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THE HORSELESS CARRIAGE CLUB OF AMERICA

The Horseless Carriage Club of America is a nonprofit international association of people dedicated to the enjoyment, study and preservation of early automobiles manufactured prior to 1916.

The club was organized in 1937 by a group of horseless carriage enthusiasts who foresaw the need for an organization dedicated to the preservation of automotive history. From this beginning the Horseless Carriage Club of America has grown to include members from all parts of the United States, Canada, Europe and other parts of the world**.** www.hcca.org

NCRG General Meetings will be held the third Thursday of each month during 2016 (no meeting in December) at the Sacramento Area Sewer District, 5026 Don Julio Boulevard, Sacramento, California.

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President's Message:

A recent edition of *The Sacramento Bee* had an article titled "Capital could be among first to roll out self-driving car fleet." Also, in the news recently is the story about Anheuser-Busch hauling a trailer loaded with beer for 120 miles in a self-driving truck. I guess I'm getting old, but I just can't get excited about driverless vehicles. First, I have had my share of computer crashes and that makes me worry about what will happen when the vehicle's computer crashes. Second, it appears that we are going to have generations of people who will not experience the joy of driving which may not bode well for the old car hobby. I remember being fascinated by automobiles when I was a kid and anxiously waiting to be able to get my driver's license. Driving has always been enjoyable for me. This is especially true when I'm driving one of my old cars on rural roads reminiscent of the early days of driving. Unfortunately, I fear that most young people will miss this great experience. Oh well, as I said I'm getting old.

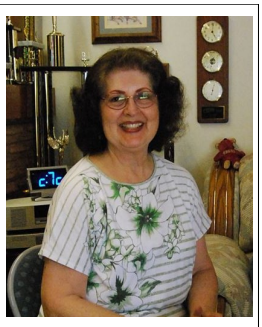
November is here and we are finally getting some rain. Hopefully, there will be a break in the rain for the Gymkhana which is on Sunday, November 6. Also coming up on November 19 is a talk on automotive hood ornaments at the Bolt Tool Museum in Oroville. December is not far away, so you can start decorating your cars for the Christmas Light Tour and Progressive Dinner.

Jan and I are looking forward to seeing you at these upcoming events!

Bill

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Editor's Message:



This month's Brass Nuts has a supplement that will be sent separately. It includes information about NCRG's honored veterans in remembrance of Veterans Day. I thank everyone for sending me their information to share. I recognize that many of you did not share your information, but be sure, your service to our country is very much appreciated. You are all our heroes!!!

I am told by a reliable source that the story and photos from the 2016 Ryan Ramble will be available for the December issue of ***The Brass Nuts***.

The holiday season approaches. What a wonderful time of year.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Sue

NEXT GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, 7:00 P.M.
November 17, 2016

Sacramento Area Sewer District
5026 Don Julio Boulevard
Sacramento CA

REFRESHMENTS
Terry and Kim Malone
Mike Huff and Stephanie Mozell

DISPLAY

Surprise us if you have a collection or item you would like to share with the group. Feel free to bring it to the November meeting.

NCRG HCCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

2016

November
06 Gymkhana, Ed Rose and Roger Mitchell
17 General Meeting
19 Automotive Hood Ornaments—Mel France, Bolt Tool Museum

December
No meeting in December
18 Christmas Light Tour and Progressive Dinner

2017

January
07 NCRG Installation of Officers and Board Meeting, Pot Luck Brunch, Sue Hill's home.
19 NCRG General Meeting
21 Evolution of Tools, Bolt Tool Museum, Garry Gunderson
28 Knights of Columbus Crab Feed, Terry and Kim Malone

February
16 NCRG General Meeting
18 Iron Workers, Bolt Tool Museum

March
16 NCRG General Meeting
18 The Mountain Man, Bolt Tool Museum

April
15 Franklin Automobiles, Bill Charpier, Bolt Tool Museum
20 NCRG General Meeting
30 NCRG Swap Meet and Board Meeting

May
18 NCRG General Meeting
27 Chrome, Nickel and Brass on the Grass, Roger Mitchell

June
10 Classics, Cats and Cabernet, Lew Dobbins
15 NCRG General Meeting

July
20 NCRG General Meeting
27-30 Ryan Ramble, Pt. Reyes area, NCRG and the Ryan Family

SWAP MEETS, OTHER REGIONAL CLUB HAPPENINGS AND NATIONAL EVENTS:

2016

Nov. 4—**Bid for a Cause Fundraiser Dinner**, California Auto Museum, fundraiser to have murals painted on two sides of the Museum's exterior.

2017

Jan. 28-29—**Turlock Swap Meet**, Admission $10 Saturday, $5 Sunday. See TurlockSwapMeet.com for info.

Mar. 12-15— **National HCCA Convention/Tour**, Oklahoma City OK. See your *Horseless Carriage Gazette* for details.

Mar. 17-18—**Chickasha Pre-war Swap Meet**, Chickasha OK

April 1-5—**Horseless Carriage Club's National Grizzly Bear Tour,** Bakersfield to Sequoia National Park. See *Horseless Carriage Gazette* for details.

April 6-8—**Bakersfield Swap Meet and Tour.** See *Horseless Carriage Gazette* for details.

April 24-28—**Mother Lode Nickel Era Registry Tour,** Murphys CA. Tour the countryside in Calaveras, Tuolumne and Amador Counties. Mike O'Neal, 209-847 -3134 or Les Eddington, 626-961-8209

Aug. 13-18—**Northern "Brass" Lights Tour,** Sherwood Park, Alberta, Canada for pre-1916 vehicles. Contact: Mike Reid, 780-464-6146 or mikejudsonreid@shaw.ca

2018

May 14-18—**Olympic Peninsula Mountain to Sea Tour** in Sequim WA. HCCA Nickel-era Touring Registry

See your latest Horseless Carriage Gazette* "Coming Events Section" *for more spectacular events coming your way.

LINCOLN HIGHWAY MONUMENT DEDICATION

By: Frank Squire

On a beautiful Sunday morning on October 9 about 50 vintage automobiles gathered at Vintage Ford in Rancho Cordova to take part in the Lincoln Highway Monument Dedication Cruise to Mills Station. Robin and Cindy Pharis' 1928 Buick roadster transported Mayor Sanders. Pharis' 1925 Model T truck was loaned to Boy Scout Troop 363 along with Frank Squire's 1924 Dodge Brothers touring car to transport several Boy Scouts and leaders. The Scouts set up a campsite and had a video display of a Lincoln Highway marker that was manufactured and placed on Folsom Boulevard near Sunrise Boulevard as an Eagle Scout project. The participating cars were grouped by era and on display for the afternoon. Gary and Mary Gunderson's 1939 Packard Twelve touring sedan won a trophy for People's Choice 1930-1949.

The Pharis' 1925 Model T Truck that used to sit atop the old Towe Ford Museum in Sacramento.

The Boy Scouts were an integral part of the Lincoln Highway. They were responsible for setting up some 1600 mile marker posts along the highway. They would camp out along the highway as they dug the holes for the concrete markers.

Mike Marker Post

NCRG cars on display.

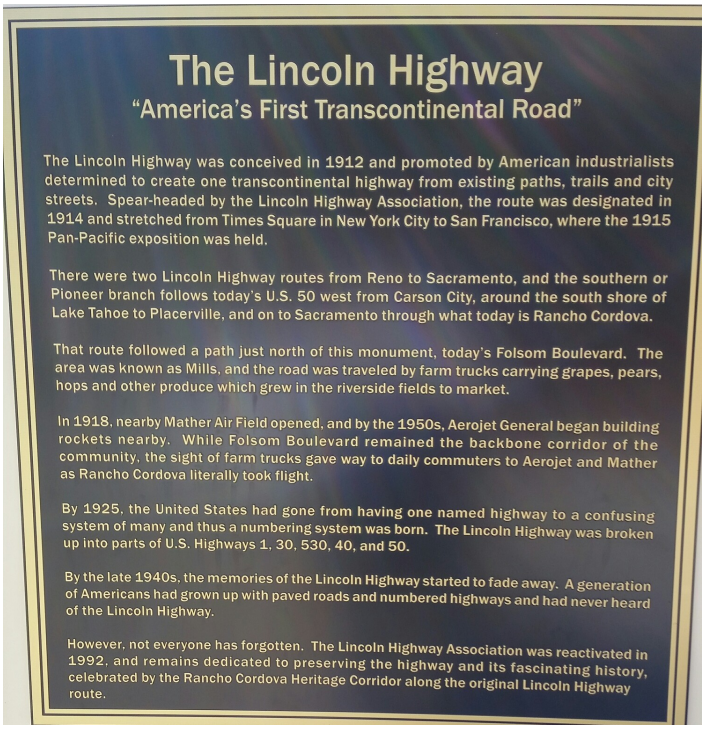
The caravan of cars head down Folsom Boulevard for about 6 miles without stopping at red lights, stop signs, or anything except for the light rail train! The early cars were led by the Pioneer Hook and Ladder Club's vintage fire engine and ladder apparatus. Midway though the cruise, the vintage Fire Chief's car was put in service to continue leading the cruise.

The newly unveiled Rancho Cordova Monument.

The Huff/ Mozell 1928 Model A

Milt Webb's 1925 Model T

The Gunderson's 1939 V-12 Packard. It won People's Choice award for the 1930-1949 class.



One side of the new monument in Rancho Cordova next to the Mills Station Museum depicts information about the Lincoln Highway.

The Pharis' 1926 Buick. Frank drove the Mayor of Rancho Cordova in the cruise in Robin's car.

The adorable Mills Station Museum docent, Dorothy, dressed in period clothing which matched the Packard era.

NIELLO CONCOURS AT SERRANO

Fire, Smoke, and God Helps Old Car Nuts

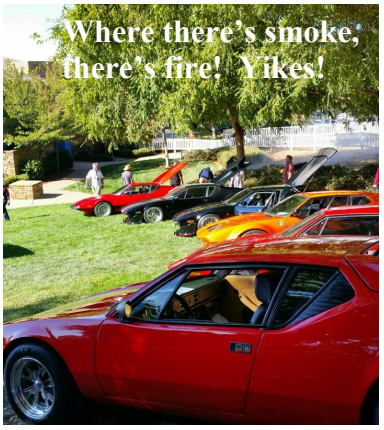
By: Sue Hill

Sunday, October 2, 2016 was the Niello Concours at Serrano in El Dorado Hills. Jack and Sandy Maye were asked to bring their 1948 12 cylinder Lincoln convertible to the show. The honored marque this year was the Lincoln automobile. Jack and Sandy asked me to come along.

The drive from my house took about 20 minutes. We went with the top down. The sky was azure blue. And, the weather folks said we had a chance of rain in the early afternoon. There was no sign of rain that morning. It was gorgeous!

There were fewer cars at this event…we guess the rain forecast scared some people off. However, what was there was spectacular. A 1912 Pope Hartford in pristine condition, a 1902 Curved Dash Oldsmobile in original condition, a 1925 Gardner owned by a Dr. Gardner of Folsom, Packards, Lincolns, and many sport cars with vowels at the end of their names… you know, Ferrari, Maeserati, Pantera, etc. Gorgeous. There were even some muscle cars. One car stood out from all the rest…a 1949 Delahaye Type 175 Saoutchik Coupe de Ville, owned by the Academy of Art University of San Francisco and the Stephens Family. And, it won Best of Show.

Sandy and I looked at all the cars in the show while Jack answered questions about his car. When we were in the sports car area, we noticed smoke and fire in some bushes near one of the cars ending in a vowel...the one closest to the fire was a Pantera. One fellow was stomping the fire out with his feet while a participant picked up a fire extinguisher and doused the flames.



Not long after that, we were in line to buy some lunch when a group of judges were by Jack's car. Soon an announcement came over the PA system for Jack Maye to come to his car. Jack had his car there as an "exhibit only" and thought, maybe they wanted to judge the car. Nope. It was to fix the electric window mechanism that started smoking! With handy tools from Sandy's purse; namely, a ball point pen and chewing gum, Jack opened up the mechanism and fixed the problem. ***What is he, a MacGyver?*** But by then, the battery on the Lincoln was dead.

Here's where God enters the picture. As we were walking around we saw my daughter Denise and her boyfriend, Richard McLaughlin as they came up to the entrance gate. It was already after noon and they did not want to pay the $55 each entrance fee to see the cars. Just by happenstance we saw them and Jack shared the story of the Lincoln and dead battery. Richard said he has a jump box in his truck...it will start your car. I can pick it up later at your house. (Thank you God for looking out for old car nuts.)

The jump box was placed into the trunk of the Lincoln to be used for when we headed for home. BUT,

then the heavens opened up and the rain POURED down by the buckets. People were covering up their cars with plastic covers and closing their tops...oops, except for Jack. Team effort...Jack said he has the best wife as Sandy stood out in the pouring rain and hooked up the jump box while Jack started the engine so they could get the top up on the Lincoln. At this time, we all jumped inside the Lincoln and dried out the interior of the car, and ourselves.

The top is up on the Lincoln...we're just a bit soggy!

While in the car we could see the Delahaye with its open top getting a free car wash as the people tried to wrap it in plastic sheeting.

We had a front row seat for this show!

The rain didn't last long. We didn't stay for the awards ceremony. Jack said he would start the Lincoln and get off he grounds before too many cars left and he wouldn't get stuck in the mud.

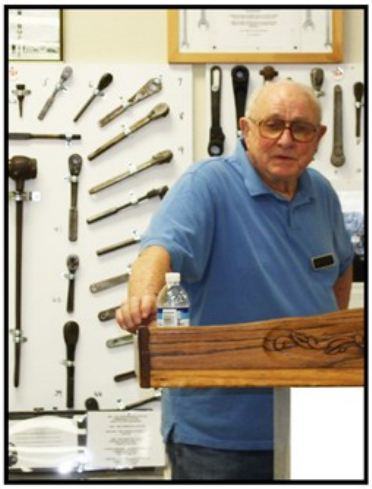
The ride home was uneventful; however, we did see lightning and heard loud claps of thunder.

All in all it was a fun day...and we needed the rain...but the timing was bittersweet.

The 1912 Pope Hartford

1902 Curved Dash Oldsmobile; wrong wheels but who cares! It runs!!!

A beautiful 1925 Gardner



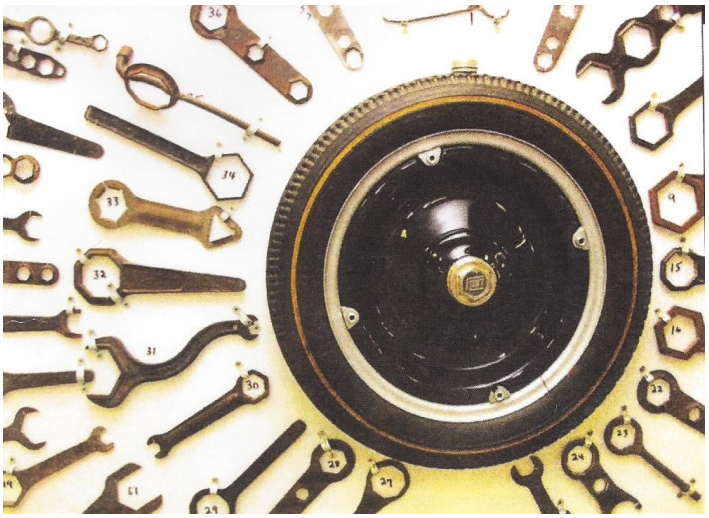
ANTIQUE TOOLS

By: Sue Hill

On Saturday, October 15, several members of the NCRG attended the talk by Bud Bolt of the Bolt Tool Museum's founder and caretaker. We are ensconced in a building with over 12,000 tools. Bud talked about the oldest ones in the collection.

He said that the most important man-made product on earth is the tool because without tools, man is just another animal. Think about that statement...without tools, there would be no machines, automobiles...back up a minute...no automobiles?! Oh no! Our hobby would not exist.

In the Bolt Museum collection, there are many antique tools relating to the old car hobby. Bud showed us the many tools used for the various screw on wheel hubs on the cars in the early years. He said when the press-on hub cap was created, that ended the need for all the hub wrenches. Things became standardized.



Bud said that the first wrench ever made was designed to twist the bars out of castle windows during battle. One of Bud's favorite tools is the monkey wrench which came on the scene in 1835. By 1920 there were 400 companies making 1,100 different varieties of monkey wrenches. He reported that he could only find records for seven companies, but combined these seven were making 4 million wrenches a year.

Bud discussed his job with Snap-on Tool Company which seemed to inspire his appreciation for tools.

We were asked to bring along with us our old tools to see if we could stump the tool master. Bud was able to figure out what each of us brought, even the fender bracket I brought which I thought was a tool. I had another tool that was an early day hub remover, lug nut remover, jack handle, tire pry bar, and several other things. He didn't have one of those in his collection, so it was donated. One less thing in the garage.

Bud said a lot more about antique tools, but I wrote pretty much about the ones that impacted the old car hobby.

Next month's talk at the Bolt Tool Museum will be about hood ornaments. My favorite thing. You bet I'll be there and will bring my one-of-a-kind hood ornament that appears on the mailing page of **The Brass Nuts**, a little brass hood ornament with brass nuts on top that my dad made back in the 1960s for his Model T. I hope to see you there!

These tools are from 1908; the Handy Andy Combination Tool. These serve as a hammer, hatchet, pincher, staple puller, wire cutter, nail claw, screwdriver and leather punch, all-in-one.

Tool photos taken from* Museum Highlights, *September 2016 edition.

A Blast from the Past

From **The Brass Nuts, March 1962**

EDITOR REPORTS

As editor of "The Brass Nuts" I have run up against my first problem.

Pop Allison called me late one evening, when all good people should be in bed, and made some threats as to what he would do if I published an article that **Elmer Perry** wanted me to put in our club paper.

Now I don't want to lose Pop as a friend, but as Elmer has promised to help me build the top on my Overland, I have no alternative but to string along with him and hope that Pop will forgive me.

It all began when Elmer decided to move back to Sacramento from Sutter Creek. He was able to handle the moving by himself, until he needed someone to take him up to get the 1912 Buick. Pop, having plenty of spare time on his hands, volunteered to take him up in his late model Ford.

The trip up was uneventful, but in leaving for Sacramento, they somehow became separated. Each thinking the other was ahead drove like mad. Pop finally decided that Elmer must have been behind and stopped several times to rest.

Elmer not showing up, Pop took off again for home like a jet and passed Elmer at the Eagle's Nest where Elmer had stopped because of a broken crankshaft in the Buick. Pop didn't stop until he reached Elmer's place in Sacramento.

Elmer waited awhile and then called and had Pop return to the Eagle's Nest and tow him and the Buick home.

When they started off for Sacramento, with the Buick in tow, Pop asked if 20 MPH would be OK. Elmer answered that a little faster would be all right, so Pop took off at about 30 MPH. Looking back and seeing that the Buick was trailing all right, he sped up to 35; another glance back, and Pop sped up to 40. Thinking that this was a little fast, Elmer waved his arm, trying to slow Pop down a little. Pop thought that Elmer wanted him to go faster, so he stepped it up to 45 MPH. Noticing that Elmer was still waving, Pop shoved his foot a little deeper until he had attained a speed of 55 MPH. As he slowed down some for a Walsh Station, he looked back and Elmer was still waving his arm trying to get him to slow down. Pop still thinking that Elmer wanted to go some more, took off again and didn't stop until they reached Sacramento. When Pop finally did halt to ask Elmer which way he wanted to go through town, the conversation went something like this: _____ (Censored)_____.

Now, I don't blame Pop for not wanting this in "The Brass Nuts," but I do want Elmer's help when I get ready to build my top on my Overland.

D. V. Lines

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Chit Chat

As we walked in the main door at the Autorama, the first thing we saw was a Model "T" Ford that couldn't make up its mind whether it wanted to be an antique or a hot-rod.

Then walking straight ahead to the northeast corner of the building we saw a 1922 Willys Knight touring car. There was a sign on it that stated that it belonged to **Bob and Delores Schneider.**

Bob tells us that he is a salesman, but we think that he would do well as a landscape gardener. With a brick wall as the background, his car stood on some imitation grass surrounded by a double row of used brick about four inches apart. Filling the space between the bricks with sand, he planted artificial daffodils about a foot apart. In front of his car there was a small potted bush and a display of the working parts of the sleeve valve engine. The parts were displayed on a ply-board covered with red velvet. All of these were illuminated with spotlights set at different angles.

There has been some rumor that the trophy he won was as a gardener, but we heartily disagree as **Bob and Delores** really have a beautifully restored car; and this is not the first trophy that they have won with it.

Have you ever seen a peacock when it had its tail feathers spread in full array? Well we feel that is about the best description of **Bob** as he stood proudly near his exhibit.

Fashion Page

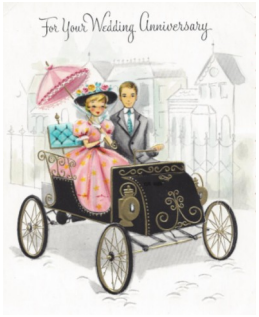
Period clothing from 1901. Photo was taken from ***Biltmore, An American Masterpiece.*** Formal dress was required in 1901 at the New Year's Eve party at the Vanderbilt mansion. The tuxedo and gown are exquisite and are on display in the third floor living hall of the mansion. ***Ed.***

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

07 Charlotte Pharis
13 Robin Pharis
19 Joe Hensler
27 John Nichols and Sue Tidwell

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Diana Squire
10 Mike Huff
11 Kathy Ryan
14 Carole Snow
16 Joan Catchot and Jim Snow
27 Ed Rose



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

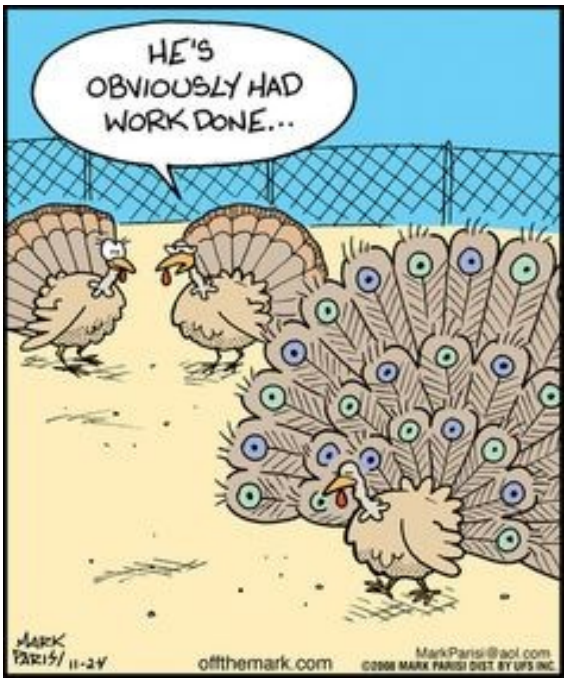
02 Terry and Kim Malone
16 Archie and Kim Wright
21 Pete and Suzi Kneedler

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

05 Ray and Wilma Hren
20 Joe and Carol Ticer
23 Jack and Sandy Maye
29 Joe and Gayle Hensler
30 Richard and Rosemary Lawrence

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES FROM ALL OF US IN THE NCRG-HCCA.

JUST FOR FUN...



Northern California Regional Group of the Horseless Carriage Club of America
General Meeting Minutes
Stephanie Mozell, Secretary
October 20, 2016

Call to order: 7:14 P.M.

Guests: None

Roll call of Board Members: Bill Charpier, Jan Charpier (absent), Garry Gunderson, Sue Hill, Bob Hopkins, Jr., Mike Huff, Gordon McGregor (absent), Stephanie Mozell, Cat Roush, and, Frank Squire.

Reading of the Board Meeting Minutes, October 6, 2016. Motion to approve as read by Sue Hill. Seconded: Frank Squire; Discussion: none; Action: carried.

Reading of General Meeting Minutes, September 15, 2016. Motion to approve as printed in The Brass Nuts. Moved: Wilma Hren; Seconded: Garry Gunderson; Action: Carried.

Commendations:
-Thanks to David Pava for being the auctioneer at last month's meeting
-Thanks to Garry Gunderson for the September and October Bolt Tool Museum presentations
-Thanks to Ed Rose for Crusin' for Kids Sake
-Thanks to Roger Mitchell for the Fundraiser Dinner for Fire Truck #2
-Thanks to Frank Squire for the Lincoln Highway Celebration
-Thanks to Sue Hill for hosting the NCRG Board Meeting
-Thanks to Joan and Jerry Catchot for tonight's refreshments
-Thanks to the club from Roger and Edna Mitchell for the thank-you gift of the fire engine and Dalmatians.

Treasurer's Report: Jan Charpier
-Bill Charpier reported for Jan Charpier that we are solvent.
-Auction results: It was a nice amount considering size of the group present.
-Dues are due – Notices have been mailed. Remember to pay your National dues too.

Communications:
-CAM pot luck Christmas dinner on November 27
-Modesto Area A's swap meet Jan 28 and 29, 2017

New Business:
-New Board Members are needed for the 2017-2018 term. Those going off the Board are Jan Charpier, Garry Gunderson, Mike Huff, Stephanie Mozell and Frank Squire.
-Anyone want to volunteer to run for the 2017-2018 term? Garry Gunderson, Mike Huff, and Stephanie Mozell volunteered.
-Nominating Committee for new board members to be appointed by Bill Charpier. Nominees to be announced at the November meeting. Nominations will be closed at the November meeting. A minimum of 5 nominees is needed. Bill Charpier was going to contact people for the Nominating Committee Members.

Unfinished Business:
-Certificate of Insurance for the Gymkhana is being followed up by Jan Charpier.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
Tour and Safety – Bob Hopkins
November 4 – *CAM Fundraiser Dinner, Bid for a Cause*, Joe Hensler
November 6 – *Gymkhana*, Ed Rose and Roger Mitchell. This event is rain or shine.
November 19 – *Antique Automobile Hood Ornaments,* Bolt Tool Museum, Garry Gunderson
December 18 – *Christmas Light Tour*. Volunteers are needed to set up progressive tour. Sue will contact those interested.
January 21 – *The Evolution of Tools,* Bolt Tool Museum, Garry Gunderson
January 28 – *Knights of Columbus Crab Feed,* Terry and Kim Malone Tickets are $45.
May 27. – *Chrome, Nickel and Brass on the Grass,* Roger Mitchell. Entry fee is $20. Food will be available for purchase.
July 27-30 – *Ryan Ramble in Pt. Reyes area*, NCRG and the Ryan Family. Save the date
June 10 – Lew Dobbins is the contact person for the Classics, Cats and Cabernet event at Fieldhaven.

Meeting Minutes Cont'd.

Swap Meet—

- Swap Meet pros and cons – Bill Charpier discussed the benefits of the swap meet. The average that the swap meet has brought in over several years has been $2500 net. The event has been a large part of our ability to supplement tours and events for the club and make donations as needed.

The down side of not having a swap meet is a loss of working revenue. In 5 years our savings will be zero if we do not increase the dues. In order to keep things solvent, we would need to increase the dues to $70 without the swap meet. This does not appear to be a feasible alternative.

We still are in need of a Swap meet chair person. Although it was under general consensus that for this year to keep the swap meet and plan ahead for the future

Discussion for future fund raising:
1. Lew Dobbins discussed an example of his association where there is a built in 5% for general funds. No supplements for tours, meals etc. were included. Tours should be self supporting
2. Roger Mitchell brought up getting a venue for free and putting on a dinner or lunch for $25 person. The club would buy food and cook. That would take the place of the swap meet for fund raiser.
3. Warren Berg brought up the idea of monthly raffle 50/50. The club members were not interested in that idea.
4. Combining different clubs in 1 swap meet. Discussion followed that it would create more of a monetary problem for us.

Education—Garry Gunderson and Frank Squire
Frank reported that the Lincoln Highway tour was successful. He thanked members who participated; namely, the Gundersons, Sue Hill, Milt Webb and friend, Sandra, Mike Huff and Stephanie Mozell. A special thank you went to Robin Pharis who provided two vehicles for the event.

Editor: Sue Hill
-President's message, meeting minutes, flyers and stories due to Editor by October 27.
-Just a reminder…to improve our newsletter, we need more Technical Tips and messages from our committee chairs.

Webmaster: Thomas Roush - Cat Roush reported for Thomas that we were just under 3,000 hits on the web site.

Sunshine Report: Stephanie Mozell reported no activity.

Membership: Kathy Ryan - no report available.

History and Publicity: Sandy Maye - The club meeting notice was published in ***The Bee***

October Display:
-Bob Hopkins presented the history of telegraph keys. He had an interesting display of several types.
-Garry Gunderson brought a display from a correspondence auto mechanic course.
-Sue Hill brought in a few old tools and gave the tools away.

November Display: Show and tell.

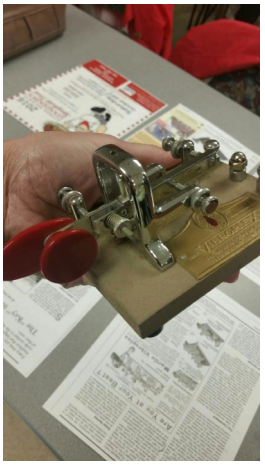
Good of the Order: Terry and Kim Malone discussed a fund raiser at Holy Family for the Veterans Stand down group. The dinner is on Oct 29th at 5:30 pm. Tickets are $10.

Next Board Meeting: January 7, 2017, Installation of Officers and Brunch Pot Luck at Sue Hill's home, 10:00 a.m.; members are welcome to attend

Next General Meeting, November 17, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Next Refreshment Committee: Huff/Mozell and Malones

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by: Frank Squire; Seconded by: Terry Malone; Adjourned: 8:34 pm.



One of Bob's telegraph keys.

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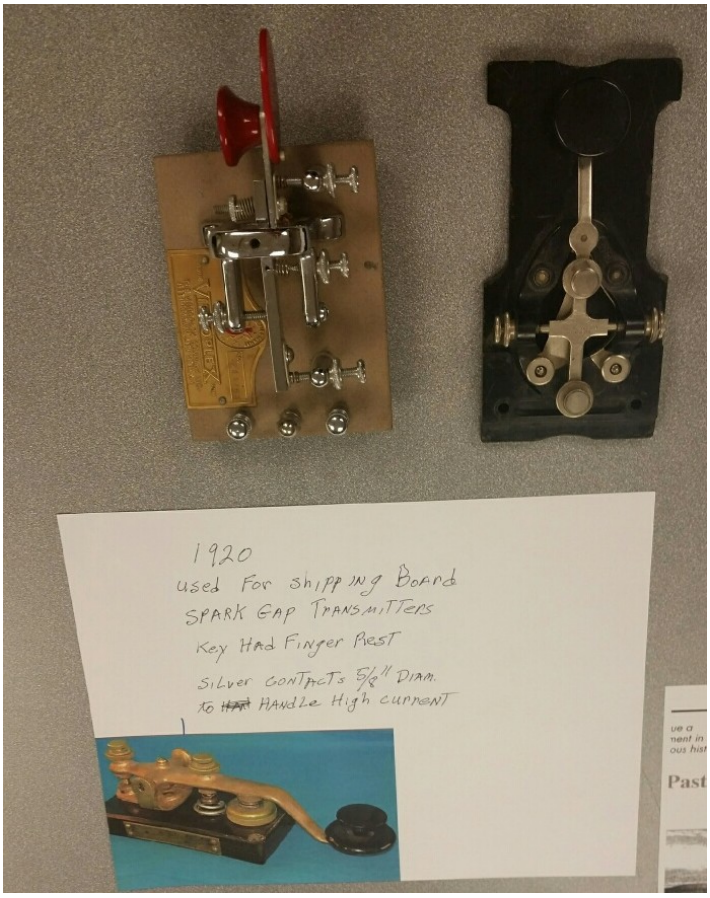
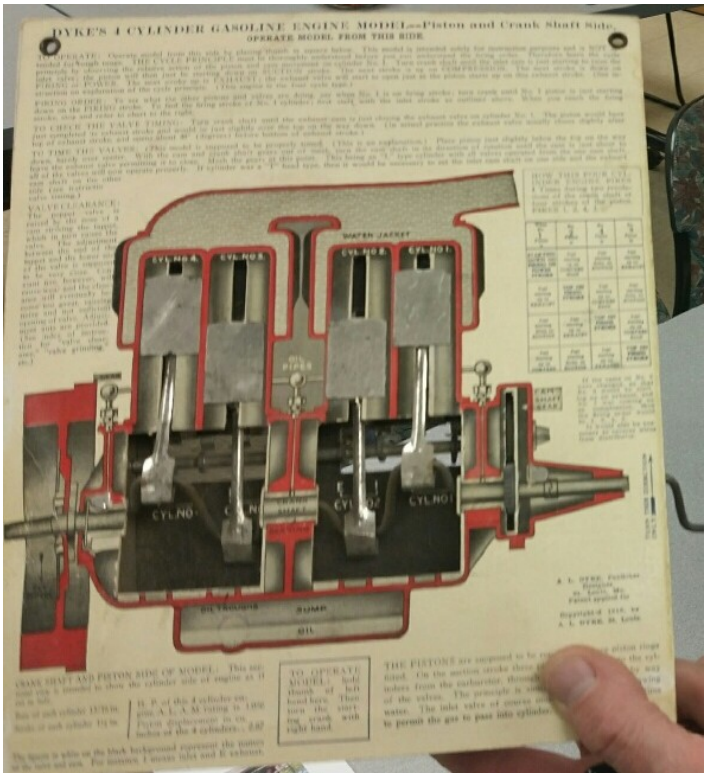




Part of a Dyke's correspondence course on the workings of a 4 cylinder gasoline engine. You can use the crank on the right side of the demonstration model to see how the pistons go up and down. Garry Gunderson obtained this from the Bolt Tool Museum.

TECHNICAL TIP

From: Jack Maye

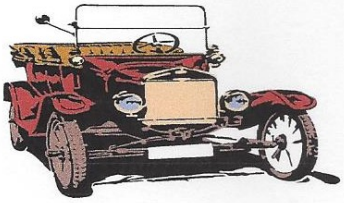
While this tip is not for antique cars, it is for your antique car towing vehicle with the plastic headlight covers that turn yellow after a few years. And, this one works and is cheaper than the cleaning products you find at your auto parts stores.

To remove the yellow quick, cheap and easy, get a can of **Off Mosquito Repellant** and a good clean cotton rag. Spray the headlight cover and scrub. You will notice a big difference at the first scrubbing. It might take 2 –3 times to get the lens cover really clean.

They might not look like brand new but will be close. And comes out better than all the stuff they sell at the auto parts stores cheaper and with less work. I was amazed at how well it works.

Here are some before and after pictures of my old PT Cruiser headlight covers.

Jack found this tip on a You Tube video on the Internet.



GYMKHANA GAMES

Sunday
NOVEMBER 6, 2016 **Rain or Shine!!!**

Meet at: Ed & Elaine Rose's Home
[redacted]
For Coffee, Juice and Muffins
8:30AM

WE WILL LEAVE AT 9:00 AM AND TOUR TO:
Depot Park, Rio Linda arriving at 10:00 a.m. for fun and games with the old cars
(LUNCH WILL BE POTLUCK*)
If you cannot attend the morning tour
you can go directly to:
Depot Park
6730 W. Front St
Rio Linda

[redacted]

ALL HCCA MEMBERS
(AND FAMILIES) WELCOME

*A-G BRING APPETIZERS
H-M BRING SALADS
N-Z BRING DESSERTS

Fire Truck Restoration Crew will supply the BBQ chicken, trip tip and beans!

"Song of the Mermaid"

Mr. Mel France holding Aronson's "Speed Nymph"

ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE HOOD ORNAMENTS

You won't want to miss the opportunity to meet Mr. Mel France and see some of his many beautiful hood ornaments from American and foreign antique cars. Mr. France has been collecting these, along with antique cars and memorabilia, for decades and is an expert on the subject. He will take us from motometers (thermometers that screwed on the radiator cap) to mascots to the decorative and artistic! Bolt's Antique Tool Museum is pleased that he will educate us on this topic. If you have antique cars and hood ornaments please bring them to share at the November "Third Saturday Presentation".

Saturday, November 19, 10:00 a.m.
1650 Broderick Street, Oroville, California
$3.00 admission to the museum & talk
Questions: 530-538-2528
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Holiday Progressive Dinner

Decorate your car
and join us on
Sunday, December 18, 2016
for
food, fun and Christmas lights tour

3:00 PM - Hors d'oeuvres
Ralph and Becky Brown's home
[redacted]

5:00 PM – Main Course
Ashley's Country Kitchen
9411 Madison Ave, Orangevale

7:00 PM - Dessert
Jim and Kathy Ryan's home
[redacted]

If you are willing to make an hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share, please call that house host.

$15.00 per member
$17.00 per nonmember

Light tour maps will be provided at first house.

Registration: Mail with check to Kathy Ryan [redacted]

Names: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of people attending with you: _____ x *15.00* per member = $_____

_____ x *17.00* per nonmember = $_____

Total Amount $_____

Make check payable to NCRG HCCA – no refunds after Dec 11th

REMINDERS:

Complete the Christmas Light Tour form in this newsletter and send your dinner reservation and check to Kathy Ryan by **December 11**. See flyer for details.

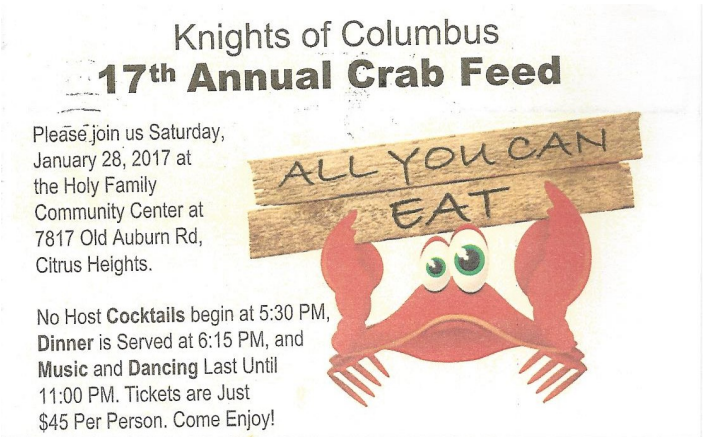
Nov. 6 Gymkhana, see flyer for details

Nov. 17 General Meeting

Nov. 19 Automotive Hood Ornaments, Bolt Tool Museum

Dec. 11 **Deadline** to get your reservations in for the Christmas Light Tour and Progressive Dinner

Dec. 18 Christmas Light Tour/Dinner



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Next year's Ryan Ramble will be held July 27-30, 2017, in the Pt. Reyes area along the California coast. More information coming after the first of the year.

The Ryan Family and the NCRG-HCCA

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