlie!)

Sunday morning you can enjoy the continental breakfast at the Days Inn before our Drivers' and Navigators' meeting at 9:00 a.m. After said meeting, we will tour to Poor Man's Bronze (on the outskirts of Sutter Creek), an interesting collection of "Cast Aluminum Statues, Flags, and Home & Garden Décor," all for sale to those who may have an interest! Then it will be tour time once again down Hwy. 49, eventually ending up in Angels Camp for a tour of the local Museum, which I am told has an extensive collection of farm equipment, mining equipment, etc.

We'll leave the museum and head for Copperopolis for lunch, and then back to Farmington for loading up and heading home.

Please see the attached [tour registration form](#) listing tour costs, and send the filled out form to Tom and Sharon Barham, along with the required check (made out to Tom Barham). We need your confirmation of attendance by 9/30/2011 so that we can make sure restaurants can plan for us.

This will not be the last function of our 2011 tour season. On November 25<sup>th</sup>, we'll participate in the Sonora Christmas Parade. Contact Donn Marinovich at 209.533.3663 or at [dcmmlid@wildblue.net](mailto:dcmmlid@wildblue.net) for directions and details.

Donn Marinovich has asked that I remind all recipients of the newsletter that at the February Turlock Swap Meet, the NCDB&S have two adjacent swap spaces. If any Members want to sell a D-B Vehicle or parts at/during this two-day Swap Meet, please contact Donn (see contact info above) as our Region would be pleased to offer one of the two spaces for this opportunity. A vehicle to be sold must be running and be trailed/driven to the Swap Meet. Anyone who wants to avail themselves of this opportunity should contact Donn (regarding a car or parts) before the end of the year 2011 and he will tell you the Ground Rules as well as collect the \$50.00 Space Rental fee required for the sale of the DB. Amil Gehrke used this space last year to sell his 1917 un-restored DB touring; it made a big hit and attracted a LOT of walk-ups and inquiries

about Dodge Brothers, our National Club, the local Region, etc. earlier this year.

All for now! Please get your Days Inn reservations made for the "Silent Starters to Sutter Creek" tour, and get your registration form and check to us as soon as possible so we can finalize preparations for your attendance!

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(and Travis, Julia, and Jennifer, too!)  
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Registration Form for the  
Silent Starters to Sutter Creek Tour  
10/08/2011 – 10/09/2011

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Bringing your Dodge Brothers? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No (check one) If coming in "current day iron," would you be willing to transport owners of disabled DB's back to Boone's to pick up their trailers so that they can retrieve their vehicles? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes

Entrance fees:

Kennedy Mine Tour: \$10.00 per person x Number Attending: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Kennedy Mine Tour: \$6.00 per person (ages 6-12) x Number Attending: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Sunday Museum Tour: \$4 per person x Number Attending: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Meals:

Please see Meals part of this Registration Form, mark your choices, and enter Meals Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Meals and Entrance Fees to be sent to Tom Barham: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form **As Soon As Possible** with your check (**made out to Tom Barham**) for your total cost to participate to:

Tom and Sharon Barham  
315 Strand Ave.  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Give us a call at 925.934.7318 (Home) or 925.250.7494 (cell) with any questions!

**LODGING:** Our accommodations will be at the Days Inn in Sutter Creek. They have agreed to a AAA rate of \$85.50 per room. This hotel is on the outskirts of our destination, the town of Sutter Creek. It offers clean rooms, a safe place to park our DB's, and a complimentary continental breakfast. Make your room reservations right now to make sure you get a room. Call Hotel Manager Charlie Kain at 209.267.9177 and ask for the Dodge Brothers rate.

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**MEAL CHOICES:**

Please indicate your choices for meals at our Saturday lunch and dinner stops, as well as our lunch stop on Sunday. Calculate the Meals total cost and add to total to send in with your Registration on previous page. We are paying ahead for meals so that it saves us time in both Mokelumne Hill (Saturday lunch) and Sutter Creek (Saturday camaraderie dinner).

Saturday October 08, 2011

Lunch at Jeff Tuttle's Union House, Mokelumne Hill, CA

Includes choice of sandwiches below with either a side salad or chips, ice tea, lemonade, soda, tax and gratuity \$13.20 per person; please circle choices and indicate number:

**Union House Burger**

Featuring Swingle's ground chuck served on a toasted wheat bun or ciabatta. Garnished with lettuce, onion, mayo, mustard and ketchup. Choice of cheddar, pepper jack or Havarti cheese.

**MHIT Chicken Sandwich**

Grilled Chicken Breast topped with roasted red pepper, and choice of cheese. Served on a toasted wheat bun or ciabatta.

**Turkey Croissant**

Sliced turkey breast served with avocado, onion, lettuce and mayo on a croissant.

\$13.20 per person x number of persons eating lunch: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$13.20 = \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner at J&D Steakhouse, Sutter Creek, CA

Dining in the private wine room. Choice of entrees, salad, non-alcoholic beverage, tax and gratuity \$25 per person; please circle choices and indicate number:

**ROSEMARY CHICKEN**

8oz of chicken served with mixed greens salad, seasonal vegetables and rice pilaf.

**PASTA PRIMAVERA**

Mixed greens salad, seasonal vegetables and mushrooms tossed with linguine and a white wine sauce.

**FISH OF THE DAY**

Grilled filet with a honey mustard glaze served with mixed greens salad, seasonal vegetables and rice pilaf.

**FLAT IRON STEAK 8 OZ** ( Daniel's Favorite ) Mixed greens salad, seasonal vegetables and your choice of: shoestring fries, mashed potatoes, baked potato, onion rings or rice pilaf.

\$25.00 per person x number of persons eating dinner: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SEE OTHER SIDE!!!**

Sunday October 09, 2011

Lunch at Panini's Italian Grill, Copperopolis, CA

Includes choice of sandwiches below served with choice of potato wedges, copper chips, soup or house salad, ice tea, soda, coffee, tax and gratuity \$15.40 per person; please circle choices and indicate number:

**Grilled Vegetarian Panini**

Mushrooms, Roasted Red Peppers,, Black Olives, Red Onions and Spinach Sautéed in Olive Oil Topped with Provolone Cheese.

**Grilled Herb Chicken Pesto Panini**

Grilled Chicken, Pesto, Caramelized Onions, Pancetta, Spinach, Roasted Peppers and Mozzarella.

**Grilled Italian Sausage Panini**

Italian Sausage, Mushrooms, Red Onions, Red Bell Peppers, Mozzarella Cheese and a Dash of Worcestershire.

**Hot Meatball Sandwich**

Italian Meatballs on a Baguette with Marinara Sauce and Mozzarella Cheese.

Circle sides desired and number of each:

Potato Wedges

Copper Chips

Soup

House Salad

\$15.40 per person x number of persons eating lunch: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.40 = \_\_\_\_\_

Meals total to be added to Entrance Fees on page 1: \$ \_\_\_\_\_