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Here is the group that attended the February 17th Tour of the Hiller Aviation Museum. James Wagner (right) is a docent and conducted a most informative tour.

ACTIVITY NOTICES

March 17, 2007 - Chabot Space & Science Museum Visit, 10. a.m. (See p. 4)

April 7, 2007 - Informal car show at Knightsen Historical Museum 1-4 p.m. (See box on P. 11)

April 28 & 29, 2007 - AHA Knott's Berry Farm Show. Call Vern for registration forms or go to www.nkcc.com/hotline

HILLER MUSEUM WELL ATTENDED

By James Wagner

The visit of the NCKCC to the Hiller Aviation Museum at the San Carlos airport was a success! A great outing and a good start for 2007. The weather on Saturday, February 17th was beautiful with sunny skies and temps in the mid-seventies. Four of our members arrived with their handcrafted cars and three others brought the family transport. In attendance were Tom & Irene Walters (Mercedes 500K), Chuck & Sue Maddox (Mercedes 500K), Bill Navratil (Gatsby), Doug & Sandra Wallace (57 T-Bird), John Knebel, Marty & Betty Rosenthal, Al & Pat Bello, James & Wendy Wagner with Jim's

father, Bob Wagner (a volunteer in the Hiller Museum Restoration Shop).



The tour of the museum took almost one and a half hours and covered the Hiller Gallery (over 35 aircraft are on display with over half of them hanging from the ceiling), the Boeing 747 (the forward section of a 747 cockpit and

first class cabin on display out on the tarmac), and the Restoration Shop where Stanley Hiller's very first helicopter, the XH-44, is being reconstructed from scratch. Handcrafted car builders know full well what a difficult task "building from scratch" can be.



Our visit also coincided with the monthly Young Eagles event in which pilot volunteers donate their time and aircraft to take youngsters age 8 to 18 on short flights around the San Carlos airport. Several of our group watched from the tarmac as some of these new "aviators" deplaned with some pretty big smiles.

and all appeared to enjoy their meal and, of course, the conversation.

When we arrived at the Marina, John Knebel brought out his digital camera and took several "group" shots and a few more of the handcrafted cars parked by the marina slips.



All in all, it appeared that everyone in attendance had a great time after our long winter hiatus. Many indicated they would be at our next event, the Chabot Space & Science Center on Saturday, March 17th. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again and hope others from our membership roster can find their way there as well.

Just before noon, our group departed San Carlos and headed for the Redwood City Marina and the "Waterfront Restaurant". We were seated at a long table with a great view overlooking the Marina. With bright blue sky, dark blue water and colorful boats on display, the view was wonderful. The food arrived in good time



Above: Bob Wagner & James Wagner - Long time Museum Volunteers.

VISIT TO CHABOT SPACE & SCIENCE CENTER 3/17

By Chuck Maddux

Back by popular demand we are returning to the Chabot Space & Science Center, 10000 Skyline Blvd. in the Oakland hills at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 17th. The usual interactive exhibits, hands on activities, indoor stargazing, Tien Megadome Science Theater and many other things to tickle your imagination. You can go on to their web sight for things happening now, it is www.chabotspace.org . They open their doors at 10 AM.

What's the Tien MegaDome Theater?

Hold onto your seat in this 70-foot dome-screen auditorium! The theater seats 210 people, and is home to the Bay Area's only 70mm, 8-perf projection system. Presentations feature thrilling, larger-than-life films. On March 17 at noon "The Living Sea" is the feature film where you can take an action packed journey to the depths of the ocean. Swim with jellyfish and whales, surf thundering waves, and meet strange creatures living at the bottom of the sea. Featuring songs and music by Sting and narrated by Meryl Streep. *Produced by MacGillivray Freeman Films (Running Time 45 minutes)*

General admission is \$13 for adults, Seniors (65+) \$10, tickets for the megadome are \$7 & \$6 additional with admission.

You get there via Hwy 13 which runs between Hwy 24 and 580. Take the Joaquin Miller/Lincoln Avenue exit and proceed east on Joaquin Miller up the hill to the crest, turn left at the signal onto the two lane portion of Skyline Blvd. Chabot Space & Science Center is 1.3 miles up Skyline Blvd on the right.

Since it is St. Patrick's Day we are hoping to find a restaurant in the area for a corn beef & cabbage lunch (if you know of one let me know). If you need additional info or more user friendly directions feel free to call Chuck Maddux at (707) 745-4361 or e-mail me at (camnsam@att.net). Hope to see you all at outing, feel free to bring your hand crafted automobile if the weather is oood



MILITARY VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY FOUNDATION TOUR 5/7/07

We have arranged for a private tour of The **Military Vehicle Technology Foundation** through the assistance of Marty Rosenthal on May 5th, probably about 9:30 a.m.

The foundation oversees one of the largest and most significant collections of historical military vehicles in the world. Their goal is to acquire, restore, and interpret the historical significance of 20th and 21st century military vehicles. Domestic and foreign combat vehicles such as tanks, armored cars, self-propelled artillery, and other technically interesting mobile platforms are the focus of the collection. We also maintain an extensive technical library that describes many vehicles down to the part level. Aside from the vehicles, there are towed artillery, antitank, and anti-aircraft guns. Military support equipment, inert ordnance, and accessories round out the collection.

This is an extensive private collection of Military Vehicles that is not open to the public. We were fortunate to do a tour in 2003 where 24 members and guests attended.

The vehicle display filled three 15,000 square foot buildings and another building has been added

since. The shop was also a fascinating sight.

Based on a review of the 2003 tour we will have to provide a list of attendees in advance, so start thinking about this May event and get your name on the reservation list by early April.



Above: Several tanks in the collection.

FROM THE PREZ

By Dave Jones

This column I would like to open with a note of apology for missing the last news letter deadline and for the news letter for being so abbreviated.

Last month our beloved newsletter editor was laid low by sickness and hospitalization as he has recounted in his story also in this newsletter.

Between that and my involvement with my sons up coming wedding (which is only a week and a half away) the ball was indeed dropped.

I am happy to report that Vern is feeling much better and is looking forward to being with us for future events this year.

I hope we can make it up to you with some information in this newsletter. To begin with I would like to announce the results of the officer election held at the meeting in January.

President: Dave Jones
Vice President: James Wagner
Treasurer and Editor: Vern Hance
Secretary: Sarah Jones
Membership: Pat Cooly
Show Chair: Leanne Jones
and Carolina Williams

We are in need of an Activities Chairperson. The job would consist of monitoring those who have championed an event that they need to have all information for that event sent to the editor so it can be

properly promoted to members in a timely fashion.
Anyone game? If interested please e-mail vnimus1@yahoo.com or phone me at 510-471-6411.

At the same meeting ideas were tossed around for this years show. Some of the ideas included moving the show to another location such as a theme park or having the show at the Bering Museum parking lot. Others included shortning the show to one day and having a driving event on the second day. Any thought on these suggestions would be very much appreciated, but hurry.

We will have a plan in place no later that the end of April. Speaking of April, mark your calendar for the Coming Out Party to be held in Ripon, Ca. at the home of Anibal and Sandy Valadis,(Leanne's Sister) April 14, 2007.

Plans include a short driving event to a local winery in Stockton and then a BBQ at the Valadis home, followed by one of our quarterly business meetings, hopefully to finalize the show location. Please attend this event if at all possible. We need your input and support for our new members. I promise you that there will be something new at this event.

See page 4 for info on the March Chabot Space Museum outing on the 17th. Looking forward to seeing you at future events.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JANUARY PLANNING MEETING

Most of the notes taken by our new Secretary, Sarah Jones, are incorporated into the page 11 Calendar of Events.

A few stray items are not included because there was apparently no decision whether to include them in our schedule. They are as follows:

May 2007 - Mothball Fleet Cruise.
June 2007 - San Jose Grand Prix
August 2007 - USS Hornet Tour
October - Columbia
November - No events
January 12, 2008 - Planning Meeting

The new officers are listed on page 11, but the Activities Chair is vacant and we are seeking a volunteer.

The location of the Annual Car Show and its content was discussed. The Secretary's notes are reproduced below.

Car Show

- 1) Feel the show would be more successful with a one day show instead of two.
- 2) Places to hold show:
 - a) Union City – Kennedy park
 - b) Blackhawk – Behring Auto Museum Parking Lot

- 3) Advertising:
 - a) Needs to be in the newspaper more than one day
 - b) Radio spots – stations may come out to show as a stop and bring in more spectators
 - c) Have downloadable flyers for the show
- 4) Donations:
 - a) Instead of having a \$3 donation, let people donate however much they want
 - b) Have receipts ready to just write the amount and sign to give back to them as a tax write off
- 5) Wheelchair Foundation:
 - a) Update letter/invitation on website showing our affiliation with the Foundation
- 6) Types of Cars:
 - a) No clubs
 - b) Inviting individual cars instead of clubs.
- 7) Banquet and Awards:
 - a) We will look into hotels in area that we can list for members to stay.
 - b) Banquet will be held in one central location.
 - c) Awards will be given at the banquet dinner.
- 8) Driving Event the Next Day:
 - a) Wine tour
 - b) Rally
 - c) Poker run

DUES ARE DUE FOR 2007

Well, it is still dues time and the prices have not gone up. \$24 per year will keep you a member in good standing and keep you on the newsletter mailing list. Those who have paid their dues each month will be congratulated here, so watch for your last name to appear in this space. Those that don't respond by my "secret" deadline will receive a "Goodbye" postcard saying they have been dropped from membership. Don't let it happen to you !

We already have 11 more nice people that have paid their dues in February, so here are their names.

Cameron	Cooley
Evora	Fernandez (New Mbr.)
Filarski	Heinke
linuma	Jermanis
King	Lugone
Neermann	

As the months go by this system requires you to check a few older newsletters if you are not sure if you paid, but it seems more polite than publishing names of those who are delinquent on their dues. Anyway you can always e-mail Vern at nckcc@astound.com to see if you are paid up - or call (925) 938-1442.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome one new member family who joined us in early February.

David & Shirley Fernandez live in Los Molinos, CA, (530) 384-2778, and are interested in purchasing a Kit Car. Dave is interested in building a Bugatti T-35, but he will settle for a partial built or complete Bugatti.

They are most interested in shows but swap meets are on the OK list too.

If you know of a Bugatti, please call or e-mail at <daf360@netzero.net>.

We bid Dave & Shirley a warm welcome and look forward to meeting you at future events.

EDITOR'S REPORT

First, I apologize for the sub-standard February newsletter. I was not too healthy at the time and it showed !

My health has been a problem for the last month. I was diagnosed with gall stones in December and consented to surgery in mid-January. A quick laproscopic removal operation and prompt recovery was predicted. After four days I was back in the hospital with an elevated fever caused by an infection.

It took a while to determine the cause but after a second hospitalization I ended up with a drain tube in my abdomen. A week later things were getting better and I happily got rid of the tube. Now I am practically back to normal and anticipate remaining so in the future.

Some of you learned of my problems through the grapevine and I want to thank those who gave me comfort through cards, calls and notes of encouragement.

OTHER AUTO EVENTS

Listed below are some other auto related events that might be of interest to our members.

I got a special invitation for our club to participate in the "Maxwell Classic Car Show & Parade" to be held on May 19, 2007 in Maxwell, CA, which is on I-5 about 60 miles north of Vacaville. The invitation came as a result of the S.F. Chronicle coverage of the Knightsen show in October 2006, where one of our cars was displayed in full color. Anyway it is a free show that runs from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A parade, limited to 35 cars will run from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. There will be food and refreshment available and dash plaques will be issued to the first 100 cars registered.

Pre-registration is recommended and your Editor has the forms, so call Vern at (925) 938-1442 or <nckcc@astound.net> and we will mail one to you.

Blackhawk Auto Museum opened "The Motor Car in Art" on February 14th. It features paintings, sculptures, illustrations, toys, games and other automotive-themed objects from the Blackhawk collection. A Museum member's reception on March 8th (7-9 p.m.) will celebrate the display which will run until August. You can become a member of the Blackhawk museum for only \$50/year thanks to your Club Member status.

The Towe Auto Museum will have a Swap Meet on Sunday March 4th starting at 6 a.m. under the Capitol City Freeway. You can get a car sale spot for only \$10 or a larger swap space for \$20. Call (916) 442-6802 for more info. Also try <www.toweautomuseum.org>

On Friday April 27th (7 p.m. ??) the Towe Museum presents documentary movie on silent movie film star Theda Bara. This is a Sacramento premiere showing and will include the presence of the film director for a personal question/answer session.

April 27 & 28 is the AHA Knott's Berry Show. See our "hotline" for registration forms or call the Editor for a copy.

FOR SALE

COBRA Ford power, Jag rear-end. Silver w/ black interior. \$21,500 Call Bob Elster 707-938-3254 (1/02)

COBRA - VW KIT - 427 Snake body fits on your 3" shortened VW chassis. Two available; **reduced to \$2,200 from \$3,200** Call Wayne McAllaster (510) 656-5844 or E-mail 427medusa@sbcglobal.net (2/06)

FERRARI - TESTAROSSA Spyder. Based on 1989 Corvette with 350 V-8 engine and automatic tranny. **Reduced to \$12,000.** Contact Anthony Ramsinh (408) 268-6554 or e-mail aramsinh@aol.com (11-05)

JAGUAR SS-100 on a '69 VW Chassis, 1600 cc dual-port engine with 4-speed tranny. \$4,000 o.b.o. Call Tom at 707-874-2587 or e-mail tjranch@flash.netdex.com (Picture in Oct. issue) (10/06)

MANX SR-2 - 1678 cc VW engine with 4-speed stick. New interior in 2002. Built in 1977 by present owner who has all receipts, etc. Includes a spare 1600 VW engine and extra parts. \$5,500. Call Don Wicks (707) 998-9383 or e-mail at dkwicks@mchsi.com (11-05)

MERCEDES 500K 4-PASSENGER. This all metal replica was built by H.T. Price with leather interior, 400cid Ford power, auto tranny, A/C, stereo/cassette, wood steering wheel. Call Diana (574) 277-3798. Write 51500 Orange Rd., South Bend, IN 46628-9419. (3/02)

MERCEDES 540K - Thoroughbred factory built. Datsun 240Z engine + 5-spd tranny. Mustang suspension. New paint, carpet, leather interior, tires & canvas cover. Only \$18,500. Vicki Cavaz (510) 769-1123 or Vicki1757@aol.com (9/05)

MERCEDES SSK (Gazelle) Parts: 4 fenders (brown), windshield, radiator shell, bumpers, interior leather and top (tan), tail lights, supercharger pipes, doors (yellow), latches, hinges, etc. Tim 510-278-3085 (04/05)

MG-TD '52 with red with black interior. Wire wheels, many extras. Powered by 2.3 liter Ford. \$3,500 Call Dick at 707/279-9546 or lakebenji@aol.com **NEW LISTING** (01-07)

PANTERA Factory built, only one known to exist. Red w/ beige interior, Chev engine \$35,000 Call Bob Elster 707-938-3254. (1/02)

"Cars for Sale" ads in the Kit Car Sun are for members only. Rate is \$10 for 12 issues.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2007

- March 17, 2007 - Chabot Space & Science Museum Trip. (See p. 4)
- April 7, 2007 - Carshow at Knighten Historical Museum
- April 14, 2007 - Coming Out party for new cars and new members in Ripon, CA
- April 28 & 29, 2007 - AHA "Fun Under the Sun" car show at Knott's Berry Farm.
- May 5, 2007 - Private Tour of Military Vehicle Technology Foundation (See p. 5)
- May 5 & 6, 2007 - Merced Spring Time Show - Greg Hampton, Champion
- June 2 & 3, 2007 - Walnut Creek Art & Wine Festival - Paul King, Champion
- June 21 & 24, 2007 - June Adventure II - Chuck Maddux, Champion
- July 3, 2007 - Benicia Torchlight Parade - Chuck Maddux, Champion
- September 8 & 9, 2007 - NCKCC 25th Annual Show
- Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007 - King's Anniversary Potluck/ post show meeting -Paul King
- October (no date), 2007 - Annual Wine Tour - Leanne Jones
- December 2, 2007 - Annual Sunday Banquet in Pleasanton

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& Museum
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1st SATURDAY
each MONTH
2PM. to 4 PM.
come with your car
no fees - no prizes - "just fun"

MUSEUM HOURS:
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Saturdays & 3rd Sunday each month
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