

San Jose

A City of Firsts

VISIT
SAN JOSE
CALIFORNIA

1777

San Jose becomes the first civil settlement in the California territory.



San Jose becomes California's first state capitol.



1849

1853

Christopher Shelton of San Jose introduced the first honeybees to California beginning California's productive beekeeping industry.



San Jose State University becomes California's first school in the California State University system.

1857



1872



Alum Rock Park becomes California's first municipal park.

Mountain Winery owner Paul Masson introduces sparkling wine to the state of California.

1882



Lick Observatory becomes the world's first permanently occupied mountain top observatory.

1887



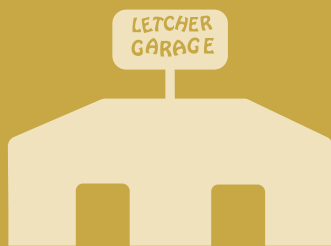
1887



Samuel L. Bishop builds the first electrical street car line in the US between San Jose and Santa Clara.

1900

Clarence Letcher opened the first garage in the west.



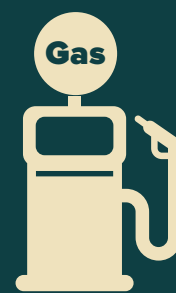
Big Basin Redwoods State Park in the Santa Cruz Mountains is established and becomes California's First state park.

1902

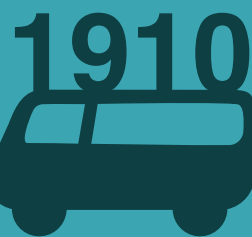


1902

Clarence Letcher opened the first service station in California, boasting a 110 gallon gasoline tank.



California's first motor bus line was started at Mt. Hamilton.



1910



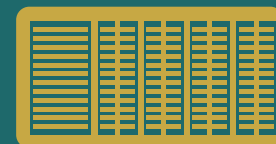
Sybil Herrold was the first radio disc jockey, playing music from a phonograph for her husband's broadcasts.

1912

Charles David "Doc" Herrold begins the first public entertainment broadcasts.



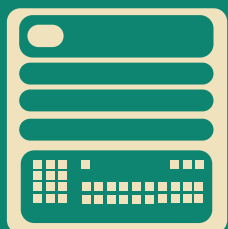
1944



Howard Aiken of IBM unveils the first computer programmed by punched paper tape, the Harvard Mark I.

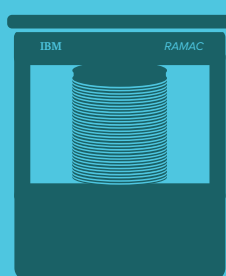
1954

IBM introduces its first computer model the 704.



1956

IBM San Jose labs invent the hard disk drive.



1965

The Grateful Dead performs their first ever concert as The Grateful Dead in San Jose.



1969



Gary Starkweather of Xerox invents the laser printer.

1971

Norman E. Mineta becomes the first Japanese-American Mayor of a major U.S. City.



San Jose Mayor Janet Gray Hayes becomes the first female mayor to be elected in a major U.S. city.

1975



1975

IBM of San Jose develops the first portable computer - the IBM 5100.



1976



Steve Wozniak and Steve Jobs form Apple Computer and build the first microcomputer in Jobs' parents Cupertino garage.

2001

Apple launches the first ever iPod.



2006

The Tesla Roadster, the company's first vehicle, was the first production automobile to use lithium-ion battery cells and the first production EV with a range greater than 200 mi (320 km) per charge.

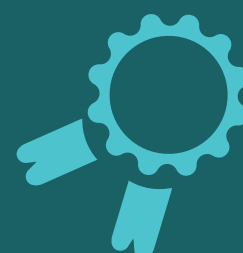


2008

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office opens their first permanent west coast office in San Jose.



Tesla produces the first mass-produced electric sports car.



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