



# NCKCC News

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The 1920 Anderson Six Convertible Roadster joins other National Historic Vehicle Register automobiles such as the 1964 Shelby Cobra Daytona Coupe prototype, President Reagan's Willy's 'Jeep' CJ-6, the first presidential limousine a 1909 White Stream Car, the Buick Y-Job and Marmon Wasp winner of the first Indianapolis 500. (See page 4 for how young people helped get the Anderson on the HVA Register.)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 5, 2017 - Meet at Chabot Space & Science Center at 10000 Skyline Blvd, Oakland at 10:00 a.m. See page 3 and [www.chabotspace.org](http://www.chabotspace.org) for more info.

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

Jim Wagner and his father Robert did some traveling in Arizona around Christmas time and both ended up hospitalized with severe cases of pneumonia. Jim's father is slowly recuperating but needs Jim's 24/7 care. So I agreed to be a stand-in for February.

We tried a new approach to planning our activities for 2017 by asking all members to suggest activities and outings that they would enthusiastically support. This was a moderate success but didn't result in as many suggestions as we had hoped.

We are grateful for those who responded and we will try to put these into a schedule that will allow each member to do some forward planning.

I have come to the conclusion that we should put together the best events of those suggested and be happy for those that can attend. I think that most people's lives are not so precisely organized that we make plans that fit perfectly for everyone. More about our plans elsewhere in this newsletter.

Stay tuned and we will have some fun this year.

Vern Hance, Editor

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

We gained a new member family in January. Rayne "Muggs" Simon and his wife Callie live in Madera, CA, (559) 871-3240, and have just started a Factory Five '33 Hot Rod build. (the delivery date was 1/24/17) It will have a 2008 Mustang GT engine and a 5-speed manual tranny. Their interests are strong on parades & cruises. I have promised them a club with lots of experienced builders when help or advice is needed. They discovered us online while searching for California Kit Car registration information.

Welcome Aboard, Rayne & Callie and we look forward to meeting you in person.

## **DUES TIME AGAIN**

We are making progress on "Dues" collection, but I must remind you that your \$24 annual dues were due on January First.

I will follow my usual practice of listing the last names of those who have paid in each month's

newsletter. So if you don't see your name, it means I haven't received your dues payment.

Right now I have 16 members that have paid their 2017 dues:

<b>Bales</b>	<b>Barrilleaux</b>
Bello	<b>de Boer</b>
<b>DeCato</b>	<b>Ellis</b>
<b>Elster</b>	<b>Hance</b>
<b>Jermanis</b>	<b>Knebel</b>
<b>Kunedt</b>	<b>O'Connor</b>
<b>Rubenstein</b>	<b>Somerhalder</b>
<b>Simon</b>	<b>Tattersall</b>
<b>Thomson</b>	<b>Walters</b>

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.

If you want to pay by PayPal, we have an account to handle that option. If you already have a PayPal account you can select a 'personal' payment to [nkcc@astound.net](mailto:nkcc@astound.net) and there is no PayPal fee. However you can also use a Visa or MasterCard credit card through PayPal, but in this case we ask you to add \$1 (\$25 total) to cover the PayPal fee.

To make a payment to NCKCC just send it to [nkcc@astound.net](mailto:nkcc@astound.net) That way I will receive an email advising me of your payment.

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NCKCC FOR 2017?**

Here is what is scheduled for NCKCC events in 2017.

- 1.) Mar 5, 2017 - Cruise and tour of Chabot Space & Science Center in Oakland.
- 2.) April 2, 2017 - Cruise and tour of California Auto Museum in Sacramento. Featuring Fire truck displays.
- 3.) A May 17, 2017 date is scheduled for a 11 a.m. Garage Tour of the private collection of Jarl deBoer in Walnut Creek. We will probably wind this event up with a lunch at nearby Rocco's Pizza.

- 4.) Jun 3 & 4, 2017 - Walnut Creek Art & Wine Festival with a small car show of our vehicles.
- 5.) Jul 16, 2017 - Cruise to Historic Railroad Museum near Rio Vista with lunch at their deli.
- 6.) Aug 12, 2017 - A visit to the Canepa Motorsport Museum in Scott's Valley on the way to Santa Cruz. Jim Wagner had a chance to visit the museum and was really impressed with the number of autos on display as well as their restoration facility. The museum is open at 10AM. (More info at [www.canepa.com](http://www.canepa.com))
- 7.) Sep 17, 2017 - Annual NCKCC Car Show at Blackhawk Auto Museum
- 8.) Oct 15, 2017 - Visit to Big Breaks Regional Park, then a car display & lunch at a nearby restaurant.
- 9.) Happy Thanksgiving - no events
- 10.) Dec 3, 2017 - Annual Brunch at the Basil Leaf Cafe in Danville

That gives us a pretty full schedule, but we will tell you of other events that may be of interest. We will keep you informed through the newsletter and an occasional email.

Other suggestions that we did not pick for 2017 are listed below and could be candidates for 2018. They are repeats of past events and you can delve into our history by checking our old newsletters that report on the event in the next months newsletter.

- 3/21/2009 - USS Hornet tour in Alameda.
- 4/18/2009 - Filoli Mansion Tour in Woodside, CA focuses on Garden Design and Country House design in the 1915 era
- 5/22/2010 - Castello di Amorosa Castle in Napa Valley includes wine tasting and a Castle tour.
- 2/17/2007 - Hiller Aviation Museum in San Bruno has display of aircraft from 1900 onward.

3/10/2012 - Trip to Hall Racing shop in Benicia.

2/20/2010 - Tech Museum of Innovation, San Jose.

3/05/2014 - Rosie the Riveter National Monument, Richmond.

4/21/2012 - Charles Schultz Museum in Santa Rosa.

10/16/2010 - S.F. Bay Cruise Red & White Fleet.

3/20/2010 - Calif Academy of Science in S.F.

The above list of re-runs can even be substituted for one of our scheduled events if there is enough interest. To research these past events you can find our Newsletters on our website dating back to 2003.

To access them directly go to your web browser and enter "[www.nckcc.com/xxxxyyyynews.pdf](http://www.nckcc.com/xxxxyyyynews.pdf)" But you must enter in place of the "xxxx" enter the full name (lower case) of the desired month. In place of the "yyyy" enter the year (4 digits) followed by "news.pdf". Sounds complicated, but it's pretty easy. You can entertain yourself for hours if you like looking back at history!!

## **CHABOT SPACE & SCIENCE CENTER TOUR MARCH 5, '17**

By Vern Hance

The Chabot Space & Science Center is the ideal place to stretch your boundaries and expand your universe!

The average visitor spends approximately 3-5 hours at the Center. Plan your day in advance by downloading our [Map \(pdf\)](#). General Admission of \$18 adults, \$15 for seniors includes, 2 planetarium shows and all exhibits. Buy General Admission tickets online, or onsite at the Box Office.

We plan to meet at the entrance at 10 a.m. and check out the exhibits. We can take a lunch break around noon and have a sandwich or salad at the Bean Sprout Cafe in the museum. After lunch we can continue with exhibits or attend planetary shows.

Check the website for times:

[www.chabotspace.org](http://www.chabotspace.org)

Please let us know if you plan to attend so we can enter as a group. E-mail Vern at [nckcc@astound.net](mailto:nckcc@astound.net) or call (925) 938-1442 and leave a message.

## **THE ANDERSON MOTOR COMPANY**

The Anderson was the most successful of all American Automobiles built in the southern United States. Built by The Anderson Motor Co. of Rock Hill, SC the Anderson was a well designed, well made, well marketed automobile. John Gary Anderson was a former carriage maker who wanted to make Rock Hill, South Carolina the automobile capital of the country. In 1923 nearly 2,000 Anderson automobiles were made. They were sold in southern states and throughout the country.

In the 1920 magazine ad below the Anderson Motor Co. claimed "It's As Roomy For Five As It's Chummy For Two" and "One Car To Pay For Two Cars To Have Sums Up The Anderson Convertible" and "The Only Car In America That Is Roadster Or Touring Car At The Will Of The Owner".

The Anderson automobile was officially recognized by the Historical Vehicle Association at Hilton Head Island, S.C. on November 8, 2016– Students from the College of Charleston worked with the Historic Vehicle Association (HVA) to add the 1920 Anderson Six Convertible Roadster to the National Historic Vehicle Register in celebration of 100 years of the automotive industry in South Carolina. The 1920 Anderson is one of only seven known survivors of South Carolina's first automobile company that operated between 1916 and 1922. The 1920 Anderson is the first automobile to be added to the National Historic Vehicle Register for its local and regional historic significance.

The students that spearheaded this recognition are enrolled in the American Automotive History and Documentation course which was launched in September by the College of Charleston's Historic Preservation and Community Planning department. The course was made possible through a partnership with the Historic Vehicle Association and is believed to be the first automotive heritage documentation course to be offered in the United States.

The students documented the 1920 Anderson (see cover photo) using the guidelines set by the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Heritage Documentation, the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) and the National Historic Vehicle Register. The documentation included photography

completed at the HVA National Laboratory, line drawings and historic narrative. The student's documentation will become part of the permanent archives of the U.S. Library of Congress.

Andersons cost about \$1,650 for a five-passenger touring car and \$2,550 for a sedan.

Special features included power convertible tops, electric windshield wipers, floor mounted headlight dimmer switch and an air compressor driven by the car's transmission for tire service on the road. The company's demise in 1925 was probably hastened its high price when Model T Fords were selling for \$345 to \$760.



## **CAR HOBBY NEWS FROM HEMMINGS**

1. The presence of ethanol in fuel has become even more contentious this year thanks to the Environmental Protection Agency's continued push for increased ethanol volumes and higher ethanol blends. The agency's final ruling on the issue last year broke the theoretical blend wall by mandating ethanol in 10.1 percent of the nation's fuel supply, and its follow-up ruling last month bumped that figure to 10.7 percent, sparing only about 200 million gallons of the nation's fuel supply for ethanol-free gasoline.

2. SEMA battles EPA over motorsports. In February, the Specialty Equipment Market Association raised concern over wording it discovered buried in an EPA regulation proposal dealing with heavy and medium truck greenhouse gas emissions and subsequently determined to be a fundamental threat to motorsports in the United States. Specifically, the wording prevented tampering with or removing emission control devices even for competition vehicles.

Though EPA representatives maintained that the wording was merely a clarification of existing regulations and not an attempt to curtail racing activities. Two pieces of SEMA-backed legislation – collectively the Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2016 – appeared in Congress shortly afterward with the aim of removing competition vehicles from the purview of the Clean Air Act. While the regulation has since been enacted and the RPM Act appears set to die at the end of the year, SEMA has continued to make a priority of its support for the act and its opposition to any EPA oversight of motorsports.

3. Auction records continue to fall. While the ultimate world record for a car sold at auction stood again this year, plenty of other significant sales took place at auction in 2016, including the sale of Carroll Shelby's first Cobra, CSX2000, for \$13.75 million – a record for a Shelby Cobra and for an American automobile. The records for Alfa Romeos (\$19.8 million for a 1939 Alfa Romeo 8C 2900B Lungo Spider, also the highest for a prewar car), Bugattis (\$10.4 million for a 1932 Bugatti Type 55 roadster), and Jaguars (\$21.78 million for a 1955 Jaguar D-Type, also the highest for a British car) also fell this year. And lest one believe that all microcar sales records were set with the Bruce Weiner sale in 2013, a Peel P50 set the sales record for that marque at \$176,000 this spring.

4. Museums large and small close around the world. Though it appeared in the spring as though FCA would reopen the Walter P. Chrysler Museum for good, the automaker reversed its decision last month, deciding ultimately to convert the space into offices and to put the museum's contents into storage. Nor was the WPC Museum the only such institution to face a rocky 2016. The Netherlands-based den Hartogh Museum, which claimed to be the largest collection of Ford vehicles, shut its doors December 1 while the contents of the world's largest Holden collection in Australia got dispersed at auction this fall as did those of the Normandy Tank Museum in September.

5. Paris considers a ban of old cars from its roads. With air pollution getting worse in the city, Parisian officials this summer enacted a ban on old cars (built before 1997) from entering the city during weekdays, with restrictions set to grow tighter in the future. However, French old car enthusiasts negotiated with the city officials to exempt cars registered as historic vehicles from the ban. European collector car enthusiasts have held up the compromise as a model for dealing with future old car bans in cities around the world.

## FOR SALE

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