

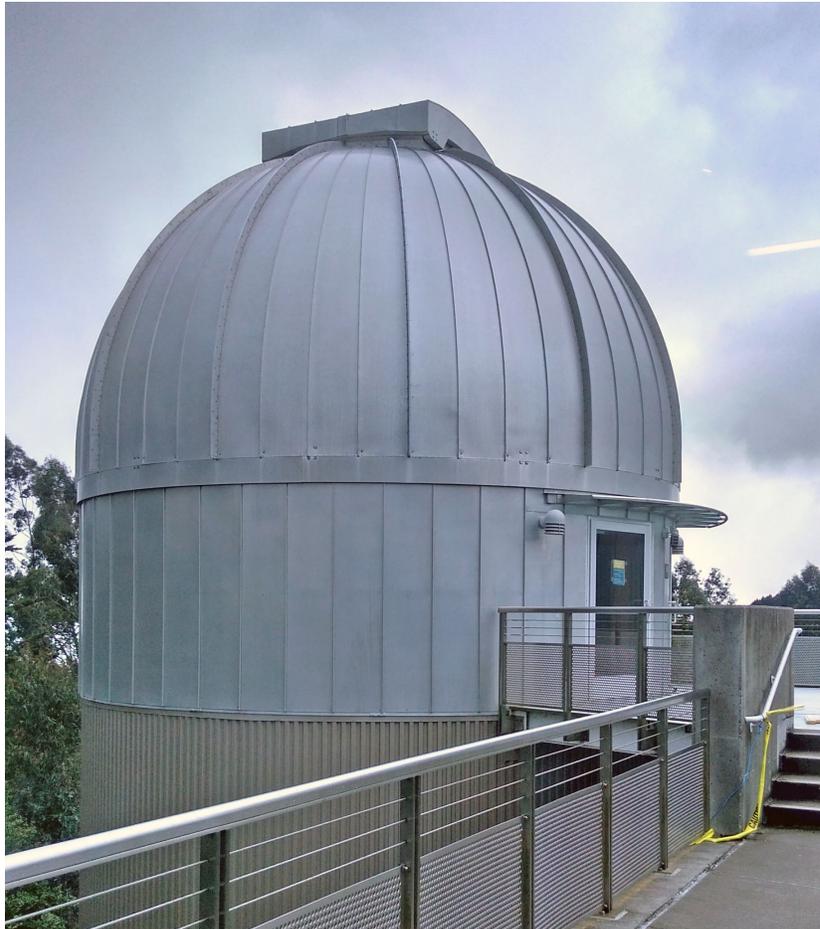


# NCKCC News

## Handcrafted Automobiles

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Here is the Chabot 20" telescope. We didn't check it out because it is only used for after dark events.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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**FROM THE EDITOR**

Jim’s father is slowly recuperating from pneumonia but needs Jim’s 24/7 care. So I agreed to be a stand-in again for March.

Starting this month we will revert to our regular way of communicating our activities for 2017 by listing the remaining events on the last page of the newsletter.

However, I must confess that I typed the WRONG date for our May event - the tour of Jarl de Boer’s private car collection. Please mark your calendars for May 21, 2107 rather than the 17th. My apologies for that !

Well, Mother Nature has done a pretty good job of erasing the California drought so far this year, so I guess we were lucky to schedule indoor destinations for the first few months. Our April destination is the California Auto Museum in Sacramento for Sunday April 2nd. A special display by the ‘Sacramento Hook & Ladder Society’ opens March 16 so we expect it will still be on display April 2.

We did our visit to Chabot Space & Science Center today in mixed weather which included sunshine, rain, cold 43 degree temps with snow on Mt, Diablo.

Stay tuned and we will have some more fun this year.

Vern Hance, Editor

**DUES TIME YET ??**

We are winding down our progress on “Dues” collections, so my next chore is to send out the “Good Bye” letters - hoping that it’s an oversight and not goodbye.

I will continue listing the last names of those who have paid 2017 dues in each month’s newsletter. So if you don’t see you name, it means I haven’t received your dues payment.

Right now we have 22 members that have paid their 2017 \$24 Annual dues:

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| <b>Bales</b> | <b>Barrilleaux</b> |                  |
| <b>Bello</b> | <b>de Boer</b>     | <b>P. Cooley</b> |

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| <b>DeCato</b>      | <b>Ellis</b>      |
| <b>Elster</b>      | <b>Fewell</b>     |
| <b>Hance</b>       | <b>Jermanis</b>   |
| <b>Knebel</b>      | <b>Kunedt</b>     |
| <b>Maddux</b>      | <b>O’Connor</b>   |
| <b>Rhodes</b>      | <b>Rubenstein</b> |
| <b>Somerhalder</b> | <b>Simons</b>     |
| <b>Tattersall</b>  | <b>Thomson</b>    |
| <b>Wagner</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 [nckcc@astound.net](mailto:nckcc@astound.net) and there is no PayPal fee. However you can also use a Visa or MasterCharge 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 [nckcc@astound.net](mailto:nckcc@astound.net) That way I will receive an email advising me of your payment.

**CHABOT SPACE & SCIENCE CENTER TOUR MARCH 5, 2017**

By Vern Hance

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

And we did that, but we had some pains when our brain expanded. We also didn’t understand everything we looked at and played with.

But we appreciated the Astronaut movie and displays. We were surprised to find the space suits had 10 layers of different materials to protect from tiny space junk which could puncture a space suit. A very complicated part of a space suit is the underware that has a mass of tubes woven into the fabric to keep body temperature stable. Without this heating & cooling system your blood would boil on the side exposed to sunlight and the part of your body in the shade would freeze.

Well, it was a fun learning trip and we enjoyed a nice lunch in the 'Bean Sprout' Cafe.

Those attending included Dave & Joyce DeCato, Vern Hance, Chuck Maddux, Joe Tattersall and Tom Wallters.



*Shown above is our group just after losing Joe.*

*Below: We got Chuck suited up and ready for blast off.*



Somehow we lost Joe among the displays and couldn't find him even after a search. I checked with him by email and found that he developed some hip pains and left a bit early.

The main thing nobody in our group seemed to know anything about was Anthony Chabot, the namesake

of the Museum and a few other things around the Bay Area, so here's your history lesson

**Anthony Chabot** (August 13, 1813 – January 6, 1888) was a nineteenth-century businessman and entrepreneur, notable for his contribution to developing hydraulic mining and for building water systems, especially in the Bay Area, so much that he became known as the "Water King".

Chabot was raised on a farm in La Presentation, near Quebec, Canada. When he was sixteen years old, he left home, eventually settling in California in 1849.

He began working in the mining industry in Nevada City, building ditches to supply the mines with water. In 1852 and 1853 he and Edward Matteson, were working at Buckeye Hill and American Hill respectively, devised the first hydraulic mining technology. It consisted of a wooden contraption held together by iron clamps that allowed miners to direct a fifty-foot column of water at a gravel bank using a canvas hose, which broke up the gravel and washed it into a series of sluices where the heavy gold flakes settled out of the lighter earth. Though it revolutionized gold mining, the technique also caused severe environmental damage. The vast quantities of sediment that were released in the blasting washed downstream, burying homes and farmland. Angry farmers eventually brought an end to hydraulic mining when they scored a victory in federal court in 1884.

In 1854 Chabot also established two sawmills in Sierra County. Two years later he abandoned the mining business and went to San Francisco, where he built the city's first public water system, bringing the waters of Lobos Creek into San Francisco.

Chabot founded the Contra Costa Water Company in 1866, which developed a monopoly on supplying water to Oakland and neighboring areas. First he built a dam at Temescal Creek creating Lake Temescal. He began work on an even larger dam at San Leandro Creek before the Temescal dam was even completed. In 1870, his company completed a dam of San Leandro Creek, creating a reservoir that would later be named Lake Chabot, in present-day Castro Valley.

In 1883, Chabot donated a telescope and the fund to build an observatory to the city of Oakland. The observatory was to be named *Oakland Observatory* but quickly became known as the *Chabot Observatory*. The original observatory was built in Lafayette Square, near downtown Oakland, and was moved in 1915 to the Oakland Hills. In 2000 it

moved 2 miles north to a higher elevation on Skyline Boulevard. At that time it underwent significant expansion and became known as the [Chabot Space & Science Center](#).

## **TO THE RESCUE! THE FIRE TRUCKS AND PEOPLE THAT SAVED OUR CITIES**

Our April event will be a trip to the California Automobile Museum for a taste of their Fire Truck Display.

This fire truck Display runs from March 16, 2017 through May 29, 2017.

We plan to meet at the Black Oak Restaurant in Vacaville for a hearty breakfast at 9:30 a.m. then continue to the CalAuto Museum arriving a little after 10 a.m., their opening time. The Black Oak Restaurant is at the intersection of I-80 and I-505 on the south side of the freeway.

Please let Vern or one of the club officers know if you're coming so we don't miss you.

Here is some background on the "To The Rescue" display at the museum.

Explore all sorts of fire-fighting vehicles, equipment, and stories in this exhibit. Many of the trucks and other objects on display were local to Sacramento and saved our city, from the late 1800s and through the 1940s.

*Photo below: 1924 REO Chemical Fire Engine in Sacramento on 20th Street, near E Street. From the Pioneer Hook and Ladder Society's Sacramento Fire Museum's collection.*



Alarms ringing, engines roaring, people shouting! The chaotic scenes of a fire were a stressful place. Fires causes significant damage in urban area prior to modern infrastructure, regulations, and fire departments with motorized fire apparatuses. Since the invention of the automobile, fire fighters have used that technology to improve the speed and how they are able to fight fires.

More info on the Cal Automobile Museum website, [www.calautomuseum.org](http://www.calautomuseum.org)

So mark your calendars and lets make this a memorable trip.

## **ACCC LEGISLATIVE ALERT**

Finally, a piece of legislation that makes sense and something that not only the car hobby can support, but a bill that all Californians can support. The Traffic Relief and Road Improvement Act (TRRIP), will provide \$7.8 billion for road repair and traffic relief without raising taxes. The plan is built around three principles (1) transportation funds should only be spent on transportation projects (2) California's gas tax and vehicle registration fees, already among the highest in the country, should not go up (3) transportation projects should be subject to independent oversight. A portion of the bill's language is listed below.

AB 496, as introduced, Fong. Transportation funding. Existing law provides various sources of funding for transportation purposes, including funding for the state highway system and the local street and road system. These funding sources include, among others, fuel excise taxes, commercial vehicle weight fees, local transactions and use taxes, and federal funds. Existing law imposes certain registration fees on vehicles, with revenues from these fees deposited in the Motor Vehicle Account and used to fund the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of the California Highway Patrol. Existing law provides for the monthly transfer of excess balances in the Motor Vehicle Account to the State Highway Account. This bill would create the Traffic Relief and Road Improvement Program to address traffic congestion and deferred maintenance on the state highway system and the local street and road system. The bill would provide for the deposit of various existing sources of revenue in the Traffic Relief and Road Improvement Account, which the bill would create in the State Transportation Fund, including revenues attributable to the sales and use tax on motor vehicles, revenues attributable to automobile and motor vehicle insurance policies from the insurer gross premiums tax, revenues from certain diesel

fuel sales and use taxes, revenues from certain vehicle registration fees, and certain miscellaneous State Highway Account revenues. This bill would continuously appropriate the revenues in the account, after deductions for administration, with 40% of the revenues to be allocated to the Department of Transportation for maintenance of the state highway system or for purposes of the State Highway Operation and Protection Program, 40% of the revenues to be apportioned by the Controller to cities and counties for road purposes pursuant to a specified formula, and 20% to fund projects in the State Transportation Improvement Program that create measurable reductions in traffic congestion. The bill would require the California Transportation Commission to adopt performance criteria and metrics for expenditure of certain of these revenues, and would impose various requirements on cities and counties in order to receive apportionments.

Contact your representatives in both the Assembly and Senate and let them know that you support this bill. Not sure who your representative is? Click here <http://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/>

## **FOR SALE**

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- **June 3 & 4, 2017 - Walnut Creek Art & Wine Fest - NCKCC Car Display**
- *June 18, 2017 - Father's Day Car Show at Blackhawk Auto Museum, Danville*
- **July 16, 2017 - Cruise to Historic Railroad Museum near Rio Vista; lunch in their Deli.**
- **August 12, 2017 - Visit to Canepa Motorsport Museum in Scott's Valley. Museum opens 10 a.m. [www.canepa.com](http://www.canepa.com)**
- **September 17 - NCKCC Annual Car Show at Blackhawk Museum, Danville**
- **October 15, 2017 - Visit to Big Breaks Regional Park near Antioch. We plan to arrange a car display at a nearby restaurant if they will reserve an area for us.**
- **November 23, 2017 - No Event in November. HAPPY THANKSGIVING**
- **December 3, 2017 - Annual NCKCC Brunch at Basil Leaf Cafe, Danville**

**EVENTS IN BOLD ARE NCKCC OFFICIAL EVENTS, OTHERS ARE EVENTS YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO THE EDITOR.**