



# NCKCC News

## Handcrafted Automobiles

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Yes, we explored the Walt Disney Museum in the S.F. Presidio, again with a small group, but finding an enormous amount of information about the struggles of starting what has grown to a Disney empire.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 12, 2021** - Annual NCKCC Show at Blackhawk Museum, Danville 10 - 3. Check in at 9:45 a.m. in lower parking lot. Show Registration form at [www.nckcc.com](http://www.nckcc.com) under the Annual Show tab. (**We need more cars**)

**October 17, 2021** - We have scheduled a Zoom meeting to visit and maybe show some NCKCC historical movies. (More info inside)

**Sunday, November 7, 2021** – This sounds like a good day to have our Annual Brunch at Incontro in Danville. We could do a small ‘NCKCC Car’ display like we did in 2019. (More info inside)

## **FROM THE PREZ**

With summer coming to a close and the Labor Day weekend is almost upon us, September has one more event on the menu: our Annual NCKCC Car Show

The NCKCC has once again scheduled our fall show at the Blackhawk Automotive Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville, CA 94506 on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. (<http://www.blackhawkmuseum.org/>) Just as we have done in past years, our show cars will be displayed on the plaza in front of the Museum. Although there is no "show fee", all participants will still have to register, so if you haven't already, please send in your "no fee" car show registration to Vern. (The registration form is available on the Club Web Site.) Even though Vern has already received a number of registration forms, we still have plenty of space on the plaza for additional cars. Vern will have all the particulars for the show elsewhere in this newsletter.

This show will, of course, follow whatever "covid" protocols are in place for the City of Danville, the County of Alameda, and the State of California. The Blackhawk Museum will surely have an "indoor" mask requirement. We can all pray for a cessation of all the California wildfires, as well as cleaner air for us all to breathe, and pleasant temperatures so we all can enjoy our time on the plaza. It has been almost two years since our last NCKCC show at Blackhawk and I think it's going to be a lot of fun to finally get together with all our friends and fellow "car" people. Don't forget, besides a great museum, Blackhawk also has great restaurants and shops.

Hope you can all make it to the "NCKCC at Blackhawk" Show September 12<sup>th</sup>. I'll see you there. Take Care,

Jim W

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

By Vern Hance

### **ABOUT 2021 DUES**

Several of you have sent your regular dues for 2021, but since our expenses for 2020 were small, I suggest you consider your 2020 dues as paid up for 2021. Those that sent in their dues for 2021 should consider them 2022 prepaid dues.

## **WHAT'S COMING !**

**September 12, 2021 - This is our key event for the year:** The Annual NCKCC Show at Blackhawk Museum, Danville. Now we need more cars !! So check your 'Car Enthusiast' friends to fill up that Blackhawk Plaza. We have 13 cars registered so far, but 12 more would just nicely fill the Plaza. (Check the website to see who's coming) The Show runs 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and we suggest you check in at 9:45 or so to get "Car I.D. signs" filled out, name tags for exhibitors, etc. Then enter the Plaza when the Museum staff give us the green light at 10.

**Registration Forms** for your friends that want to enter a car are on our website [www.nckcc.com](http://www.nckcc.com) where they can be downloaded.

## **DISNEY FAMILY MUSEUM VISIT - AUGUST 21st**

Yes, we really did visit the museum. We got tickets for 10:20 a.m. admission and were able to park directly in front of the entrance shown on the front page.

Again, we were a small group, Jim Wagner, Rosie & Steve Rhodes and Vern Hance.

The Museum is pretty large and fills two stories of the historic brick structure. It starts with a large room displaying a myriad of awards and trophies that document Disney's ascent to fame.



*Shown above: Jim & Steve check out the trophies.*

Next we proceeded through the many rooms that show the struggles of Walt and his brother Roy as well as Disney's parents challenged seeking prosperity. Then more rooms with documents and highlights and low lights that led eventually to success.

Walt Disney was born in Chicago in 1901 to his parents Elias and Mary, who were born in Canada and later moved to the U.S. They moved to a farm in Missouri in 1904 and later to a farm in Kansas. They were not wealthy and struggled to succeed in several business ventures.

Walt and his brother Roy started the Walt Disney Company in 1923, after going bankrupt in Kansas. They operated out of a small office in Los Angeles and focused on short animated movies, always looking for advances by adding color and later sound. The struggling company finally achieved lasting success when the Snow White movie became an instant success in the mid 1930s.

Other animated movies and the creation of many characters, such as Micky Mouse, Donald Duck, Pluto, etc allowed the company to prosper, with Disneyland opening in 1955 and Disney World in 1971.

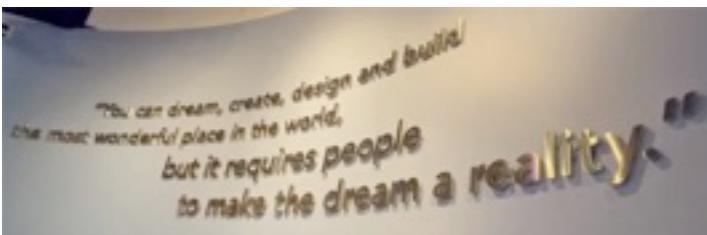
Roy Disney, Walt's older brother continued to be an important team member contributing to the company's success. He died in 1971 at age 78.

Walt Disney died in 1966 at age 65. His daughter Diane married Ron Miller, who became CEO of Disney for about 3 years, until he was forced out by Michael Eisner in 1984.

The Disney Family Museum opened in 2009 in the S.F. Presidio and was designed by Disney's daughter Diane and her son (Walt's grandson) Walter E. D. Miller. Both Diane and her husband Ron Miller still live in Northern California.

The Museum visit was interesting, but is so extensive that it calls for another visit to appreciate all the the displays.

*Below: This states Disney's philosophy*



*Above: Here is our group of tired Disney explorers.*

## **NCKCC ANNUAL CAR SHOW - BLACKHAWK MUSEUM**

The Annual Show at Blackhawk is set for Sunday September 12th and that's less than 2-weeks away.

We have 13 cars registered as of the printing date, with a couple more due soon, but we would like to have 12 more to better fill the Museum Plaza.

Consider inviting someone you know that has an interesting car. Additional registration forms can be downloaded from our website <http://www.nckcc.com> just click on the "Annual Show" tab. After all, the complete name for our show is "NCKCC 2021 Handcrafted & Special Interest Car Show".

Still our primary responsibility is to show our member cars, so please consider that seriously.

We have some especially interesting cars registered, such as a 1930 Indy Race Car and a Morgan GT Aero. (shown below)





The Morgan GT Aero photo was found on the internet, so I don't know if this is a good representation of the one to be in our show, but it looks interesting!



Shown above is Steve & Rosie Rhodes Bricklin which will be in our show for the first time. Steve took it to the Concours de Lemons show during the Monterey car week. He met Peter Brock, of Daytona Cobra Coupe design fame, and got him interested in his Bricklin.

There is a fast moving video on You Tube on the "2021 Concours de Lemons"  
Try Googling it for more on Steve's Bricklin.

AND – Check our website for the exhibitor list - it will be updated as new entries come in.

## MORE ABOUT FUTURE EVENTS

By Vern Hance

I plan to hold a zoom meeting as our **October 17th event** as noted above, but I haven't received much guidance on what you would like to cover in that meeting.

I would like to start the meeting as just a get-together of our club to visit and find out what people have been doing for the last year and half of COVID and talk about our Blackhawk Show of Sept 12th.

Also, as you probably know I have created a number of short videos of past NCKCC activities, most of which are available on You Tube with links from our website.

However, some of them were longer than You Tube permitted in past years, so they have never been available to club members.

Here are a couple that might be of interest:

1.) NCKCC Adventure Trip of June 2007. This was a 4-day trip organized by Chuck Maddux that took us north on Highway 1 to a winery, and a ride on the Skunk Train from Fort Bragg where we stayed overnight. The 2nd day took us north to see Victorian houses and drive thru redwood trees, then overnight in Eureka. The 3rd day took us north to Klamath, where we did a 35 mile boat trip up the Klamath River, then returning to Eureka. The 4th day took us to Whiskey town and Redding to see the Sundial Bridge and the back to the Bay Area. (17 minutes)

2.) "Build Your Own Classic Car" is the story of how I got my half finished '35 Mercedes 500K completed by Ted Amlick and how the engine and tranny needed to be rebuilt after about 3 months. It also hits the highlight satisfactions of driving it and showing it. (8 minutes)

There are some others that might be interesting club history items such as:

"NCKCC Candy Store Visit - 2006". As private storage garage where Museum Quality Classics are displayed. (1.5 min.)

"NCKCC 1985 Show" at Pleasanton Fairgrounds. A quick 1 minute review of the cars displayed.

There are some others that have been my favorites, such as the "2016 Art & Wine Festival in Walnut Creek". That was the one where they had a team of motocross guys flying their bikes from ramp to ramp.

Anyway, please let me know if you would plan to attend such a zoom event and be prepared to tell the rest of us what you have been doing during the long COVID winter.

## **OUR NOVEMBER 7th BRUNCH**

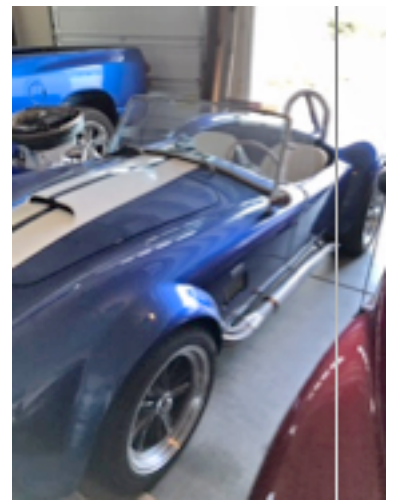
This is still being assembled, but I have confirmed that the buffet brunch is not available at the Incontro Ristorante in Danville. It looks like we will have to order individually from the menu.

I have reserved the November 7th date and asked for a reserved space in the parking lot for us to display our cars. The club has historically subsidized past brunches. We will try to find a way to do so again, but don't know how yet.

## **CARS FOR SALE**

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