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The mission and purpose of the Northern California Regional Group of the Horseless Carriage Club of America is to bring together people interested in the preservation of antique and vintage vehicles and their accessories, to preserve and maintain antique and vintage vehicles, and to serve as an accurate and technical source of information concerning the vehicles for the benefit of the members and the general public. We value and enjoy sharing our cars and their history through public educational events.

THE HORSELESS CARRIAGE CLUB OF **AMERICA**

The Horseless Carriage Club of America is a international association of people nonprofit 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 (no meeting in December) at the Sacramento Sewer District Office Board Room, 5026 Don Julio Boulevard, Sacramento, California.

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President's Message:

On behalf of all of our club members, I wish to thank Diana Squire for volunteering to be the new editor for the newsletter. Thanks also to Sue Hill for well over 20 years of service as editor and for her



willingness to provide training and guidance to Diana. Our "Brass Nuts" newsletter is critical to the health and well being of NCRG. Thank You Both!

The hot weather didn't keep members and guests from attending the July meeting with all board members in attendance, great food and a full room. Bob Hopkins gave a very interesting talk about the evolution of semiconductors from transistors to integrated circuits.

Kudos to David & Patricia Pava for another great tour, BBQ and ice cream social.

Many members are now looking forward to the Ryan Ramble to Lake Oroville/Paradise, CA, August 9-12, 2018.

There are still lots of nice days to come so crank up the old motor and have some fun!

Garry



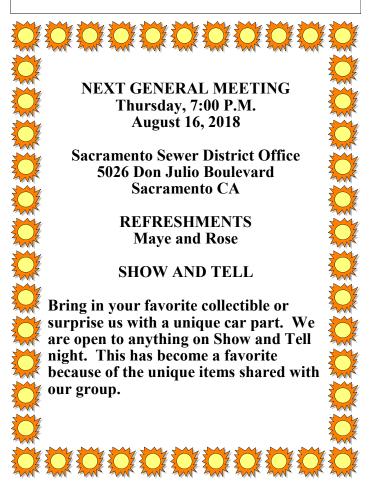
Editor's Message:

Opportunities come knocking, my husband says. This time I answered the door and am embarking on

a new adventure, newsletter editor.

Join me as I travel down this road; learning new things, meeting new people, greeting old friends, seeing new sights, and sharing the fun and frustration of antique car ownership. I am lucky to have a good GPS system in Sue Hill and the wonderful people in the club. Kim Malone (mailing) and Kathy Ryan (printing) are part of the team, too. I know that I'll have lots of support (even a trouble truck to put me back on the road) with articles, tour and event information, and other interesting tidbits flowing in. My goal is for all of us to look forward to reading about topics of interest and all of those "other" opportunities!







NCRG HCCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(NOTE: NCRG sponsored events are in bold print)

2018

August

9-12 Ryan Ramble, Matt Ryan and Kathy Ryan 16 General Meeting

September

20 General Meeting

October

- 6 Steam Train Ride, Rancho Cordova, Chris and Jennifer Roberts
- 13 Rio Linda Fire Truck #2 Restoration Fundraiser Dinner, Rio Linda, CA, 5PM, Roger Mitchell
- 18 General Meeting
- ?? NCRG Board Meeting, Gordon McGregor

November

04 Gymkhana

15 General Meeting

December

16 Holiday Light Tour and Progressive Dinner

Take a Ride to the OLDE COLOMA THEATRE

380 Monument Road Coloma, CA

To see our very own

Terry Malone as the Curmudgeon in

"The Daring Debut of The Day's End Darlings" or "The Dangers of Women"

August 10 - September 16

Show Times: every Friday and Saturday 8pm and Sunday at 2pm

 $\stackrel{\textstyle <}{\scriptstyle \sim}$ Tickets \$13, kids under 12 \$5 and age 55+ \$10

Reservations 530-626-5282

Melodramas are FUN!!!!!!

SWAP MEETS, OTHER REGIONAL CLUB HAPPENINGS AND NATIONAL EVENTS:

2018

August 18 — Rod Hisken & Fabulous Ford Tractors, Bolt's Antique Tool Museum, Oroville, CA. 10 am

August 19 — Joe McBride Memorial Car Show, Hot August Sunday, 6201 Watt Ave., North Highlands, behind the church, 12 Noon-3pm, \$20 entrance fee, contact (916)-903-3128.

September 23-28—**Harvest Tour,** Plymouth, CA, Gateway to the Shenandoah Valley. Limited to 50 pre-1916 cars only. Contact: Joe or Rae Anino 916-635-0486 or Aaron or Kris Benzow 209-296-3826 or Harvesttour@gmail.com

Every Saturday—Cars and Coffee, 7 am to 10 am, car show at the Palladio Shopping Plaza, Folsom

Every Wednesday through October—Cappuccino Cruisers, 4 pm to 9 pm, car show at Denny's, Riley Street. Folsom

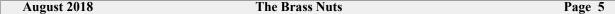
Second Tuesday through September—Orangevale Dairy Queen, 6 pm to 8 pm, car show, Orangevale

2019

February 15-21—HCCA 2019 HCCA Convention, Tampa to Havana Adventure. See *HCCA National News* in this issue for details.

May 19-23—NEVNET 2019 Nickel-Era Registry Tour, Minden, Nevada. There is only room for 40 cars. If you are interested in attending this tour, please send a non-refundable \$50 deposit payable to; Nickel Era Touring Registry 2019 and mail to John Manifor 1643 Agave Ave. La Habra, CA 90631 email: manifor@aol.com

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







2018 Model T Ford Club of America (MTFCA) National Tour

Redwood Trees to Pacific Seas
June 3—June 8, 2018
Hosted by
The Redwood Empire Model-T Club

Written by Cindy Pharis

Robin and I had the pleasure of attending the 2018 MTFCA National Tour, June 3-8, 2018. This year the tour was hosted by the Redwood Empire Model-T Club (REMTC) at the Doubletree Hotel in the beautiful town of Rohnert Park, California. The tour started on Sunday, June 3 where we were welcomed to a social hour, welcome party dinner, and raffle. I won a beautiful hat box full of goodies, including a vintage mesh purse. (I can't wait to show Sue!)

Monday, June 4, Happy cows Tour (122.7 miles): We traveled along Tomales Bay through the small town of Point Reyes Station, ate lunch at Drakes Bay (very windy and chilly) and visited Bear Valley visitors center. The return route included a drive through Petaluma, then yummy root beer floats at the home of Steve and Jeane Nelson in Petaluma. It was a great day for touring, the scenery was beautiful and the sun was shining all day!

Tuesday, June 5, Alexander Valley Tour (95.2 miles): The morning route took us through the town of Santa Rosa and through Larkfield, Wikiup and Geyserville. We stopped at the Francis Ford Coppola Winery where we had a nice lunch by the beautiful outdoor pool. The winery includes a Movie Gallery, displaying a vast collection of authentic movie memorabilia, including several Academy Awards and the original 1948 Tucker automobile from the movie Tucker. After lunch we stopped at the Korbel Winery where we tasted a few sparkling wines, and continued to the Armstrong Redwoods State Natural Reserve for a beautiful top-down drive through the Sonoma Coast Sequoia Redwoods. Alicia, Charlotte and Evelyn joined us for the drive today and later that day Charlotte kept asking to go back to the "forest!" It was a great drive, we loved the scenery and the weather was warm and sunny!

Wednesday, June 6, Old California Tour (65.4 miles): It was an easy drive through the scenic Sonoma Valley towards the town of Sonoma to our destination of Sonoma Plaza where we spent the day relaxing at the Plaza, having lunch, shopping and playing in the park with Alicia, Charlotte and Evelyn (who again joined us for the day). There was an afternoon stop at Jack London State Park, however, we opted to skip the Park and headed back to Rohnert Park for a chance to tinker on the car and visit with friends back at the Doubletree Hotel where we parked our car each night.

Thursday, June 7, Redwood Coast Tour (106.2 miles): Today was a beautiful drive through the towns of Sebastopol, Monte Rio, and Occidental towards the coast. We traveled along Hwy 1 (The Pacific Coast Hwy) to Fort Ross where we stopped to tour the Fort and have lunch. It was a chilly day on the coast, sunny and windy, but no fog! The afternoon drive took us to Bodega Bay, and to the town of Bodega. We stopped at Bodega Bay to purchase fresh clam chowder soup, and then headed back inland through beautiful green countryside abundant with vineyards and apple orchards. We returned to the Doubletree safely and enjoyed another evening visiting with friends.

June 8, Sturgeon's Mill Tour (49.8 miles): On our final day of touring, we visited one of the last operating steam sawmills in California. The sawmill first started in 1914 and operates for the public 4 times a year. We were treated to a guided tour of the sawmill operation and then a wonderful barbeque lunch under the many shade trees. Upon return we prepared for the evening event; a final dinner banquet at the Doubletree Hotel and an opportunity to reminisce with friends about the great week of touring in our Model T's.



It was obvious that the REMTC club members worked very hard planning and orchestrating this weeklong tour, they did a great job and we had a great time! It was an opportunity to meet new friends and reacquaint with many others who we have toured with in the past, all of whom share our love of the antique car hobby. Thank you REMTC!



Robin and Cindy bundled up on the tour to the Coast. Note the NCRG jacket!



Our travel buddies: Alicia, Evelyn (Evie) and Charlotte.



Charlotte and Evie are ready to drive Papa's Model-T.



Pava Tour BBQ and Ice Cream Social

By David Pava

Approximately 50 people attended the Pava's annual antique car tour, barbecue and ice cream social on Sunday, July 8th. Clubs represented included the Bay Area and Northern CA chapters of the Horseless Carriage Club, the Sacramento and Mother Lode (Auburn) chapters of the Model T Club of America, the Hangtown A's and the Pacific Packard Classics.

About 20 antique cars (plus a few people in modern cars) gathered at the Cameron Park

Safeway for a 10:30 departure. Our tour route of nearly 50 miles included miles of rural, lightly traveled single lane roads. At one point we crossed a flowing creek without the benefit of a bridge. To the best of my knowledge no mechanical problems were encountered.



Weber Creek Crossing

By 12:30 most had arrived at our home where antique cars parked in the orchard and vineyard. Club members enjoyed cold beverages and socialized as a huge pot-luck lunch was assembled and the outdoor grill lit. Soon attendees were grilling hot dogs, sausages, hamburgers, shish-kabobs and more.



In the Back Yard

Ice cream with all the toppings followed. Bill Nixon, a longtime member of the Hangtown A's brought his Model T powered ice cream maker and churned out some home-made vanilla which was delicious. That was supplemented by two additional flavors provided by the Pava's.

Some guests had an interest in touring our backyard winery and were offered tastes of a few Pava wines.

Patricia and I hope those who were able to attend enjoyed themselves and invite all to attend next year.



"Grill Your Own"



Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club

49th Annual Endurance Run and Lowland Tour June 16-17, 2018

By Cindy Pharis

The Endurance run was created for those enthusiasts of early racing and Model T Speedsters. This is the second year that the Endurance Run was held in Hollister, California, and hosted by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club (SCVMTFC) at Tiffany Ford. Robin and grandson, Nolan Arinno, participated in the Endurance Run, along with Kevin and Alicia Pharis, and Matt Ryan and Maya Beneli. None were winners of the event this year; however, a good time was had by all!

I thought you might enjoy the following information that was printed in the official program provided by the SCVMTFC:

Types of Speedsters: The term speedster, first became popular when it was used by the Mercer Automobile Co. in 1910 to describe their new Raceabout model. This was a new low-to-the-ground chassis with a light weight body consisting of a powerful 4 cylinder engine, firewall, hood, lamps, fenders and two bucket seats, with the gas tank mounted behind the seats. The steering column was lowered to meet the low-set seats. The end result looked like a racecar of the period and was very sporty looking for normal road use. The trend was begun. A more familiar car to today's generation, and of the same design as the Mercer, was the Stutz Bearcat, produced in 1912 by Stutz Motor Co. Everyone admired the feats of Barney Oldfield on the race track and now they could fashionably emulate his daring escapades in a sporty fun way on the open road. Few, however, could afford these expensive new production machines and so the home built speedster was born. All one needed to do was to find an old derelict automobile, maybe damaged by accident or mechanically broken, or find an owner that no longer wanted to fight his cantankerous old machine. Buy it cheap, or better yet get if free! Now, remove the heavy old body, get it running good and drive it while sitting on the gas tank. Just changing the power-to-weight ratio made it go pretty fast. The next step, you move the gas tank back a ways, elevate it a bit so gas will feed to the carburetor, set a couple of bucket seats where the gas tank was (cut the two off the body), drop the steering column and you've got a speedster. That's the typical speedster of the teens and twenties. Personal taste dictates your end result. You want a sporty road car? Build or buy a racy body that suits your taste, leave the fenders in place, figure a way to lower the chassis, add special lamps, windshield, maybe even a fabric top. The only limit is what you think is "hot" or "the bees knees" and of course your pocketbook. You can add speed equipment, you can make it look more like the serious racing car by having less body and no fenders. Or, with a lot more money and creativity you can build from this derelict a serious and competitive racing car. Model T speedsters were the low budget hotrods and racecars of the teens and twenties. For a few bucks and with some innovation, a model T running gear could be transformed into a noisy and fairly fast machine. If you could afford nothing else, the Model T Ford offered an inexpensive yet durable and almost indestructible alternative. Derelict Model T's were becoming plentiful by the late teens and there were many readily available after-market parts that would not only enhance engine performance but modify almost any part of a Ford to your taste. Like all speedsters, Model T Ford speedsters are as unique as the individuals who built them. Henry never built a speedster for the general public.





Maya with baby Evie (Evelyn Pharis)





Matt & Maya with Evie.



Kevin, Nolan & Charlotte





Kevin & Alicia Pharis



Alicia & Charlotte Pharis with Dani McEachern & Rosie Barela. Matt Ryan & Kevin Pharis in the background.





AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 07 Archie Wright
- 16 Blanche Gordon and Ralene Luis
- 27 Paulette Snyders
- 28 Jim Ryan

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 13 Jenni Davis
- 17 Roger Mitchell and Don Luis
- 16 Chloe Roberts
- 18 Jan Charpier and Thomas Roush
- 23 Donna Jones



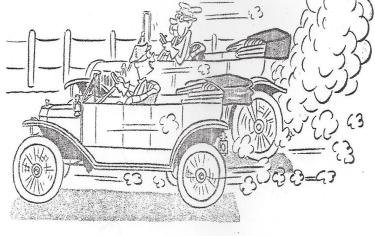
AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 05 Tony and Orene Savio
- 14 Ralph and Beckie Brown
- 20 Bill and Jan Charpier, Jr.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 02 Jim and Carole Snow
- 09 Mike and Pon Woodruff
- 10 Ed and Sue Tidwell







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

Random Act of Kindness

Carolyn McGregor sent in an update to their research and articles on their 1908 Rambler. Ann Krueger, the granddaughter of the Rambler's first owner has sent us the original bill of sale and the original registration document with the note: "After thinking about it for a while, I decided that these original documents should be with the car. I am sure they would be much safer there than tucked in a file folder in my desk!" We were ecstatic to receive them as we had not asked for them and were delighted with the copies she sent us. She truly is a very thoughtful and generous lady.





Northern California Regional Group of the Horseless Carriage Club of America General Meeting Minutes Stephanie Mozell, Secretary July 19, 2018

Call to order: 7:15 P.M.

Guests: Raul Cornejo (pronounced cor-neigh-ho). He has a Depot Hack 1922. He is from Orangevale. New members Will and Paulette Snyders were in attendance. They have a 28 Buick. They drove down from Penn Valley to attend the meeting. Thank you all for attending our meeting.

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. Thank you board members for a full house tonight.

Reading of General Meeting Minutes, June 21, 2018: Motion to approve as published in The Brass Nuts: Moved: Gordon McGregor; Seconded: Bob Hopkins Jr.; Discussion: none; Action: carried.

Commendations:

- -Thanks to Sue Hill for filling in as Secretary and doing The Brass Nuts for July. Great photos in the July Brass Nuts!
- -Thanks to Roger Mitchell and Roushes for tonight's refreshments
- Thanks to the Pavas for hosting the Annual Car Tour BBQ and Ice Cream Social. Multiple car club groups attended with a total of 50 people and 20 + cars.
- Thanks to Bob Hopkins, Jr., for presiding at the June meeting.
- Thanks to Kim Malone for stapling and mailing the Brass Nuts
- Thanks to Kathy Ryan for printing the Brass Nuts

Treasurer's Report: Jan Charpier stated we are solvent.

Communications: Minden, Nevada--Nickel-Era Tour, May 19-23, 2019. Contact manifor@aol.com. There is a limitation of age of the car; 1932 or older. The tour is limited to 40 cars.

New Business: None reported

Unfinished Business: None

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tour and Safety – Bob Hopkins stated he will order a first aid kit online. Michael Huff displayed one he bought online. Bob got other suggestions as to where to look. We'd like to have our kit for the Ryan Ramble.

Possible tour to the Henslers (Stephanie will contact Joe regarding this)

TBD - NCRG Dinner, Roger Mitchell. This item has been tabled indefinitely.

August 9 – 12 Ryan Ramble, Matt Ryan and Kathy Ryan

October 6 – Steam Train Ride, Ranch Cordova, Chris and Jennifer Roberts. Diana Squire will follow up with Roberts

Oct 13 – Fire Truck Restoration fundraiser start time 5:00pm; tickets \$20. More information to follow. Sue Frost will be a speaker at the event.

November 4 – Gymkhana, Ed Rose and Roger Mitchell. Needed clues for May, June and July. The mega clue for the missing months is as follows:

You are going to do something that fire personnel do in real life; outside and inside the vehicle. You will be shown how to do it and may have help if needed.

December 16 – Holiday Light Tour and Progressive Dinner

Swap Meet for April 28, 2019 The Sunrise Market Place does not allow Swap Meets. New venue needed. Possible venue at the Elks Lodge in Carmichael; needs investigating.

Education: Frank Squire reported that Ed Rose had a wonderful experience with 3 classes with his Model T. These were Middle class grades. More information will follow later.

Editor:

- -Our new Newsletter Editor is Diana Squire. Sue Hill helped with training Diana. Sue stated we are in good hands!
- -President's message, meeting minutes, flyers and stories due to the next Editor by July 25.

General Meeting Minutes Cont'd.

Webmaster: Thomas Roush reported 1,300 hits

Sunshine Report: Elaine Rose is under the weather after suffering from heat exhaustion. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Membership: Kathy Ryan via email passed along information on potential members.

History and Publicity: Sandy Maye – The meeting notice was in the *Bee.*

July Display: Show and Tell

-Garry Gunderson beat Bob Hopkins for the first

display.



Garry showed this huge spark plug that was a radio in disguise. The radio worked. Bob is a radio enthusiast. He gave it to Bob as a belated birthday present.

Bob presented his collection of transistors throughout the years. The most impressive was the technological device of 1947, a single transistor made by Raytheon. He also had a 1960 integrated circuit made by Texas Instruments that contained transistors and many other components. Today we have Smart phones that have billions of integrated components. We certainly have come a long way.



-Kim Malone announced reading about our members in the *Gazette*

Sue Hill won an award for best of Newsletters Editor.

Thomas Roush won the award for best of the websites.

Gordon McGregor won the Marion Welch Award. What a great representation of our local club! Garry Gunderson stated how proud he was for the NCRG to have such outstanding members.

-Kim Malone also announced that her husband, Terry and daughter, Katy, will be in the August or September production of a Melodrama at the Coloma Theater. Terry will be the Curmudgeon. She would like to see the club go up as a tour to see Terry. She will work on this.

Next Board Meeting: TBD

Next General Meeting, August 16, 2018, 7:00 PM

Next Refreshment Committee: Mayes and Roses

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by: Kim Malone; Seconded by: Bob Hopkins Jr.;

Adjourned: 8:17 p.m.



A variety of different types of transistors from Bob's collection





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5 P.M., Saturday, October 13, 2018

Rio Linda/Elverta Community Center 810 Oak Lane, Rio Linda CA

> Speaker - County Supervisor Sue Frost

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Get tickets from Roger Mitchell at our club meeting...or buy them at the door!

EDUCATION THROUGH RESTORATION



Rio Linda's first fire truck "Old Betsy" restored with the help of NCRG members back in the day; now we need to help finish old No. 2!!!

REMINDERS...

Next General Meeting, Thursday, August 16, 2018 7:00 pm

August 9-12, Ryan Ramble

August 18, Rod Hisken & Fabulous Ford Tractors Bolts Antique Tool Museum, 10am

August 19, Joe McBride Memorial Car Show, 12-3 pm, North Highlands

September...Volunteer needed to do a tour.

October 6...Steam Train Ride, Rancho Cordova

October 13...Fundraiser for Restoration of Rio Linda Fire Truck #2 - 5pm, Rio Linda.

November 4...Gymkhana, Ed Rose and Roger Mitchell

December 16...Holiday Light Tour and Progressive

GYMKHANA CLUES

Clues have been given out by Ed Rose and Roger Mitchell to help club members try to figure out what these guys are going to make us do that is different at this year's Gymkhana. Here's what we have so far.

December 2017: The first clue has to do with a fire house; any participant can drive a vehicle.

January 2018: Roger's Clue: For the participants, the activity is unusual. Ed's Clue: Not an unusual activity as where it will be.

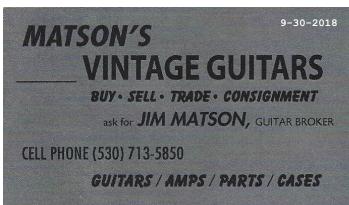
February 2018: Both driver and passenger will be able to do this. You will be able to see what you are doing. This activity will start outside the vehicle.

March 2018: Start the game outside the vehicle. You've never driven a vehicle like this before.

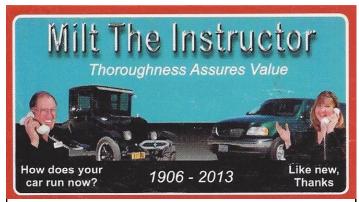
April 2018: When people look at you, they might show respect for you.

July 2018: You are going to do something that fire personnel do in real life; outside and inside the vehicle. You will be shown how to do it and may have help if needed.





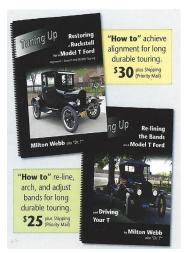




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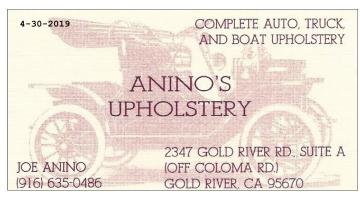
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