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Our Hall Fabrication & Racing tour group stands here awestruck by the expertise and capabilities of Stewart Hall and his shop at building race cars and restoring pedigreed Cobras and other rare cars.

COMING EVENTS

- April 14, 2012 - AHA "Fun Under The Sun" show at Pomona. Info & forms available at www.replicacarclub.com We will be sending 2 or 3 NCKCC Cobras to the show.
- April 21, 2012 - Charles Schultz Museum visit and Luther Burbank Garden Tour in Santa Rosa, CA. We will meet at the museum at 10:30 a.m., Lunch at noon, then Burbank Gardens about 1:30 p.m. (See page 3 for details)
- May 12, 2012 - Niles "Spring Fever" car show in the Niles District of Fremont. (See page 8 for details and early registration deadline)

FROM THE PREZ

The “official” Club activity for the month of March was a tour of several interesting sites in the quaint city of Benicia. Chuck and Sue Maddux arranged some tours of Hall Fabrication & Racing, Specialty Car Sales of Benicia, lunch at Pappa’s Greek Restaurant and later a visit to the Benicia State Capital Building and finally on to the historic Camel Barn Museum. Vern and Chuck have the full story and pictures in this newsletter. My dad and I participated in the earlier tours and lunch, however, on the way to the Benicia State Capital Building, my dad tripped and fell on an uneven sidewalk. Luckily, he suffered no broken bones, just some scrapes and bruises. Of course, both of us cut short the rest of the afternoon tours and headed home. My dad is doing fine now and is looking forward to our next outing.

The official Club activity for the month of April is a trip in a northerly direction to the city of Santa Rosa and a visit to the Charles Schultz Museum and later, a tour of the Luther Burbank Gardens. Carol Hance is the champion for this outing. I don’t remember a Club outing to Santa Rosa in many years. Should be great fun to see a museum honoring the creator of “Snoopy”. Info on the Santa Rosa outing is on page 3 in this month’s newsletter.

It’s hard to believe that March 20th really was the first day of Spring! You sure couldn’t tell that by the cold and rainy weather. However the weather, we have some other great activities that are fast approaching on the calendar: The AHA “Fun Under the Sun” Show in Pomona on Saturday, April 14th and the Niles “Spring Fever” Car Show on Saturday, May 12th. If you are planning the long trek to the AHA Show, please let Vern know by phone or e-mail. He can then help you coordinate via e-mail with other members who might be planning the trip. Also, for those of you who are anticipating attending the Niles Spring Fever Show, please let me know by phone or e-mail. Pre-registrations for this show are due by May1st. I will be attending and plan to arrive early to try to reserve several adjacent parking slots for our members. It’s still difficult to get the prime all-day shaded slots even when arriving early, but I will try. Full info on both the “AHA” Show in Pomona and the “Spring Fever” Show in Niles will be elsewhere in this month’s newsletter. Since I plan on attending both the Santa Rosa outing and the Niles Spring Fever Show, I hope to see many of you at both.

Take care, Hope to see y’all soon,

Jim W

DUES PAYING TIME AGAIN

We still need about 6 of our 2011 members to pay their \$24 dues for 2012.

I will use my usual procedure of listing the last names of those whose dues have been paid. 48 have already paid for 2012 and their names are listed at the end of this article.

Please check this section each month to see that I have received your dues payment. That way we can cross check on you, me and the USPS.

Here’s the 48 Paid-up members.

Amsberry	Kinzy
Bales	Kluber
Barrilleaux	Koch
Bello	Kunedt
Bohr	LaCasse
Boscacci	Landers
Calderon	Latty
Clavelli	Leavitt
Cooley	Maddux
Craycroft	Mah
DeCato	Rehfeld
DeLany	Rhodes
Dunn	Rodarte
Ellis	Roles
Elster	Rubenstein
Fewell	Smith
Foote	Somerhalder
Hance	Sutherland
Henson	Thomson
Honodel	Tung
Jacobs	Ullman
Jermanis	Wagner, J.
Ketchel	Wagner, R.
King	Wallters

CHARLES M. SCHULZ "SNOOPY" MUSEUM + LUTHER BURBANK GARDENS TOUR - 4/21/12

By Carol Hance

Like March's great event, this is also a new event that we have never done before. At 10:30 a.m. we will meet at the Charles M. Schulz Museum, the home of the comic strip Peanuts and characters Snoopy, Charlie and Lucy. The address is 2301 Hardies Lane, Santa Rosa 95403.

The museum is home to many of the original Peanuts strips, as well as other artwork by Schulz. Two works by Japanese artist Yoshiteru Otani dominate the Great Hall, a 3.5 ton wood sculpture depicting the evolution of [Snoopy](#) and a 22 ft high ceramic mural made of 3,588 Peanuts strips which combine to form the image of Lucy van Pelt holding a football for Charlie Brown to kick.

If we can get 10 people to sign up we can get a docent led tour, but we must apply by April 4th, so please give us a call or email if you plan to attend. (925) 938-1442 or nckcc@astound.net The admission is \$10 for adults or \$5 for Seniors and students (with school ID). More info at www.schulzmuseum.org

About noon we will have lunch at Mary's Pizza Shack in downtown Santa Rosa at 615 4th Street. (See map) We can park free at the city's 7-level parking structure at 555 1st Street and walk about 3 blocks north to Mary's Pizza Shack.

After lunch we will take a 2 block walk south, from the garage, to the Luther Burbank Home and Gardens.

The gardens include many of Luther Burbank's horticultural contributions. Special garden areas focus on medicinal herbs, cutting flowers, roses, wildlife habitats, and ornamental grasses. Many unusual varieties of plants and new horticultural introductions are represented. Most plants are labeled with both botanic and common names.

Drop-in tours of about 45 minutes are offered every half hour up to 4 p.m. and include the Home with its original furnishings, the Greenhouse, a portion of the Gardens, and a summary of Burbank's life and achievements. Or you can follow the story of Burbank's career with a self-guided tour. (There is even a free guided tour using your cell phone.) For more info try www.lutherburbank.org

Admission is \$7 for adults and children under 12 are free.

Driving directions:

Take U.S. 101 north to Exit 491 and go west (left) on Steele Lane. Get in **right lane** and continue straight for about 0.5 mi. on W. Steele Ln. (Don't bear left on Guerneville Rd.) then turn right on Hardies Lane to the Schulz museum at 2301.

Getting back to 101 south for lunch at Mary's is a bit tricky. Turn left from Hardies Ln onto W. Steele Ln but bear right on Range Ave after about 0.1 mile, then go left a block later onto Guerneville Rd. which takes you east toward 101. (Actually there are two Range Avenues - the first is a sharp right and the second is a sweeping right. But they both get you back to Guerneville Rd. for your left turn)

Now that you're headed east on Guerneville Rd approaching the 101 freeway, turn right at the Jack-In-The-Box and you will be going south on U.S. 101.

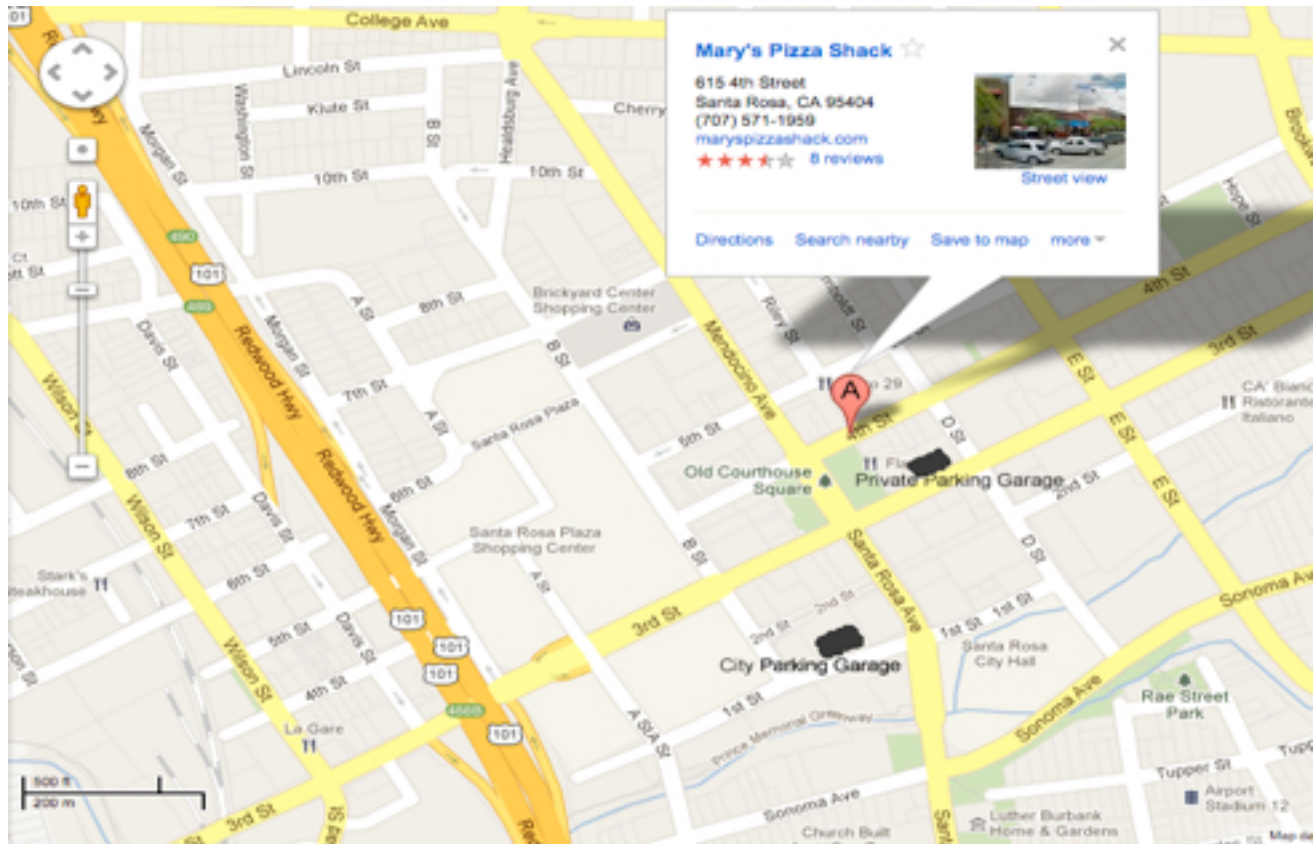
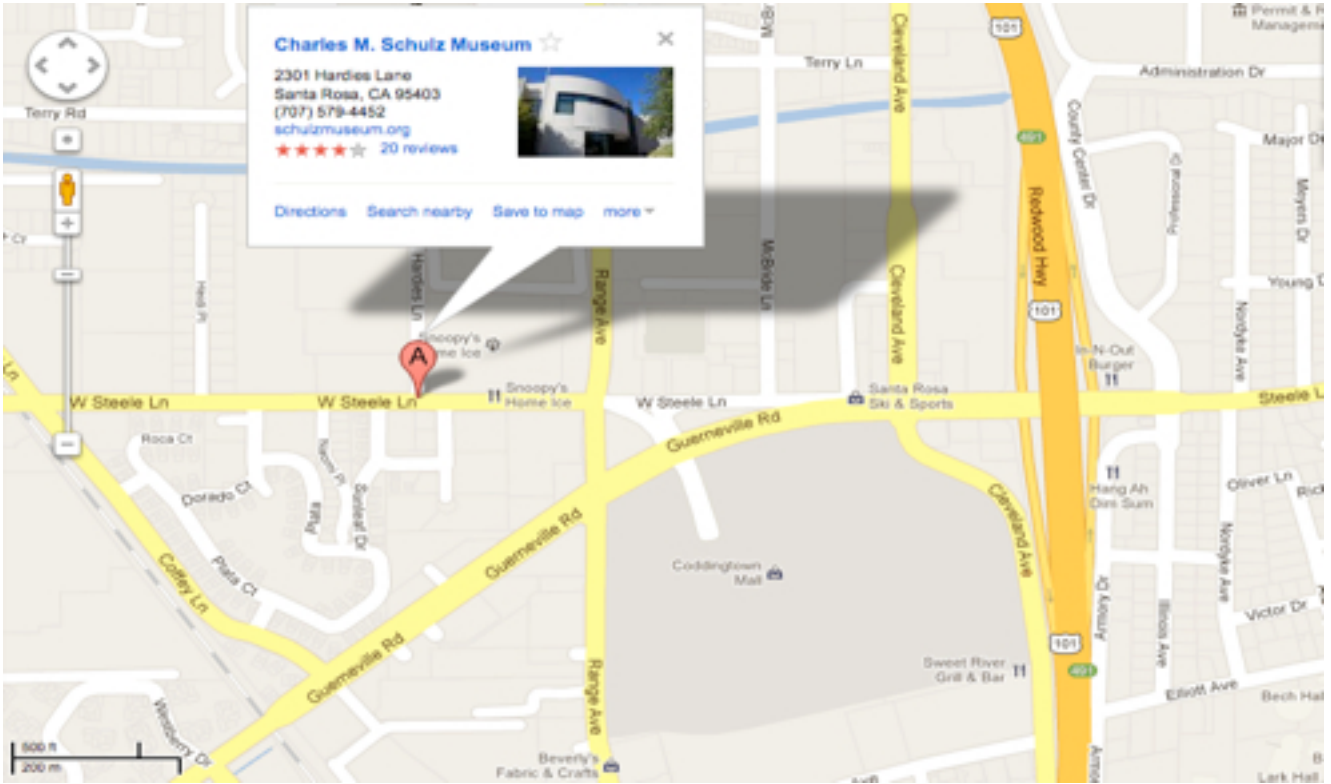
Take Exit 489 onto Davis Street and continue to 3rd Street.

Go left on 3rd St. under the freeway and turn right on B St. then left on 1st Street where the City of Santa Rosa 7-level garage entrance is on the left. (If you don't want to walk the 3 blocks from that garage to Mary's Pizza - you could park in a private parking garage on 3rd Street between Santa Rosa Ave and D Street. This will probably have a parking fee)

If you park at the City's 7-level garage, we will walk back about 3 blocks to 615 4th St. to Mary's Pizza Shack.

After lunch we go to the Burbank Home & Gardens at 204 Santa Rosa Ave. which is 2 blocks south of the City's parking garage and is on the east side of Santa Rosa Ave. (I estimate this walk at 600 ft.)

The maps on the next page should help you find your way. (I have marked both the City Parking Garage on 1st Street and the Private Parking Garage on 3rd Street.)



BENICIA, THE MARCH 10TH DESTINATION

By Chuck Maddux & Vern Hance

It was a chilly windy day weather wise, but a fantastic day for the 13 members and guests that attended our event.

The car guys were blown away by our host, Stewart Hall, owner of Hall Fabrication & Racing. He graciously opened his doors to us at 10 AM on this Saturday to share his vast knowledge and expertise of automobiles. His company literally rebuilds many types of foreign and American sports cars, but does specialize in original Cobras. He knows the cars inside & out and his company is able to rebuild the cars to their original specs even if they have been altered over the years. His company builds cars for track racing, trailers the car & furnishes the pit crew for the race. His first love is midget cars (he has two for show in his shop), he also collects and refurbishes old gas pumps and other auto memorabilia. Stewart Hall is a true wonder and our visit to his shop was wonderful experience for us all.

Sue Maddux & Carol Hance left us and enjoyed a visit to our world renown glass blowers Nourot & Smyers. They enjoyed the beautiful art glass and were able to see a practical demonstration of the art of glass blowing while at the Nourot studio. They both made some small purchases to add to their collections.

Meanwhile, after literally tearing ourselves away from Stewart Hall, we proceeded down the street to Specialty Auto for a walk thru of their show room of about 50 American & Foreign vintage and classic automobiles offered for sale at some very interesting prices.



Next we gathered for lunch at a local Greek restaurant, Pappas, where we enjoyed both American & Greek fare. The staff was most accommodating, offering us a private room, very good food and great service. The chef (a Cobra fan) heard about our cars outside, so he came out and joined us after the meal. Our cars received many oos and aaahs with cameras clicking.



After lunch we proceeded to the California State Park which houses the only other Capital building outside Sacramento (Benicia was the third and last State Capital before the legislature moved to Sacramento). We were given a very nice tour and history lesson while there and were able to stroll through the beautiful gardens of the park.



Our last stop of the day was the Benicia Historic Camel Barns Museum, Where we enjoyed revisiting the history of the city and arsenal, including the story of the camels that the army considered using as pack animals. They proved to be too high maintenance so they were brought to the Benicia arsenal and auctioned off. There were also displays regarding the history of the girl scouts, the largest leather tanning company, Pullman train car plant and many other major industries that were based in Benicia in the 19th & 20th centuries.

Attendees included, Vern & Carol Hance (500K), Chuck & Suzanne Maddux (500K), Bill Landers (Cobra), Sherman Mah & brother Jerry (Cobra FFR), Jim Smith (Cobra FFR), Tom Wallters, Allen Koch, Jim & Bob Wagner and Chuck's guest Carl Mason.

Sherman Mah posted great pictures & video of our event. You can find them at <http://www.fccars.com/forums/71-norcal-region/287753-northern-california-kit-car-club.html> Thank you Sherman.

On behalf of NCKCC, Suzanne & I want to thank those that joined for a visit to our Fair City and allowing us to show you our oasis in the urban sprawl that is the bay area.

We hope you will join us on July 3rd for our torchlight hometown parade and dinner at the local Union Hotel near our home. Until then we hope to see you at the next club outing in Santa Rosa on April 21st

PLEASE PLAN TO BRING YOUR SPECIAL CARS, THE PEOPLE LOVE THEM!!!

NILES "SPRING FEVER" CAR SHOW MAY 12, 2012

By Jim Wagner

This is one of our selected club events to attend and Jim Wagner is again the Champion. I promise to arrive early to reserve some adjacent spots so all our club cars can be together. However you must tell me if you are coming - - call (650) 341-0211 jamesuu@comcast.net

The \$20 pre-registration fee deadline is May 1, 2012. After May 1st, the registration fee is \$28. A registration form is on our website Hotline, www.nckcc.com/nckcc-hotline.html

We will give you '**another reminder**' in the May newsletter - - but to get the \$20 pre-registration rate the deadline is May 1st.

PARTY AT KING'S JULY 7

By Paul King

Mark you calendars. The Kings are once again having one of their annual deck & lawn parties on Saturday July 7th. This year the excuse is our 30, 40, 50 year anniversaries plus it will be Paul's birthday on the 7th. Enjoy a great view and a Margarita or two, some food and some really good music. If you have a completed car, bring it. Let me know first so we can save a parking spot for you. We will need to know how many are coming so be sure to RSVP. For those that don't know what RSVP means, it means "répondez, s'il vous plaît". Phone: 925-938-3035, or aprkh@sbcglobal.net

A 1/6 SCALE DUESENBERG REPLICA

Louis Chenot has spent the past ten years building this incredibly detailed 1932 SJ Duesenberg LaGrande dual-cowl phaeton. Not only does it look good, but the engine runs, the lights work, the top mechanism functions and the transmission and driveline are complete.

Lou started his research on this project over fifty years ago with the purchase of a book and through the following years collected many drawings and studied a number of Duesenbergs while they were being restored, taking photos and recording dimensions.

A miniature functioning replica 1932 Duesenberg by Louis Chenot



volume and a 1/4 scale model is 1/64th the volume. Further complicating the prospect of building a running engine at that size is the fact that fuel molecules and electricity don't scale. It is very difficult to get tiny carburetors and little spark plugs to work like the big ones. A video of Lou starting and running the engine for the first time can be seen at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f6TetkMpF1c>

Lou received a special Lifetime Achievement award by the <http://www.craftsmanshipmuseum.com/> in 2009. The model was nearing completion but the engine had not yet run. Now that the engine runs and the model is completed, Lou has been selected as the foundation's "Metalworking Craftsman of the Year." More can

be seen on this car and some of Lou's other projects at <http://www.craftsmanshipmuseum.com/chenot.htm>

Louis's 40 year career was spent as a mechanical engineer. In the 1960's he spent 7 years restoring a vintage 1930 Cadillac convertible that was on the show circuit for years, but now he prefers to work on smaller projects in the comfort of his home shop.

Most running models are built at larger scales like 1/3 or 1/4. Working in the smaller 1/6 scale magnifies the

Louis Chenot (Left) and Joe Martin (Right) inspect progress on the chassis and engine at the 2007 NAMES Detroit show.



problems caused by miniaturizing certain parts. Remember that these scale parts are 1/6 as long, 1/6 as high and 1/6 as deep as real parts, making them 1/6 x 1/6 x 1/6 or 1/216th the volume of the original part. By comparison, a 1/3 scale model is 1/27th the



Editor's Note: I received this as an email from Jim Wagner. I thought it was so special that I decided to share it in our newsletter. I encourage you to click on some of the web links to learn more about this project.

FOR SALE

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



From top:: Dave Fernandez '27 Bugatti

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Al Bohr's Fino with Cadillac Northstar power

FERRARI Testarossa (yellow). This beautiful and extremely well built smog exempt car won 7 awards including first place at Knott's and was featured in Kit Car Illustrated. The chassis is a lengthened Fiero, with a Chevrolet 327 engine, a Getrag 5-speed transmission, authentic Ferrari chrome-plated aluminum wheels, Eagle F-1 tires, plus many other amenities. This is my fourth replica and is by far the best. \$21,500. Al Clavelli 650 573-8125 or e-mail alclavelli@aol.com. (7/11)



Al Clavelli's Ferrari Testarossa

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