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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 2017 (no meeting in December) at the Sacramento Area District Office, 5026 Don Julio Boulevard, Sacramento, California.

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President's Message:

By the time you read this, our 57th Swap Meet will already be in the record books. Here's hoping it's written in black ink.

Seriously, this event is critical in keeping down our membership dues.

Thank you to Bill, Stephanie, Kathy and everyone else who helped make it happen. (And, if you haven't helped in the past, don't be afraid to sign up for duty at next year's meet.)

The weather is nice and members keep asking for more "driving tours". *There are still lots of months open* and I encourage all members to think about a fun driving tour they might host in their area.

Ed Rose will give his talk on Model T's at Bolt's Museum on May 20th (and by the way, Bill Charpier did a stellar talk on Franklin cars last month at Bolt's.) Next we all look forward to actually driving our old cars on the Pava's Poor Reds Tour on May 21st.

Keep up the good work and let's go touring!

Garry



Lee Hill



Editor's Message:

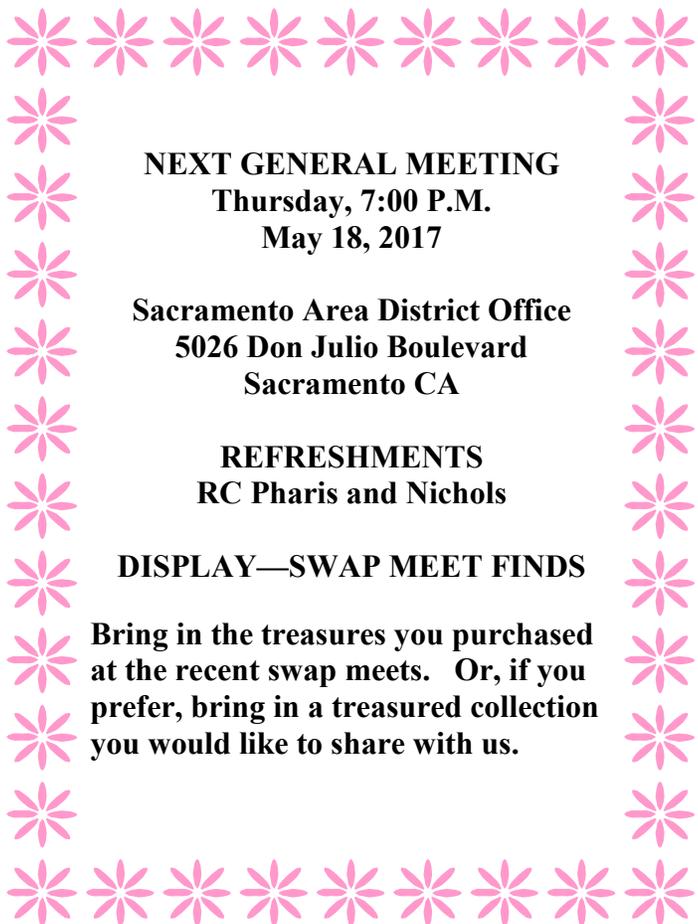
The Mayes and I are planning our July 16 tour and then lunch at the Milagro Centre in Carmichael. I checked out the place and there are several restaurants we can try plus a gelato store, bakery, brewery and gift shop. It should be a nice addition to our garage tour. Look for the flyer in the June newsletter.



Remember, if you have a technical tip or three, send them in to me or just tell me about it and I will write it up. Happy to help!

Happy motoring to everyone.

Sue



NEXT GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, 7:00 P.M.
May 18, 2017

Sacramento Area District Office
5026 Don Julio Boulevard
Sacramento CA

REFRESHMENTS
RC Pharis and Nichols

DISPLAY—SWAP MEET FINDS

Bring in the treasures you purchased at the recent swap meets. Or, if you prefer, bring in a treasured collection you would like to share with us.



NCRG HCCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(NOTE: NCRG sponsored events are in bold print)

2017

May

18 NCRG General Meeting

20 Ford Model T, Ed Rose, Bolt's Antique Tool Museum

21 Sacramento Model T Club Poor Red's Lunch and Tour, David and Patricia Pava

June

10 Classics, Cats and Cabernet, Lew Dobbins

15 NCRG General Meeting

17 Edsel Automobiles, Garry Gunderson and Friends, Bolt's Antique Tool Museum

July

?? NCRG Board Meeting, Charpier Home

15 The Ironworkers Tradition, Rick Hook, Bolt's Antique Tool Museum

16 Garage Tour and Panda Extravaganza, Sue Hill and the Mayes

20 NCRG General Meeting

27-30 Ryan Ramble, Pt. Reyes area, NCRG and the Ryan Family

August

17 General Meeting

19 Rare John Deere Tractors, Rod Hiskin and Dax Kimmelshue, Bolt's Antique Tool Museum

September

16 The Biking Bolts, Alex Bolt, Bolt's Antique Tool Museum

21 General Meeting

October

?? NCRG Board Meeting, McGregor Home

14 Ladies Tea and Gentlemen's Drive, Robin and Cindy Pharis

19 General Meeting

21 If Tools Could Talk, Ron MacInnes, Bolt's Antique Tool Museum

November

16 General Meeting

18 Kilimanjaro Trek, Patty Wright, Bolt's Antique Tool Museum

December

17 Christmas Light Tour and Progressive Dinner

TBD Gymkhana, Ed Rose and Roger Mitchell

SWAP MEETS, OTHER REGIONAL CLUB HAPPENINGS AND NATIONAL EVENTS:

2017

May 19-20—**Farm and Tractor Days**, 6852 Dry Creek Road, Rio Linda. 9 am. to 4 pm. Vintage tractors and hit and miss engines. Draft horses and mules.

June 4—**Mother Lode Swap Meet**, Gold Country Fairgrounds, Auburn CA

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

September 10-14—**20th Annual Skagit-Snohomish Regional Group Tour for pre-1916 cars**. See *Gazette* for more details.

September 23—**Ironstone Car Show**, Murphys CA, celebrating 100 years of the Nash automobile

October 4-7—**Hershey Swap Meet**

2018

April 7-11—**HCCA Grizzly Bear Tour and National Convention**, Yosemite National Park.

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.



Swap Meet and Franklin Fun

Story by: Sue Hill Photos by: Don Lottes

Hey Bob, they say it's going to rain in Bakersfield, are we still going to the swap meet? Sure, he said and off we went the morning of April 6, 2017. The drive down was easy because I was a passenger in the Hopkins' very comfortable GMC. No rain!

We arrived at the Doubletree Hotel mid-afternoon in time to watch the cars come back from the day's tour. We also visited with folks who arrived that day. Kicked tires, chatted and then went to a Basque dinner, arranged by Lee and Junie Webb, at the Woolgrowers Restaurant. Many of the 36 diners were from the H. H. Franklin Club...and what wonderful people they are. We celebrated Bill Charpier's birthday which happened to be that very day.

Friday morning we attended the swap meet. There seemed to be more vendors than buyers...but those buying did a good job of it. The vendors seemed happy.



My favorite exhibit at the Swap Meet: Little Charlotte Pharis learning to drive. And as Don Lottes noted on his photo, "The future of our club."



Bob and Helen Hopkins check out a trunk to purchase for their Hudson.



Don Lottes scored when he got this beautiful brass light. Don who shared his photos with us is an HCCA member from Peoria AZ and is a Hudson collector extraordinaire.

There was one old car at the swap meet that intrigued me the most. It was an old Ford, was rusty as all heck, ran like a well-oiled machine, but looked like it could not get out of its own shadow. It had four different spark plugs with four different plug wires resembling barbed wire.



Photo by Sue

Check out the hard rubber tires. The owner of the car in the black hat said he had the tires "trued" so the car would drive more easily.



Something for everyone...even race aficionados.



Photo by Sue

Colorful spark plugs and barbed plug wires. It runs!



Cindy and Robin Pharis and granddaughter Charlotte.

It is always fun to be at the meet to see old friends from other clubs and to meet new people. Quite a few NCRGers were in attendance; some selling their wares. The weather for the meet was very good; overcast skies in the morning which made it nice and shady.

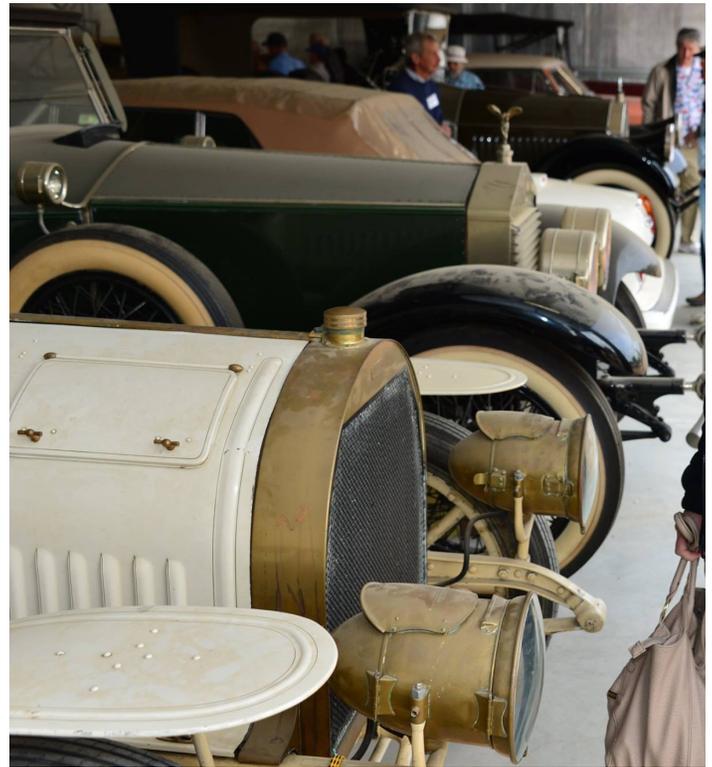
After the swap meet we got to see two private car collections owned by Lee and Junie Webb and John and Wanda Bakich. The great thing was they were on acreage side by side. The Webb collection was primarily Franklin automobiles...from every year of production, it seemed to me. The Bakich collection consisted of marques of many makers such as Buick, Hudson, Rolls Royce, Pierce Arrow, and so on from the early 1900s and forward.



Even the attendees are colorful. Check out this guy!



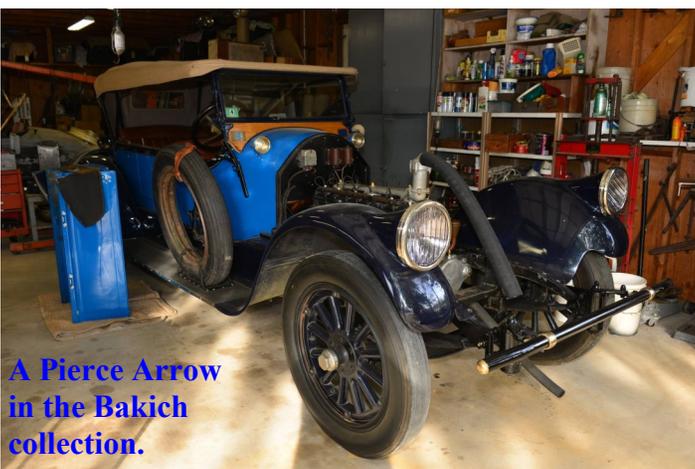
Three Franklins from the Webb collection. They even have an early barrel nose Franklin being restored. Awesome!



More beautiful automobiles in the Bakich collection.



More Webb collection Franklins from later years.



A Pierce Arrow in the Bakich collection.

After touring these collections we were invited to the Webb home for a catered taco dinner and ice cream cones for dessert. At dinner I sat next to Willy Vinton, Museum Director for the Fairbanks Antique Auto Museum in Fairbanks, Alaska. I asked him if he remembered the young couple that drove a Model T Speedster with teardrop trailer all the way to Fairbanks and beyond. He certainly remembered you, Matt Ryan, and we got to share your adventure with the rest of the guests at the table.

My thanks to my brother Bob and his wife, Helen, for taking me on this wonderful adventure. Thank you Don Lottes for your amazing photos. Thanks to the Webbs and Bakichs for allowing all of us to see your wonderful auto collections. And, thanks for opening your home for the taco dinner for 70 or more folks, Lee and Junie Webb, host and hostess of the year!!!!

Ed. Note: A week after the swap meet, the Webb's daughter and son-in-law welcomed a 9 lb. baby boy, Benjamin, who needed open heart surgery right after birth. Baby Ben, as of this writing, is gaining each day. He is a handsome baby boy and can use prayers for healing. Thank you.



Bolt's Antique Tool Museum Presents: "Franklin Air-cooled Automobiles" Bill Charpier, Speaker

By: Sue Hill



Garry Gunderson, Bolt Museum Docent, and Franklin speaker, Bill Charpier, member of the NCRG and H.H. Franklin Club.

On a beautiful spring day, April 15, 2017, a group of us from the Sacramento area traveled to Oroville to listen to NCRG Board Member Bill Charpier give a presentation on the Franklin automobile. He and his wife, Jan, brought their beautiful 1922 Franklin Series 22 for display. It sat outside the museum's front doors for everyone to see. What a beautiful car indeed!

We were given a brief history on what got Bill interested in the Franklin automobile...as a young man he toured the Harrah Automobile Collection and saw some 70 Franklins, most all years and models. Bill Harrah loved the Franklin cars which is why he had so many of them. Bill Charpier is starting on his collection...he now has three of them.

Franklins were produced for 33 years; 1902 to 1934 and some 150,000 cars were built. In contrast, Henry Ford built 15 million Model Ts in 19 years time. We learned how rare Franklins are. Some 3,700 have survived.

We learned that Franklin was first in many innovations such as: efficient air cooling, popular in cold climates as water freezing was not an issue, popular in hot climates as there was no water to boil, plus many more innovations. One that struck my fancy was the **closed body** cars in 1913. Important for we ladies who don't like the cold or have our hats and clothing blown to smithereens.

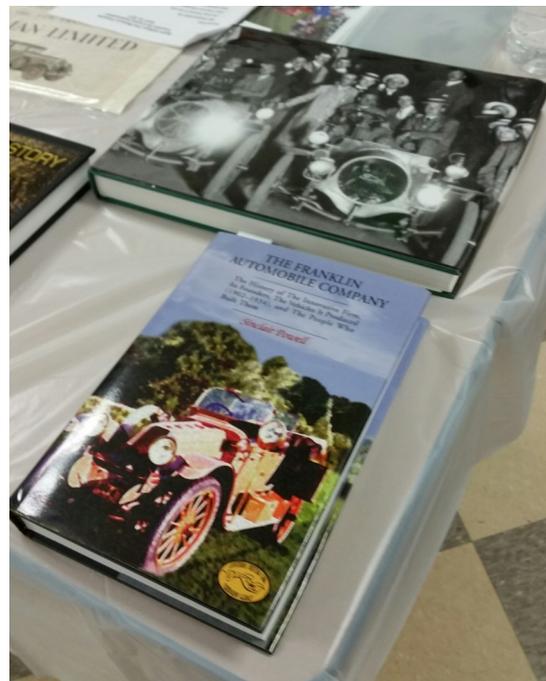
Franklin was first to produce a 4-cylinder automobile in 1902; in 1905, 6-cylinder engines were built;

and in 1932 through 1934, Franklin produced V-12 engines.

The air-cooled systems were unique; some were down-draft and some were side-draft. In the photo you can determine by the "fins" which system is which.



Franklins evolved over the 33 years from the early "barrel-nose" front ends to the "shovel-nose" and then they began to look like most boxy looking cars with a lion mascot (hood ornament) and eventually a pretend radiator cap welded onto the hood of the car to blend in with all the others on the road.



Barrel-nose front end.

Shovel-nose front end.



Sadly, like many automobile manufacturers, Franklin's demise was due to the economic downturn of the economy in the 1930s. One great thing is that 85% of the original drawings survive and are available to H. H. Franklin Club members.

We learned what happened to the company after its demise. We also learned of the notables who owned Franklins. And, we learned where we could see Franklin automobiles in the various museums in the USA...including our own California Auto Museum.

After answering our questions, we then went outside to see the Franklin and asked more questions such as, "Where is the dip stick?" Trust me, in the model on display, it was not easy to find.

Many of the NCRGers and guests then headed to the casino for their buffet lunch and our usual gab session.

Thank you Bill and Jan for sharing your beautiful Franklin with the museum's audience. Well done!



Internet photo,
Bing Images



MESSAGE FROM WEBMASTER THOMAS ROUSH

There were 2,500 views of the website during April.

MESSAGE FROM EDUCATION CHAIR FRANK SQUIRE

No set schedule, but I plan to go to Del Dayo Elementary School the last week of school again this year for the 1st through 5th grades with the old cars.

Frank also noted that they will leave Reno (been there most of the year) on June 1 and will be going on vacation for a month starting on the 11th—WORK and Lincoln Highway/Jefferson Highway tours. He is trying to figure in FieldHaven on an already full weekend.

Frank and Diana have been in Reno helping their family with a new baby and grandchildren.

Work Continues on the Matt Ryan Ford



Doing the work himself, Matt said he “glued and screwed and bolted the warped wood down with t-nuts.”



After adding new paneling to the top, he added foam scrim and upholstery material. Looks mighty fine, Matt.

AT LONG LAST, THE HOPKINS' 1929 HUDSON HAS ITS BODY BACK ON!



Bob lines up the bolt holes as the “muscle guys” Tom Moore, Mike Huff and Ralph Brown look on.



OK guys, let's move it some more so the holes line up.



Thanks for your help, guys. It looks great!



A Blast from the Past

From The Brass Nuts, December 1978

“COULDN'T PROVE IT BY ME”

Bob Hopkins heard on the Johnny Carson Show that the movie “Ishi” in which some of our local “characters” took part, will be shown on Channel 3 as the Wednesday Night Movie from 9:00 to 11:00 p.m., December 20, 1978. *Ed. Note: Bob Hopkins driving his 1912 Buick was in that movie...a street scene driving across a Sacramento street in the rain. You had to look fast!!!*

George and Fran Sherman have two new granddaughters. No, they are not twins but are from two different families.

Friends and relatives were present at a baby shower for **Helen Hopkins**. The **Hopkins'** are hoping for a 1978 tax deduction.

John Ambrose, a long-time member of this club, is planning on retiring two years hence. **John** is a dependable worker and does a lot of things for the good of this club so we hope that he will be able to have time to work on that beautiful unrestored car he has in his garage. Did you know that **John** has brand new rings for Packards still in the box? That is where **Don Lines** got the rings for his 1937 Packard.

Ed Monson is retiring from McClellan Field next month. Ed has a 1914(?) Hupmobile that needs attention so he will have no time hanging heavy on his hands.

Did you see lights bobbing about and hear hammering noises about midnight of October 13? Well, that was **Jim Ryan** putting a new gasket in the Model T so they could travel in it the next day. That is what is called dedication. I'd have taken modern iron.

I know so little about this that I shouldn't even mention it but did hear that **Jean Mitchell** sold the Chalmers to a man in Salt Lake City (?). **Shorty Tompkins** delivered the car and got caught in a snowstorm. 'Taint funny Magee!

Have you seen the cute little Metz that **Lyle and Ella Cassady** recently acquired?

Kicking the tires brought back memories of other Metz and old times in this club. Remember the air horn on the **Walden's** Metz and how surprised people were to hear such a loud horn noise coming from such a little car—and how we used to tease **Wayne Nichols** about having bugs in his teeth after having gone on a trip in his little Metz. I think some people even called these cars a “Mess.” All in fun, of course.

Gil Machado

From The Brass Nuts, July 1978

FLATLAND HILLBILLY TOUR

We were asked to give our impressions on our first big adventure with the Horseless Carriage Club. Our 7 year old came home from school on Monday with his account of the weekend: *By: Joe Ryan. I went to San Andreas on an old car tour. I had fun there. I got to go swimming every day. I liked it. I rode with Bob Campbell. He has a train whistle on his car. There was a bull in the middle of the road. There was a red car behind us. It didn't have a horn on it.*

Lee and Sandy Wise did a top-notch job of setting up and coordinating all facets of the tour. Food and lodging were first class; activities, entertainment and gifts were well planned and thoroughly enjoyed. An extra bonus was the perfect weather, but most of all the tour for us was the people!

We have joined a group of people who share an enthusiasm for a pioneering era. Our nostalgia was heightened wearing antique clothes and driving down an old single lane road—we could experience yesterday's thrills today. We loved seeing the horseless carriages stretched out in front and behind as far as we could see. And the appreciation for our grit and the vehicles we drove reflected in the faces of the people we passed added special excitement.

Jim says driving our “T” is almost as much challenge as riding his mule (what with loose fans, broken oil petcocks, loose wheels, etc.) It was superb fun—and we're ready to go again!

By: Kathy, Jim, Joe and Clay Ryan



HCCA NATIONAL NEWS



To: Regional Groups (RG) and Affiliated Registries (AR) Contacts and Others
Re: 2017 HCCA Officers, Function Groups and Committee Assignments
Issue: 2017-04-03#03

2017 HCCA Board of Directors - March

HCCA - 2017 Officers ...

Chairman –	Carl Pate
President –	Chris Paulsen
Vice President –	Bob Ladd
Treasurer –	Steve Cook
Secretary –	Don Plumb

HCCA- 2017 Function Groups and Committee Assignments

1. **Finance** – Steve Cook/Chairperson

Ways and Means - Don Rising, Steve Cook
Investment Committee – Bruce MacMillian, Alex Huppe', Steve Cook, Don Plumb
Revenue (advertisement / other) – Steve Renaldo, Steve Cook

2. **Activities** – Ron Rising / Chairperson

2018 National Convention / Annual Meeting–Bob Ladd
2018 Board Nominations– Don Plumb /OR, Chris Paulsen /KS, Ralph Tolman /GA, Skip Carpenter /MA
2018 Roster – Ralph Tolman, Herb Singe Jr, John Littlefield, Steve Renaldo
National Tours - Don Rising ... Herb Singe Jr, John Littlefield, Steve Rinaldo
Hershey Tent - Bob Ladd ... Jay Simpson, Steve Cook, Gerry Chase
Education- Bob Ladd ... Chair
Public Education - Ralph Tolman, Bob Ladd
HCEI Liaison - Don Rising
HC Foundation Library Liaison – John Littlefield
Merchandising –John Littlefield ... Chair
East – John Littlefield, Jay Simpson, Ralph Tolman, Karl Darby
West – Don Plumb, Keene Brewer, Sharon Gooding

3. **Regional Groups and Registries**–Alex Huppe / Chairperson

New Member Development– John Littlefield ... Chris Paulsen, Herb Singe Jr, Don Plumb
Communication / Relationship / Support–Alex Huppe' ... Bob Ladd,
Publications / Newsletters and Web Sites–Alex Huppe' ... Don Plumb, Steve Cook
Award Programs –Alex Huppe', Gil Klecan

4. **Communication**–Bob Ladd / Chairperson

Horseless Carriage Gazette –Alex Huppe', Don Plumb, Keene Brewer, *John Meyer (Editor)*, Marilyn Balduff, Alan Clendenen, Sharon Gooding, Chris Gorman, Cathy Gunther, Tom Gunther, Wynn Harter, Dikk Jones, Janis Jones, Bob Knaak, Red Ladner, John Manifor, Robert Ricewasser, Bobbie'dine Rodda, Larry Smith, Michael Sullivan, Robb Stewart

Non-Gazette Publications (HCCA National News / email Notices)– Bob Ladd ... Herb Singe Jr, Steve Cook
Publicity & Advertising – Bob Ladd, Alex Huppe'
Internet/Website - Steve Cook, Chris Paulsen, Jay Simpson, Brad Balduff(*Webmaster*)

5. **Governance** - Skip Carpenter / Chairperson

By Laws/Director's Handbook - Herb Singe Jr
Parliamentarian - Skip Carpenter
Insurance -Carl Pate ... Herb Singe Jr, Ralph Tolman
Office Oversight/ Conference Calls– Bob Ladd, Chris Paulsen, Jay Simpson, Sharon Gooding (*Executive Secretary*)
Historian - Herb Singe Jr ...

6. **Long Range Planning**–Carl Pate/ Chairperson

Members–Carl Pate, Chris Paulsen, Bob Ladd, Skip Carpenter, Steve Cook, Don Plumb

Footnotes:

HCCA Board Associates / *Italicized Text*...
 They do not vote;
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*Share, Educate and Pass It On...
 Family of Friends*

Carlton Pate / anpcop@aol.com

HCCA National Chairman of Board

Fashion Page



I found these vintage photos on Bing Images on the Internet. They depict clothing of the early 1900s. The photo above shows men's as well as a young boy's clothing; always more difficult to find. The hats are many and varied. The fashions are period correct which enables you to put together the period perfect garments to match your antique automobile.

The photo at left shows girls of all ages and one can gain a perspective of early 1900s clothing as well. High button shoes are revealed and leggings. Ribbons were predominant for young women...check out the bow on the gal in white on the far right.
Ed.



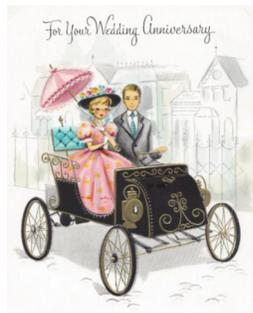
MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Milt Webb
- 09 Jack Maye
- 11 Chris Roberts
- 16 Wilma Hren
- 17 Pon Woodruff
- 25 Dick Lawrence
- 31 Sandy Maye



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 03 Carolyn McGregor
- 06 George Sherman
- 07 Leta Nichols
- 09 Bob Hopkins, Jr.
- 28 Clifford Hyatt



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Christopher and Jennifer Roberts
- 12 Patrick and Kaela Hopkins
- 15 Lew and Debra Dobbins
- 20 Ed and Elaine Rose
- 24 John and Leta Nichols
- 29 Steve and Blanche Gordon

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 05 Don and Ralene Luis
- 11 Cliff and Norma Hyatt
- 15 Frank and Diana Squire
- 17 Roger and Edna Mitchell
- 26 George and Fran Sherman
- 28 Tom and Georgiann Rohrer
- 29 Milt and Dorothy Webb



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

After attending a few of our club meetings, Don and Ralene Luis have joined our organization. They have been members in the past of the Bay Area HCCA. They have moved to the foothills of Northern California and are restoring a 1915 White which is nearly complete. Please add their names to your roster.

Don and Ralene Luis

Welcome aboard from all of us in the NCRG!!!



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





**Northern California
Regional Group of the
Horseless Carriage Club of
America
General Meeting Minutes
Stephanie Mozell, Secretary
April 20, 2017**

Call to order 7:10 P.M.

Guests: None present but President Garry Gunderson welcomed our new members Don and Ralene Luis. They have a 1915 White touring car. Their relatives were members of the HCCA many years ago. Don and Ralene were in the Bay Area Regional Group of the HCCA for many years.

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

Reading of General Meeting Minutes, March 16, 2017. Motion to approve as printed in The Brass Nuts: Moved: Gordon McGregor; Seconded: Dave Pava; Action: carried.

Commendations:

-Thanks to Garry Gunderson for inviting us to the Bolt's Antique Tool Museum's Saturday Presentations in March and April; The Mountain Man by Dude Green and Franklin's Air Cooled Automobiles by Bill Charpier. President Garry Gunderson presented Bill Charpier a plaque of appreciation for his excellent presentation.

-Thanks to the Hrens and McGregors for tonight's refreshments.



Pres. Garry Gunderson presents Bill Charpier with a Certificate of Appreciation for his Franklin presentation.

Treasurer's Report: Jan Charpier discussed incoming and outgoing funds. We are solvent.

Communications:

-Anything come in? No report

New Business:

Due to specificity issues pertaining to where the donation was to go, Sue Hill moved to rescind the motion of the \$100 donation to the Shriners Hospital for Children. Second: Gordon McGregor.

Discussion: There was discussion by Sue Hill to keep the donation in the Northern California Shriners Hospital for Children's transportation fund. Action: Carried. The March 16, 2017, motion was rescinded. A new motion was made by Sue Hill for a \$100 club donation to go to the Northern California Shriners Hospital for Children-Transportation Fund. Second: Ed Rose. Discussion: Roger Mitchell discussed that the Shriners provide a great service to the children. Every penny counts. Action: Carried.

Unfinished Business:

-Progress regarding the receipt of tour book information from members – Bob Hopkins, Jr. Bob made a request to send him basic information of tour, date and who has the tour file. If you have a tour by another club that would be great providing it is local. -Stephanie Mozell brought in 2 DVDs of a 17 minute film from a circa 1960's tour of the NCRG. Gordon McGregor has the original 16mm film back and 1 of the DVDs. Stephanie Mozell has the other. If anyone wants to check them out please contact either person. Gordon suggested that the next one we copy is the 1955 – Clearlake Tour.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tour and Safety – Bob Hopkins

April 22 – *Welding Class*, Sierra College, Joe Ticer encouraged anyone who wanted to bring their cars were welcome to do so.

April 22 – *Cruising for Kid's Sake*, Benefit Car Show, Shriners at Lowe's on Greenback. Ed Rose Reminded people that it was \$20 entry fee or toy donation.

May 20 – *Ford Model T* – Ed Rose, Bolt's Antique Tool Museum – Garry Gunderson

May 21 – *Poor Red's Lunch Tour*, Multi-club Tour, David and Patricia Pava. Dave is still taking reservations. Please contact him.



Meeting minutes cont'd.

May 27 – *Chrome, Nickel and Brass on the Grass*, Roger Mitchell stated due to uncontrolled circumstances the event has been cancelled,
 June 10 – *Classics, Cats and Cabernet*—Lew Dobbins encouraged club members to come. That if they needed to leave before dark that would not be a problem.
 June 17 – *Edsel Automobiles*, Garry Gunderson, Bolt Tool Museum
 July 16 – *Collector Car Appreciation Day-Garage Tour and Panda Extravaganza*, Sue Hill and the Mayes are still making preparations.
 July 15 – *The Iron Workers Tradition*, Rick Hook, Bolt's Antique Tool Museum, Garry Gunderson
 July 27-30 – *Ryan Ramble in Pt. Reyes area*, NCRG and the Ryan Family are still taking reservations. The RV Park fee has gone up due to the date has passed for signing up. Check with the RV Park for any sites available.
 August – *Volunteer Needed*

Swap Meet—Bill Charpier and Stephanie Mozell-- Bill asked the individual groups to contact their leaders to answer any questions on the Swap Meet.

Education: Frank Squire
 No report given.

Editor: Sue Hill
 President's message, meeting minutes, flyers and stories due to Editor by April 26.

Webmaster: Thomas Roush
 No report given.

Sunshine Report: Elaine Rose
 No report given. Leta stated that Madeleine was back home.

Membership: Kathy Ryan New members Don and Ralene Luis have joined the NCRG.

History and Publicity: Sandy Maye
 Swap Meet notices and the club meeting notice was published in *The Bee*

April Display: Show and Tell
 No program tonight.

May Display: Show and Tell or Swap Meet finds.

Good of the Order:

-Gordon McGregor announced that the Ironstone Winery will have the Concourse featuring the Nash car. There will be 23 Nash cars there. It is the 100 year celebration of the Nash automobile. It is September 23rd.
 -A request for information about parts for an American Underslung was made via the Website. If anyone has information about parts, please contact Tom Roush.
 -Ray Hren announced a Hill Climb adventure, April 29th in the Auburn area. Ford models T's and A's are invited. Contact Ray if you have any questions.
 -Kathy Ryan announced that Clay and Matt Ryan are on their third attempt to climb Mount Shasta, weather permitting.
 -Robin Pharis discussed a Santa Clara Speedster run in the Hollister/Petaluma area on June 10th and 11th. This is for a 1927 or earlier speedster. Call Robin for more information.

Next Board Meeting: At the swap meet April 30, 2017

Next General Meeting: May18, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Next Refreshment Committee: RC Pharis and Nichols

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by: Gordon McGregor; Seconded by: Bill Charpier; Adjourned: 8:00 pm.





**May 20, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.
Bolt's Antique Tool Museum Presents
Ed Rose and the "Model T Ford Automobile"**



The "Model T" had a tremendous impact on the daily lives of early 20th century Americans. It completed the transition of automobiles from being "playthings for the rich" to becoming an affordable and durable daily convenience for the average citizen. Mr. Rose will discuss what made the Model T so successful (and still interests collectors today), while other car designs came and went without any lasting impact. Ed is often seen dressed like one of the Keystone Cops and with his wife Elaine, driving their 1913 Model T Touring (named Rosie) in support of Shriners Hospitals and many other charity events. Don't miss the chance to see this automotive legend up close and learn what made it special. Come join us on the 3rd Saturday of May for another great presentation!

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Invites Mother Lode Model T Club and NorCal HCCA to:

POOR REDS LUNCH TOUR – SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017

We will meet in the Cameron Park Safeway Parking Lot at 10 AM for a 10:15 departure.
Cameron Park Drive Exit - South off 50 – Restrooms and Trailer Parking Available

There will be a 20 mile back road to tour to lunch – and an optional stop after lunch.

No cost other than what you order from their full menu - with separate checks.



It is important that you let me know if you are coming so there will be enough seating. If you arrive without an RSVP you will be the last to be seated and only on a space available basis.





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For those who have never attended, this is a fantastic way to spend a summer evening. Food, fun, raffles, auctions, etc....and it is FREE (two admissions) to those who show a car or wooden boat or even a cute old travel trailer.

I am wrangling the cars and boats again this year. Each car or boat etc. that you bring comes with 2 free admission tickets to the event. Bring a second classic vehicle and two more entry tickets are yours. There is zero cost or obligation to buy anything at the auction unless you wish to. And remember that this is a non-profit organization/event and your mileage and purchases are a donation when it comes to the IRS.

It is easier to register this year than ever before. Just RSVP to me with your name(s) and what vehicle(s) you wish to bring. And we will do the rest and register you.

We want the cars to show up between 3:00 and 3:45 in the afternoon. As in the past couple years, there will be a time around 7, before the auction starts, that we can get the cars out and on the road if you wish. With older cars, we do understand about weaker lights, etc.

Any questions, please call me or email me.

Lew Dobbins



10th Annual

Ryan Ramble 2017



Sebastopol, CA – July 27-30, 2017

- This year’s tour will be held along the CA coastline north of San Francisco. Beautiful scenery and historic sites will be featured.
- **June 1, 2017 DEADLINE** to register for this tour, so do not delay.
- Hotel rooms and RV options are blocked at the following lodging sites for the nights of July 27, 28, & 29 (check-out on July 30th). **Call to make a reservation under “Ryan Ramble.”**

Host Motel

Motel 6

1368 N McDowell Bl, Petaluma, CA
(707) 765-0333

Rooms are blocked under *Ryan Ramble*.
Cost for all 3 nights is \$390.24 including taxes.
No breakfasts, coffee and tea only in lobby.

Across the freeway from Host Motel - 1.6 miles away

Petaluma KOA RV Park

20 Ransville Rd, Petaluma, CA

(707) 763-1492 – Make “Ryan Ramble” reservation by Feb 28 - block releases March 1. This is a destination RV park for the Bay Area. Their prices are high - \$68 for Thursday night, and \$80 for Friday and Saturday nights + taxes for 30 amp, additional \$3 per night for 50 amp.

Reserve Your Hotel Room/RV site ASAP!!!

Reserving your spot on the tour DOES NOT reserve your lodging,
and reserving your lodging DOES NOT reserve your spot on the tour,
so **BE SURE to do both.**

Send in this reservation form w/check by June 1, 2017

Reservations at: Motel RV Park

Driver's Name _____ Passenger's Name(s) _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____ Email _____

Registered owner of car _____ Club affiliation _____

Registered year of car _____ Make _____ Body _____

Insurance Carrier _____ Policy Number _____

Tour Fees:

Car and driver, *plus one passenger*: \$150.00 \$ _____

Additional Passengers: # _____ @ \$65.00 each \$ _____

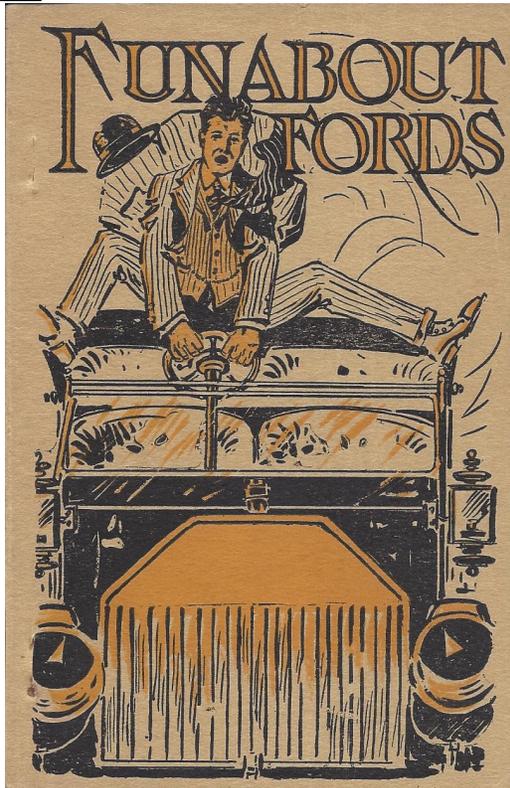
Children under 12 years: # _____ @ \$10 each \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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A man rushed into a farm yard and asked the use of a ladder. "What do you want the ladder for?" asked the farmer.

"Why my Ford is up in a tree, down the road."

"Up in a tree! Are you crazy! How in the world did your Ford get up in a tree?"

"Well, you see, I was cranking it and the darned thing slipped out of my hands."

On a cold morning recently a small boy stood intently watching a man drawing a blanket over the hood of his machine. When the operation was completed, the boy said: "It's no use mister, you can't fool anybody; anyone can tell it's a Ford."

A new city ordinance in one city provides that Fords be allowed to run on the sidewalks so automobiles won't hit them.

The Ford broke down and the driver "got out and got under." After waiting several minutes one of the occupants leaned over the side of the car and shouted: "What are you doing? Milking it?"

Did you know that in Iowa they have to paint all the Fords red?"

"How is that?"

"Because of a new state law requiring all tin cans containing gasoline to be of that color."

"I understand the wheel-base of the Ford is to be made smaller."

"I'll bite, Why is the wheel-base of the Ford to be made smaller?"

"So it will be possible to get all the them on the boulevards."

"Can I sell you a speedometer?"

"I don't need one. When my Ford is running five miles an hour, the fender rattles; twelve miles an hour, my teeth rattle; and fifteen miles an hour the transmission drops out."

In a large garage a man wagered with the owner that he could name any machine merely by the sound of the engine. An attendant was instructed to crank the different machines, the boastful one was blindfolded, and the test began.

"Overland," he called for the first one. "Correct," said the owner; "try the next one." "Studebaker." "Right-o! Crank another." Just then a load of coal was shot into the alley from a wagon. "Ford." said the guesser.

A thrifty housewife saved all of her empty cans and, after a quantity had accumulated, shipped them to Detroit. After a few weeks she was delighted to receive the following letter:

"Dear Madam: In accordance with your instructions we have made up and are shipping you today one Ford. We are also returning eight cans which were left over."

Thanks to Bob Hopkins, Jr., for sharing this book with us: Fun about Fords, published 1915



Philosophy 101

As we grow older and wiser we realize a \$300 or \$30 watch - - - they both tell the same time.

Whether we carry a \$300 or \$30 wallet/handbag - - - the amount of money inside is the same.

Whether we drink a bottle of \$300 or \$30 or \$3 wine - - - the hangover is the same.

Whether the house we live in is 300 or 3,000 or 30,000 sq. ft. - - - the loneliness is the same.

Whether we fly first or economy class, if the plane goes down - - - we go down with it.

Whether we fly first or economy class, if the plane reaches its destination - - everyone arrives at the same time.

Therefore . . . we should realize that when we have mates, buddies and old friends, brothers and sisters, with whom we can chat, laugh, talk, sing, talk about north-south-east-west or heaven and earth -- that is true happiness!

Six Undeniable Facts of Life:

1. Don't educate your children to be rich. Educate them to be happy, so when they grow up they will know the value of things, not the price.
2. Best wise words: "Eat your food as your medicines. Otherwise you have to eat medicines as your food."
3. The one who loves you will never leave you because, even if there are 100 reasons to give up, he or she will find one reason to hold on.
4. There is a big difference between a human being and being human. Only a few folks really understand that.
5. You are loved when you are born. You will be loved when you die. In between, you have to manage!
6. If you just want to walk fast, walk alone; but, if you want to walk far, walk together!

Thanks to Frank Squire for these gems.

Time for a clear, serious grammar lesson...No English dictionary has been able to adequately explain the difference between these two words. In a recent linguistic competition held in London and attended by, supposedly, the best in the world, Samdar Balgobin, a Guyanese man, was the clear winner with a standing ovation which lasted over five minutes.

The final question was: 'How do you explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED in a way that is easy to understand?' Some people say there is no difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED.

Here is his astute answer:

When you marry the right woman, you are COMPLETE. When you marry the wrong woman, you are FINISHED. And when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are COMPLETELY FINISHED!!!

He won a trip around the world and a case of 25 year old Scotch!

Thanks to Frank Squire for this grammar lesson!!!

Reminders...

Register now for Classics, Cats and Cabernet Wooden Boat and Car Show. See flyer for details

May 18 Deadline to sign up for Poor Red's Lunch Tour

May 19-20 Farm and Tractor Days, Rio Linda

May 20 Ford Model T, Ed Rose, Bolt's Antique Tool Museum

May 21 Poor Red's Lunch Tour

May 31 Send your tour book list to Bob Hopkins by May 31.

June 1 Deadline to sign up for the Ryan Ramble

June 10 Classics, Cats and Cabernet Wooden Boat and Car Show



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