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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 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 (no meeting in December) at the Sacramento Sewer District Office Board Room, 5026 Don Julio Boulevard, Sacramento, California.

NCRG 2018—2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Bill Charpier, Sue Hill, Bob Hopkins, Jr., Gordon McGregor, and Cathleen Roush.

NCRG 2019—2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Jan Charpier, Mike Huff, Sandy Maye, Stephanie Mozell, and Diana Squire.

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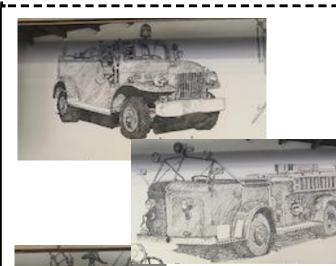
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Some of the drawings on wall inside the firehouse where our Gymkhana was held on November 4th.





President's Message:

As I write this message, the Christmas Holiday Dinner and Light Tour is only about 2½ weeks away. Jan and I are looking forward

to joining you at Dad's Kitchen in Fair Oaks on December 15th, and having time to visit and enjoy the meal. Remember to save room as you are invited to our home after dinner for a selection of holiday desserts. You still have time to decorate your old cars for this annual tour, and I'm anxious to see them in their holiday splendor.

At the last General Meeting, Board Members for the 2020-2021 term were elected by acclamation. The members elected are Raul Cornejo, Bob Hopkins, Jr., Gordon McGregor, Roger Mitchell and me. I'm looking forward to working with returning members Bob and Gordon and with new members Raul and Roger, as well as, the remaining Board members.

As the year ends, I want to thank the members for their continued support and for volunteering to serve on the Board of Directors, to serve as Club Officers, to plan and host tours and events and for the many other things you do to make this a wonderful club.

Happy Holidays

Bill







Editor's Message:

As 2019 draws to an close, I'd like to take a moment to thank all the members who helped in creating this newsletter. Thank you to

all who shared your experiences as you went on tours, participated in club events, such as our Gala in celebration of our 70th-Year Anniversary and Gymkhana, and brought your cars to community events, such as parades, car shows, or special events. You shared your memories with us as you recalled the fun you experienced and the things you learned while traveling with our club or another group. It is important to put our cars on the road and to share our love and knowledge of the antique automobiles. Please continue to share those experiences and any special "tips".

How do you explain the feelings you experience as you ride in a 100-year-old car? How do you explain the feelings you get as you meet people who share your interest (maybe passion) in these cars? Savor those moments into 2020.

Wishing you Happy Holidays and Safe Travels,

Diana





NCRG HCCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(NOTE: NCRG sponsored events are in bold print)

2019

December 15th Progressive Dinner and Light Tour 4:30 pm dinner at Dad's Kitchen

2020

January 12th Board Meeting 10 am
Dad's Kitchen

January 16th General Meeting 7 pm

February 20th General Meeting

Plan a tour—Let's set the date!!!!!
Contact Gordon McGregor, Tour and Safety

CELEBRATING IN





CHRISTMAS
December 25



HANUKKAH December 22-30

KWANZAA December 26-January 1



Docent Training—California Automobile Museum is accepting applications for the 2020 Docent Training program which starts on January 8th. Early registration is advised as space is limited. Details at:

www.calautomuseu.org/event/2020docentclass

SWAP MEETS, OTHER REGIONAL CLUB HAPPENINGS AND NATIONAL EVENTS:

2019

December 1st—California Automobile Museum Tree and Holiday Potluck, 2-7 pm, NCRG members are invited to bring an ornament for the CAM tree and a dish to share for the potluck (no hot dishes, please).

December—every Saturday *Cars and Coffee of Folsom*, 8 am to 10 am, 430 Palladio Pkwy, Folsom. Details: 916-718-4617.

.December 7th—Cappuccino Cruisers "Christmas is for Kids" (toy run). Information at www.capcruz.com

December 7th—2019 Holiday Parade of Lights, 6pm, Elk Grove. Route Laguna Springs Drive to Civic Center Drive to the Civic Center. Sign up by Dec 1st. Or just go and enjoy the parade!

December 14th—Bel Air Classic Cars and Coffee, 8 am to 11am, 4320 Arden Way, Sacramento. Cancelled if rainy day

2020

January 25-26—Turlock Swap Meet

April 17-18—Bakersfield Tour and Swap Meet

April 19-22—HCCA National Convention, Stateline, Nevada. See https://hcca.org/calendar for more information.

June 8-12—*Nickel Era Tour*, Moscow, ID. Nickel Era Touring Registry (HCCA). Contact John Manifor,

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

OTHER EVENTS:

(May be of Interest to Our Club Members)

<u>2019</u>

December 7th—Holiday Craft Faire. 8:30 am-2:00 pm See information on page 11.

December 7th—Holiday Parade of Lights. 6 pm Parade route Laguna Springs Drive north to Civic Center Drive ending at the Civic Center, Elk Grove.

2020

February 17th—American Heritage Day, "History Comes Alive," Mount Vernon Memorial Park, Fair Oaks, CA, 10 am—2 pm rain or shine.



The Gymkhana—Fun, Food, and Games

The weather was perfect—blue skies and a warm, not hot, day. The cars were assembled, the members and guests enjoyed seeing each others cars, learning more about firemen and fire trucks, and their equipment, and all were ready to enjoy delicious food and some games.



1915 Hudson, 1925 Model T Speedster, 1914 Model T



1928 Model A Tudor 55A



1924 Dodge



550

1923 Bentley brought by Joe's friend, Spencer.





Firemen, Mark Seibert and Rob Driver tell us about the important breathing apparatus and tools (axe and halogen bar) used for breaking into houses.. We were able to try on the coats, helmets and breathing apparatus. And, hold those heavy tools.

We also learned about purchasing and outfitting the fire trucks



The Snyders' 1928 Buick decided to be shy and not play, and exhibited electrical problems on the way.



How does all this attach?



Stephanie Mozell and Diana Squire



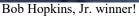
Mike Huff



Frank Squire with granddaughter, Lily.







Frank Squire's first try. A bit off the

mark.



Mike Huff is ohhh so close







But with a little target adjustment from grand-daughter, Lily. it looks like it could be a winner..... Alas, someone called foul play.



Ed Rose and Sue Hill took first place with their teamwork and smooth maneuvers.





Joe and Rae Anino are a close second.















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City of Folsom's Veterans Day Parade

Story and Pictures by Raul Cornejo

Raul Cornejo, along with Paul Freeman, Raul's Little Brother (They met through the Big Brother's of America program when Paul was 8 years old.) participated in the City of Folsom's Veterans Day Parade. Paul drove Raul's 1936 Ford V8 4-door sedan. They were the first car in the parade. The plaques on the car represent the 1st Med Battalion, 1st Infantry Division.







Raul served in Vietnam and Paul served in Korea.

Automotive History

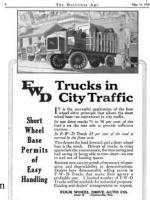
December 10, 1845—Robert Thomson of London England is issued a British patent for his "improvement in carriage wheels", in effect, the world's first pneumatic tires. They were a hollow leather tire filled with air. However his solid tires were more effective and for many years air-filled tires were forgotten. Then in



THE UNITED STATES 1888, John Boyd Dunlop of Belfast, Ireland became the second inventor of these tires. He **DUNLOP** and TIRE said he was unaware of the invention of such tires by Thomson. This time the tires became popular because they could offer bicycles a lighter-weight tire that provided a better ride. For the next fifty years, vehicle tires were made up of an inner tube that contained compressed air and an outer casing. This casing protected the inner tube and provided the tire with traction. Bias Ply Tires (tires with an inter casing containing air and an outer casing) were used initially. Radial Tires were introduced in 1948.

December 1908—Otto Zachow and William A. Besserdich of Clintonville, Wisconsin, are issued a US patent for the "power applying mechanism" which established the basic design for four-wheel drive braking systems. The patented full time four wheel drive system combined a lockable center differential with double-Y constant velocity universal joints for steering. The success of the system was such that the military found it extremely beneficial. Their company changed from making cars to trucks. The company expanded and changed names and investors throughout its history. In 1958 it became the FWD Corp. In 1963 it acquired Seagrave Fire Apparatus and over time it became a major Four Wheel Drive Auto Company 1918 ad in producer of fire trucks.

The Horseless Age.







Northern California Regional Group of the Horseless Carriage Club of America General Meeting Minutes Stephanie Mozell, Secretary November 21, 2019

Call to order: 7:07 pm

Guests: Mel Griffin, guest of Roger Mitchell, came in later during the meeting.

Doug Ose, former California Congressman, who served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1999-2005, was our guest speaker. Congressman Doug Ose spoke about what happens in just one week of the Congress. It was very interesting. Many members had questions and everyone learned something.

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

Reading of General Meeting Minutes:

October 17, 2019. Motion to approve as published in The Brass Nuts: Moved: Terry Malone; Seconded: Frank Squire; Discussion: none; Action: carried.

Reading of the Board Minutes, October 22, 2019. Motion to approve as amended by Jan Charpier. She added that the initial amount of shortage was found as an overpayment to Leta Nichols for a Gala expense. It was rectified and the budget balanced. Moved: Jan Charpier; Seconded: Diana Squire; Discussion: none; Action: carried. Diana Squire made a motion to amend the minutes to include: NCRG will ensure payment for the total cost of the Holiday Dinner using monies collected from members and additional treasury funds, if needed. Moved: Diana Squire; Seconded: Frank Squire: Discussion: none; Action: carried.

Commendations:

- Thank you to Diana Squire for an excellent newsletter, to Kathy and Jim Ryan for printing the newsletter and to Kim Malone for mailing it.
- Thank you to all those who submitted articles, publications and mailings this month.
- Thank you to Ed Rose for organizing the volunteers for the Sacramento New Car Show Display.

- Thank you to Roger Mitchell and Ed Rose for organizing the Gymkhana event.
- Thank you to Roger Mitchell for inviting Doug Ose as our guest speaker.
- Thank you to the Charpiers for hosting the October 22nd NCRG Board Meeting.
- Thank you to Stephanie Mozell and Cindy Pharis for refreshments tonight.

Treasurer's Report: Jan Charpier. We are solvent.

Communications:

- Mac Weir brought in a flyer for the 2019 Parade of Lights in Elk Grove. Deadline to register is December the 2nd. The event is on December the 7th. The entry will be judged on a Christmas/Holiday theme and the use of lights.
- ◆ The CAM sent an invitation to NCRG members to join in their annual Tree and Holiday Potluck. December 1st 2pm-7pm. Bring an ornament for the CAM tree and a dish to share for the meal (no hot dishes please).

New Business: Nothing to report

Unfinished Business:

- The Certificate of Insurance for the meeting room has not been finalized. Sue Hill will be contacted to follow up with Sue Frost, if needed.
- Nominating Committee Report Diana Squire-The nominees for the 2020 - 2021 Board of Directors term are: Bill Charpier; Gordon McGregor; Bob Hopkins Jr.; Raul Cornejo; and Roger Mitchell.
 - There were no additional nominations for the Board of Directors from the floor.
 - Motion to close the nominations and accept the slate of nominees as presented: Moved: Ed Rose; Seconded: Kim Malone; Discussion: none; Action: carried.
 - Follow up action: For 5 nominees President can accept the election of the proposed slate of candidates by acclamation. Call for a voice vote. Action: carried
 - Thank you to Diana Squire for being the Nominating Committee.

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November 21, 2019 General Meeting Minutes Cont'd

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tour and Safety: Gordon McGregor

• Dec 7 Cappuccino Cruisers Toy Drive Saturday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Rock and Fire pizza at 1010 Riley St., Folsom. Entry fee is \$20 or a new unwrapped toy.

◆ December 15 Light Tour and Progressive
Dinner: Location Dad's Kitchen, Fair Oaks. Time
is 4:30 p.m. final destination for dessert and
coffee at the Charpiers'. A light tour map will be
available at the dinner. Further details will be in
the newsletter and emailed. We will also be
calling each attendee to get their dinner selection.
Reminder: the registration needs to be sent by
December 1st to Jan Charpier.

Editor: Diana Squire

- President's message, meeting minutes, flyers and stories due to the Editor by November 26.
- Accepting articles for upcoming newsletters.

Webmaster: Thomas Roush

• No report given.

Sunshine Report: Elaine Rose will send a card to Wilma Hren for the loss of her husband, Ray. She also sent Frank Squire a get-well card and one to Donna Berg.

Membership: Kathy Ryan

• No report given.

Education: Frank Squire

◆ No report given.

History and Publicity: Sandy Maye

• The meeting notice was in the Sacramento Bee.

Display of your choice: In lieu of a display, Doug Ose was our guest speaker.

Good of the Order: Ed Rose discussed the New Car Show issues. He stated he would work on this in the future but didn't want to be the lead. He emphasized manpower to watch the cars is imperative. He also stated that the expenses for parking and pizza were \$195.

Next Board Meeting: Installation of Officers will be Sunday, January 12 at 10:00 am at Dad's Kitchen.

Next General Meeting: January 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Next Refreshment Committee: Outgoing Board Members (Sue Hill and Cat Roush)

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by: Raul Cornejo: Seconded by: Elaine Rose Adjourned: 8:53 p.m.



Former Congressman, Doug Ose, was our guest speaker. He described working as a congressman as working in constant chaos, like a tornado slowly moving down the street with things constantly falling off. You have to keep going and keep up.

He flew back home all but 5 weekends during his six years in Congress. Weekdays were filled with meetings (staff or congressional committees or in the House of Representatives), hearings, constituent visits, eating, working out (to help keep his sanity), and occasionally sleeping. His talk was very informative. He learned a lot and was able to help his constituents and our country. We thank him for coming to our meeting.

Welcome New Members

Judy Gordon Cedilote, Miall Cedilote and family.





December 2019

Fashion

1910 Winter Wear







HOLIDAY
PROGRESSIVE DINNER AND
LIGHT TOUR

DECEMBER 15, 2019 4:30 PM DAD'S KITCHEN 8928 SUNSET FAIR OAKS, CA

See Flyer (enclosed or emailed) with newsletter for more information..







Sponsered by Ben Ali Shriners

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7, 2019

8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC CENTER 6151 H STREET SACRAMENTO CA

ADMISSION IS FREE

-ARTS, CRAFTS & HOLIDAY DECORATIONS -GIFT BASKETS GALORE -HOMEMADE JAMS & GOODIES -SILENT AUCTIONS FRESH CROP FRUITS AND NUTS FRESH MADE SANDWICHES SOUPS, CHILI

SANTA 8:30am TO 12:00pm

FUN FOR THE KIDS! FACE PAINTING!















HCCA NATIONAL NEWS

Re: Member Questions and Statements - Do You Know?

Issue:2019-11-22 #06

Due to recent questions and statements I have received from members, it is a good time to clear up some basic information.

National Board and Leadership – The HCCA Board of Directors consists of 15 members. Each year a class of 5 directors is elected to serve a 3 year term. A goal of the nomination committee is to try and get diversified representation of the worldwide members.

The Board Officers (President, Vice Pres., Treasurer and Secretary) are elected by the directors and serve one year terms. To reduce costs, each year there are 4 board meetings held in 3 locations. Because of the size of the organization and to minimize club expenses, Directors are NOT reimbursed for travel expenses to events and meetings. There is a high use of email and conference calls and each year the Annual meeting is rotated to new locations (CA, AZ, TX, FL, OK, CA, FL).

Communication to Members – The HCCA communication has improved over the years.

- HCCA Gazette / 3 Month lead time The HCCA magazine, mailed to all members, is a bi-monthly magazine that contains information, articles and pictures.
- Website / To use this communication, members and visitors must visit the site The HCCA website was created to reach out to the digital world for members and non-members. ... Changes are being made to the site to offer more information to members that will be interactive. To reduce the printing and distribution cost of \$25,000, the Member Roster will be accessible to members through ... a security members area.
- Facebook / Visibility Site was created to allow members to post current events and information. More exposure to the public.
- HCCA National News and email Notices Give the ability to reach out quickly to members any time. It is only sent to members on the HCCA distribution list local officers, National directors and any member who has signed up. Best way to keep members informed.

Board Members – Though new board members are recruited each year, the quality of participation and responsibility varies ... HCCA is continually looking for members who want to make a positive difference

and improve the organization. The organization needs more members to get involved at the Local and National levels... GET INVOLVED, it is your organization.

Cost of Services – Some members think ... "Money is spent frivolously"; "Cannot get answers to questions", "Numbers are not forthcoming"; "Budget is not shared and reporting is thin". These statements are a sign of lack of involvement ... Minutes, Budgets and Expense reports are available to any member who requests information from the HCCA office. If you have a finance question, contact the Office / Treasurer. If you do not get a reply, contact and follow up with an email to the HCCA president.

In 2016, a Cost analysis was done of the HCCA Services per member. The Office Cost = \$18.78; Website Cost = \$6.15; Magazine Cost \$27.20. The review allowed board members to realize that HCCA needs to make changes ... Find ways to increase the number of members, Adjust the fee structure, Increase alternative income, Reduce operation expenses. In the fall, the HCCA Board of Directors made changes to member fees for 2020.

From the Treasurer – During an annual budget review this year, along with measures to keep expenses to a minimum, it was clear that finances have been slipping. The cost of doing business has risen and the number of members has dropped. We were forced to take monies out of our savings this year to operate. Before we have to take monies from our investments and after much heated discussion, the Board voted to increase the annual dues \$10, across all memberships starting January 1, 2020. There has not been an increase in the HCCA dues since 2001.

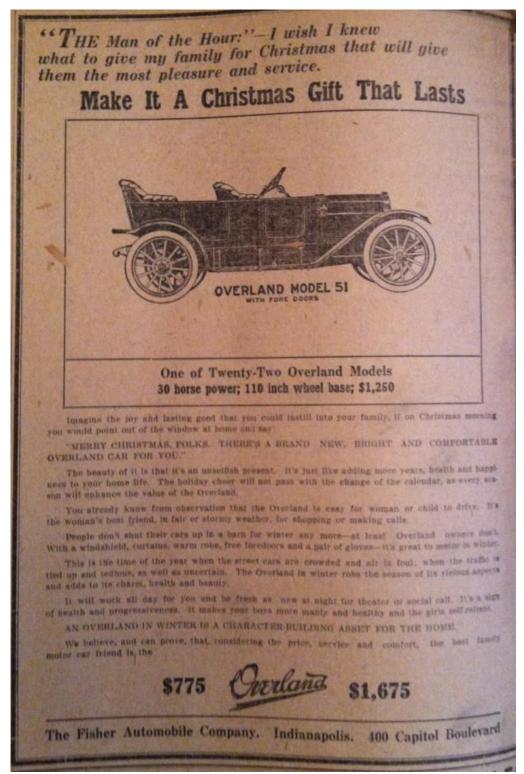
HCCA National News – At the beginning of the 2019, I was asked to keep members informed until a new editor could be found to take over, but that did not happen ... Since limited information has been passed on to me, this will be my last issue of the HCCA National News. I hope my communication helped inform members. Anne and I wish each member a great holiday season and New Year.

Carlton Pate / anpcop@aol.com

HCCA Board / Learn to Communicate ...



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Admission to the California Automobile Museum (CAM)

NCRG has a group of free admission tickets for the CAM.

As you plan your holiday activities or outings in 2020, keep in mind that NCRG members can contact Jan Charpier to obtain tickets.





Traveling down the road for another year...

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Diana Squire
- 03 Raul Cornejo
- 10 Mike Huff & Wayne Swart
- 11 Kathy Ryan
- 14 Carole Snow
- 16 Joan Catchot & Jim Snow
- 27 Ed Rose
- 28 Rae Anino

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Julie Instness
- 03 Mike Woodruff
- 11 Janice Hill
- 16 Elaine Rose
- 20 Dave Hill



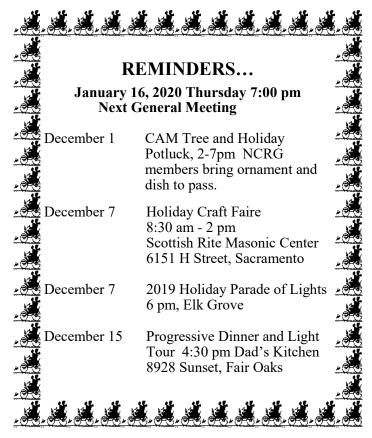


DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 02 Richard and Julie Instness
- 20 Joe and Carol Ticer
- 23 Jack and Sandy Maye
- 29 Joe and Gayle Hensler
- 30 Richard and Rosemary Lawrence

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

19 David and Patricia Pava

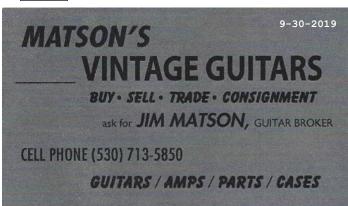




CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES FROM ALL OF US IN THE NCRG-HCCA



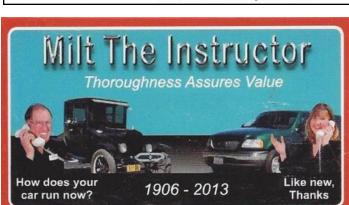






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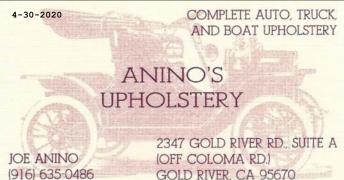




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