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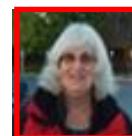
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President's Message:

With the rate of COVID-19 vaccinations increasing and cases dropping, it appears that there is a light at the end of the tunnel as far as returning to normal. To this end I want to share some encouraging news about upcoming events that

were discussed at the March General Meeting. First, Mike Huff and Stephanie Mozell are hosting a NCRG tour to Griffith Quarry Park in Penryn on April 17. Second, there will be a swap meet in Tulare on May 1 with a separate area for pre-war vendors. This is intended as a replacement for the now defunct Bakersfield Swap Meet. Third, the 13th Annual Ryan Ramble is still on track for visiting the Sacramento River Delta and Mt. Diablo from August 4 through August 8. Check out additional information on these events in the following pages. I'm sure everybody is looking forward to getting back to enjoying swap meets and tours. Please consider volunteering to host events in May and beyond!

During the General Meeting someone asked if there was any idea of when we will be able to hold our meetings in person. My feeling is that this is still several months away. To date, we haven't heard anything from Sacramento County about when or if the meeting room will be available. Until then, we will continue to hold our meetings on Zoom.

As I write this Message this year's Women's History Month is nearing the end. Although often underplayed, women played many important roles in the development of the automobile. One such contribution was a drive across America in 1909, just six years after the first trip across the country. Twenty-two-year-old Alice Ramsey, two sisters-in-law and a female friend made the 3800-mile trip in 59 days! They had to contend with numerous flat tires and mechanical breakdowns, bad weather, poor roads and unreliable maps. Following this historic event, Alice continued to make cross country trips and lost count after her thirtieth one. She maintained her driver's license until age 95, and passed away in 1983 at the age of 97. In 2000 Alice Ramsey became the first woman to be inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame! Alice is one of a number of women who played a significant role in automotive history. Do you have a story of another woman that you would like to share or one you would like to hear about?

Have a happy Easter!

Bill



Editor's Message

Thank you to Kathy Ryan for organizing the February tour for our members. It was nice to gather together and take a short drive to Folsom

Lake on a sunny day. Now, Stephanie Mozell and Mike Huff have stepped up to put on a tour to Griffith Quarry Park and Museum. I hope you'll join other NCRG members for a ride to Penryn. You can bring your lunch or pick one up nearby the park. Drive your old car or a modern one. Be sure to let Stephanie know you plan to be there on the 17th.

Who's going to plan the next tour? It doesn't have to be a long drive—we're just enjoying being together and on the road again. Let me know if you have any ideas for a tour or are willing to plan one.

As I was finishing this edition of the newsletter, I received a package in the mail from the HCCA. In the box was a plaque for the 2020 HCCA Newsletter Award—Highest Honors—presented to the me, the editor of the Northern California Regional Group's *The Brass Nuts*. Thanks to all of you who helped me put together the award-winning newsletter. I appreciate your articles, pictures, jokes, and editing support. It was definitely a more challenging endeavor during the past year. It takes all of us, working together, to continue the NCRG's long tradition of publishing an award-worthy newsletter. Please continue sending in your many contributions to *The Brass Nuts*.

Wishing You Good Health and Safe Travels

Diana

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 7:00 P.M.

April 15, 2021

Zoom Meeting

Watch for information via email.



NCRG HCCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(NOTE: NCRG sponsored events are in bold print)

2021

- April 15** **General Meeting 7pm Zoom**
- April 17** **Tour to Griffith Quarry Park and Museum, Penryn**
- May 20** **General Meeting 7pm**
- June 17** **General Meeting 7pm**
- Save the Date: August 4-8 Ryan Ramble**

Plan a tour

Let's set a future date!!!!



Contact Diana Squire, Tour and Safety Chairman, with your tour dates and information.

SWAP MEETS, OTHER REGIONAL CLUB : HAPPENINGS AND NATIONAL EVENTS

2021

April 11-14 HCCA National Convention, San Diego, CA. *In Person convention—CANCELLED.*

Now is a Virtual Convention via ZOOM meetings April 10 & 11.

May 1 Turlock Swap Meet—See Flyer page 15.

May 14-15, 2021 Gilmore Car Museum Tour & Show, Hickory Corners, MI.

June 20-25, 2021 New England Brass & Gas Tour, Rutland, VT.

July 16-20, 2021 1st Annual "Celebration of the Brass Car" - Tour, Show, and Swap Meet, Hickory Corners, MI

Please see your latest Horseless Carriage Gazette "Calendar Section" for any events or cancellations



California Automobile Museum

Has Reopened!!!

Thursdays—Sundays
10am-5pm

(Thursdays open for Members only)

ApRiL 1st
April Fools' Day
"Honey, look what followed me home!"



April 5th
National Go For Broke Day

"So, you made me take that one back.
How about this one?"



April 23rd
National Take a Chance Day

"Well, which one shall we take a chance on?
Your choice....."





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April Griffith Quarry Tour

Saturday, April 17, 2021

(Rain Date April 24, 2021)

We will meet at 10:00 in the Starbucks Parking Lot at Greenback and Madison

9475 Madison, Folsom

We will observe social distancing and masks please.

Visit the Griffith Quarry Museum in Penryn, CA

Bring a lunch or visit Beach Hut Deli nearby.

Take a self guided walking Tour of the Quarry before heading home.

RSVP Stephanie Mozell the # attending by April 9.

Text or call Stephanie Mozell

Email: www.ncrghcca.com





Raul Cornejo shared these pictures of antique cars in San Francisco. He was unsure of the year and model of the cars. Do you know? If so, let me know so I can print the answers in our next newsletter.
(Diana at www.ncrghcca.com)

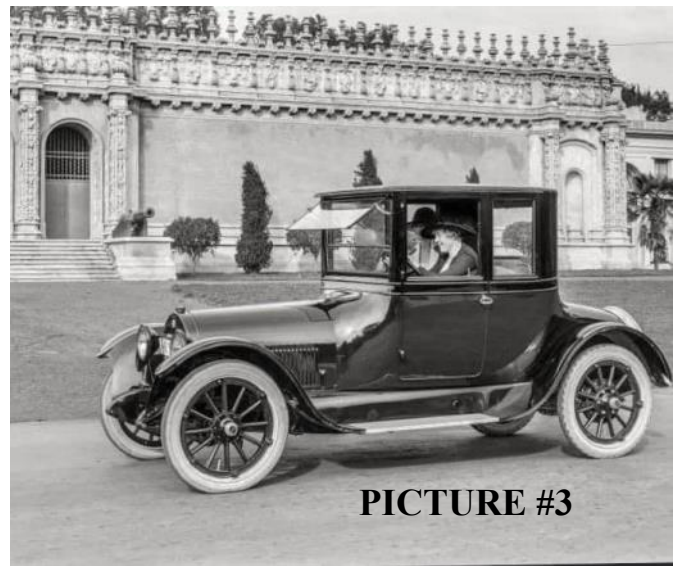


PICTURE #1

1921 San Francisco
Gas 20c gallon/wipe windshield/check tires.
Fell/Stanyan Street.



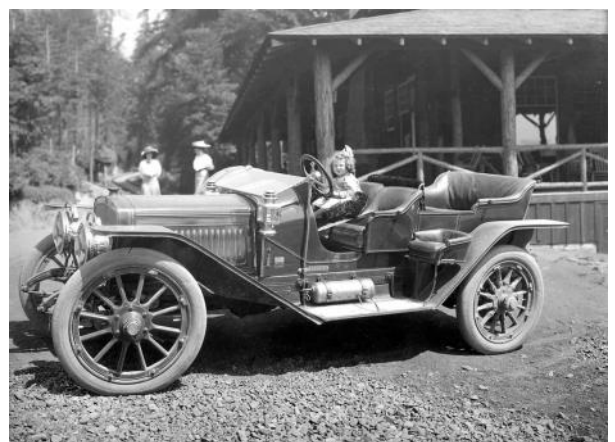
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PICTURE #3



PICTURE #4



PICTURE #5



A Blast from the Past

Excerpted from the STEERING COLUMN, Official Publication of the H.C.C. of Nevada, October, 1964

From the private collection of Stan Nicolaus

3RD BIENNIAL RENO TOUR JR.

Not content with having successfully negotiated Mt. Rose and other hazardous obstacles of the Tour route in September, a group of Reno Members, who never seem to get enough—of anything—staged a junior tour, covering the Mount Rose and North Lake shore portion of the 3rd Biennial tour.

Meeting at the Giroux residence on Del Monte Lane Monday morning October 4th, seven antique and several modern cars left about eleven o'clock. Primary purpose of this unscheduled and unplanned outing was to take a few movie scenes needed by Roland Giroux in editing the film of the Reno Tour.

Cars stopped at the Mount Rose turnoff until signaled to proceed to the first camera location, about three miles up the turn-off. The Press Car, Bill Harrah's 1914 Ford led the caravan proudly until just about 25 feet in front of the camera where it was passed a roaring juggernaut which turned out to be Bill's (Harrah) 1907 Thomas. The seven antiques were each "shot" at this location, then all proceeded on up Mount Rose. Near Galena Creek, the editor developed cell trouble in the press car, (trouble with the car, not the editor), and long after everyone had passed, continued to limp along on one, two and sometimes three cylinders. Joe Harbaugh, in the station wagon threw a "tizzy" and rushed madly up the hill, after a tow rope, of all things. Joe doesn't know his Fords. Arriving at the summit, hitting beautifully on all four, Sam (DeBolt) found the entire group waiting nevertheless.

A lunch stop was made at Stateline, but the only café open could not accommodate the entire group as we proceeded to Kings Beach where a delightful luncheon was enjoyed at the Buckhorn Café.

Leaving Kings Beach, several stops were made for more movies, but each time we stopped, Roland wasn't satisfied with the scenery or something, and we would drive on to another place. Finally, we found a spot near the lake that suited, and some beautiful shots were made of the lake, the members in costume, and the cars.

On to Tahoe City, where we drove down to the beach again, and took some more pictures of the group on the pier. Maury Pew, that unpredictable character seen at the Awards Banquet as a Western Union Messenger, appeared in a fetching striped bathing suit, complete with straw hat and yellow GAUNTLETS, yet! Strolling out on the pier, amid the entire group, he posed for more movies.

Hazel Bradshaw, also in bathing costume and dainty little bathing cap, added color to the occasion, without even getting close to the water.

Leaving individually about three o'clock in the afternoon, some cars drove back through Truckee, some went back the way we had come.

All those attending were in costume worn on the Reno Tour and everyone enjoyed this outing. It seems that the unscheduled and unplanned affairs provide lots of fun and pleasure. Lets have more of these.

Sadly, no photos were published along with this article. Sue Hill



Tool of the Month

AMMCO Crank Pin Re-turning tool patented April 6, 1922.

The Ha-Lee company of Buffalo originally patented and produced this tool, which was then sold to AMMCO of Chicago who made it for a few more years. Advertised as the key to perfect bearing work, this tool is indicative of many tools being developed to handle repairs in small town garages cropping up across the country. Many of these garages were nothing more than country blacksmith shops which had handled and continued to handle horse-drawn wagons, farm equipment, and basically any kind of shade tree repairs.

This tool is a kind of portable lathe for truing up crankshaft journals which tended to wear oval shaped with the intermittent pounding of the connecting rods and the lack of oil filtration. The tool comes with a set of blades of different lengths. In use, the mechanic would select a blade the width of the crankshaft journal to be trued up, remove the oil pan, disconnect the connecting rods, then hook the tool onto the journal, and have someone crank the engine manually while turning the blade down toward the journal surface. The blade would take light cuts on the engine crank journal in order to bring it back to smooth and round. The tool was a money maker for garages, as it allowed journals to be trued up without removing the engine from the car. The blacksmith/mechanic would pour low melting lead or nickel babbitt into a simple bearing mold. Then he would fit the bearing by means of hand scraping the babbitt to the crank journal. Such modern tools as micrometers and plastigauge were unheard of and the fit would have been strictly by feel... all very crude and primitive by today's standards. An interesting and innovative tool, anyone restoring a valuable antique engine today would be better to take the crankshaft out and refinish it on a modern machine.



Cruder repairs were often made along the roadside than ones accomplished with this crank re-turning tool. As an example, on a "Ryan Ramble" one of the participants had a rod bearing fail on his 1913 Model T. We were at the Mariposa Redwood Grove when this happened, and son Matt Ryan dropped the oil pan inspection cover (which can be accomplished without losing much oil) and replaced the broken babbitt with a well-greased piece of leather cut from the top hold down strap of the Model T. The Model T then made a successful journey back to the Yosemite Valley floor where we were staying.

I might add that AMMCO has been in business since 1922 and has been manufacturing brake lathes for about the last 60 years.

Jim Ryan



Sunshine Report

NCRG member, Helen Hopkins, suffered a heart attack, had open-heart surgery and is in the hospital. The Hopkins' have been members of our club for well over 50 years. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

13th Annual **Ryan Ramble 2021**



Sacramento Delta Region / Mt. Diablo, CA – August 4-8, 2021

Progressive tour from Orangevale, CA down the Sacramento River seeing the Delta region, historic towns and sites, along with a train and trolley museum where we will have a ride possibly on an old Key System train which used to run on the lower deck of the Bay Bridge. One day we will drive up Mt. Diablo – great views and museum at the top, windy up and down, and a scenic one-lane road. There will be unavoidable traffic in some areas on the tour, but there will also be fantastic backroad country touring all on paved roads.

SAVE THE DATE

We have blocked rooms at a hotel but cannot reserve them until COVID has lifted. Places we plan to visit and restaurants are still not open. We are optimistic that most of us will be vaccinated and places will be open this summer, making an August tour possible. However, it will probably be a summer registration and quick turn-around to reserve hotel rooms. We will let everyone know as soon as we know!

From the Toolbox

By Bill Charpier

This month's tool is in the form of a quiz of sorts. I was recently going through a box that had been in storage for over 20 years. In it, I found the old clamp that you see in the photographs. I can't remember where I got the clamp, and I'm not sure of its intended use. There is red material (insulating?) on each jaw.

Was the clamp for general purposes or was it manufactured for a specific use? I would appreciate hearing from you if you know more about this clamp.

It would great to include one of your favorite tools in the future. So, send me a write up and I will include it in "From the Toolbox." If you would prefer, you can call me with the information and I will write it up for you.





LIGHTS

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Shortly after God said "Let There Be Light" people started making light by burning animal fats. As recently as a few centuries ago, shiny metal reflectors crudely focused the light so that most of it went in one direction. In the 18th century parabolic reflectors were in use, and by the 19th century some reflectors were made of silvered glass, much the same as we use today. *[Editor's Note: this was written in 1989]* A true, sharp focus requires a tiny point source of light. In the past hundred years we have seen the light source reduced from a flame the size of a thumbnail to a hot wire filament the size of a match head.

Oil lamps on carriages usually used metal reflectors. The oil flame was sooty (surplus carbon) so the reflectors got quite dirty. The only way to get greater intensity was with larger flame size, which was dirtier yet, and harder to focus. These carriage lamps were carried directly to the first automobiles. These lamps were just to be seen, not to illuminate the roadway.

The acetylene/air lamp came along in the late 19th century. The flame was so bright that it could illuminate the way. Better reflectors were a natural next development. Also, a very clever little invention reduced the gas consumption about 80%. Impinging gas jets were used to make a flat flame instead of a conical one. This made the same flame frontal area but greatly reduced flame volume. Acetylene was generated by putting some acetylene carbide crystals in a wire basket inside an airtight container and trickling water on them. The chemical reaction generated acetylene gas. After using such a generator, the residual "mud" had to be discarded and that included all the unused crystals. You can imagine what a welcome chore that was after an evening's drive on bumpy, dusty dirt roads. Bottled gas solved these problems. One had to learn certain precautions with gas lamps, such a lighting promptly after gas flow started. Otherwise, the gas collected, and the moment of lighting proved to be very exciting. The exploded lamp was more quickly replaced than the singed eyebrows.

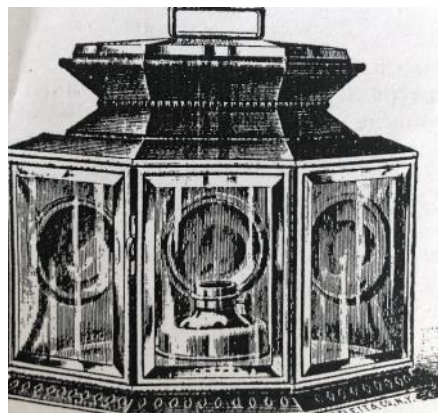
Electric lamps were available at the turn of the century, but gasoline cars didn't really have enough electricity on board to use them until the D.C. generator came along. Electric lamps are simple...and complex. The illumination comes from the radiation from a "white hot" tungsten alloy wire filament. To avoid oxidation the hot wire is in a clear glass bulb and the oxygen has been removed. In fact, most everything has been removed; there's a strong vacuum inside. Even though the filament doesn't oxidize, it's so hot that a little bit of

tungsten boils off the surface and the tungsten vapor floats around in the bulb. It's no mystery that some of this vapor condenses out on whatever cool surface is available. And the cool, available surface is the inside of the glass bulb. So the bulb gets less transparent and the filament gets smaller. As the filament gets smaller it gets weaker. Eventually, you turn on the light and pfft!, it burns out. Most people think that turning a light on and off a lot causes premature failure. It doesn't. When the filament finally boils away enough it dies of old age. The particular moment it usually goes is at turn-on, because there is a mechanical shock caused by the thermal shock caused by the current surge through the cold filament. The filament lived through thousands of such shocks when it was "young." It just couldn't stand it in old age.

Suppose there was a way of keeping the tungsten vapor from depositing on the glass—there'd be less dimming of the bulb! Suppose there was a way of getting the tungsten vapor to go back on the filament—there'd be less aging of the filament! There is a way to do both: fill the space in the glass bulb with a halogen gas (iodine is preferred) instead of a vacuum. The boiled-off tungsten vapor near the very hot filament combines with the very hot iodine to form tungsten iodide. Like NOX in the engine, this is formed only at very high temperature, and like NOX, once formed it can't be broken up unless at a similarly high temperature. With NOX the catalytic converter provides the high temperature for the molecular breakup. In a halogen bulb the thermally agitated tungsten iodide circulates a bit and when it touches the very hot filament it can dissociate. Guess where the tungsten goes? Back on the filament! Neat, huh? To further keep the glass from being condensing attraction, it is kept very hot by making the bulb small, therefore, close to the hot filament.

"Won't all this heat crack the glass?" you should ask. Yup. That accounts for these things being called the Quartz Halogen lamps. The quartz glass can stand the high temperature. Another advantage—the big reflector stays clean. In the old sealed beam lamps the reflectors darkened from the tungsten vapor deposition. Halogen lights are a little brighter when new, but their real advantage is that they stay bright until dead. If better visibility is worth anything, these lights are worth a hundred times their cost. Anything else is from the Dark Ages (pun intended).

Written by
Harold Sharon



Thanks to Ed Rose for suggesting this article.



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

General Meeting Minutes
Video Conference Via Zoom
Thursday, March 17, 2021

Call to order 7:00 P.M.

Guests: None

ZOOM Attendees: David Pava, Frank Squire, Sue Hill and Lew Dobbins

Roll call of Board Members: Bill Charpier, Jan Charpier (absent), Gordon McGregor (absent), Bob Hopkins, Jr., Mike Huff, Sandy Maye, Stephanie Mozell, Diana Squire, Raul Cornejo and Roger Mitchell (absent).

Reading of General Meeting Minutes, February 18, 2021. Motion to approve as published in *The Brass Nuts*: Moved: Diana Squire; Seconded: Raul Cornejo; Discussion: none; Action: carried.

Commendations:

- ♦ Thank you to Diana Squire for an excellent March newsletter, and to all who put it together.
- ♦ Thank you to Bill Charpier for hosting the Zoom meetings and those who could attend.
- ♦ Thank you to Kathy Ryan for putting on the Sweet-heart tour.

Treasurer's Report: Jan Charpier
Very little change from last month. We are still solvent

Communications:

- ♦ A flier for the Tulare Pre-War Brass Era Swap Meet. The date is May 1, 2021.
Call (559) 688 1030 to reserve your space for, Swap Spaces, Car Corral, RV parking and Commercial Spaces.
It will be at the InternationalAgriCENTER.ORG , located at 4500 S. Laspina Tulare, California.
\$10.00 adults, children 12 and under free.
Gates open at 7:30. This event was to replace the Bakersfield Swap Meet. A few of our club members plan on attending the one-day event.

New Business:

No new business to report.

Unfinished Business:

No new business to report

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tour and Safety: Diana Squire

- ♦ **April 17 Tour to Griffith Quarry Park—**
Stephanie Mozell Starts at 10:00 - 3:00 see the flyer.
- ♦ **August 4-8 Save the Date for the 13th Annual Ryan Ramble. Destination, Sacramento Delta and Mt. Diablo –Kathy Ryan.**

Editor: Diana Squire

- ♦ President's message, meeting minutes, flyers and stories due to the Editor of *The Brass Nuts* by March 25.

Accepting articles for upcoming newsletters

Webmaster: Thomas Roush

No report available.

Sunshine Report: Elaine Rose

No report available.

Membership: Kathy Ryan

No report available.

Education: Frank Squire

No report given.

History and Publicity: Sandy Maye

No report given.

Welcome Committee: Sue Hill reported that we have a potential member, Mel France from Yuba City. He has a wonderful collection of hood ornaments. He has given many lectures on this topic. Some of us have been at a few of his lectures at the Bolt Tool Museum in Oroville.

Good of the Order: Sue Hill announced the marriage of her daughter Denise to Richard McLaughlin on 2/27/2021. Congrats to all.

Bob Hopkins announced the repair of his 15 Hudson braking system. Bob Hopkins said he is using Husk Bros. in Marysville for getting parts. Lew Dobbins agreed with his choice. Bill Charpier said we should promote the recommended resources on our website.

Diana Squire announced, "Wooden Wheels of Sonora is going out of business."

Frank Squire's '28 Chrysler needed brake work. He was able to locate a part through a contact in WORK. After he received it, he found the one he had misplaced. (Isn't that Murphy's Law?) Allan Shaw has been working on the Chrysler. Frank is looking forward to driving the car on a tour.

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Minutes of March 17, 2021 Meeting continued:

David Pava's Packard has needed repairs - new rings and valves, a crack in the block and is it awaiting pistons. Never ends.

Display of your choice: Bill planned to present Women's History month in a history relating to women in vintage cars. Unfortunately, a malfunction in the software wouldn't allow the presentation to happen. It will be presented at a later date.

Next Board Meeting: April/May (If needed via Zoom); July- is open; October to be determined. We must have an October Board Meeting per our regulations.

Next General Meeting: April 15, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by: Stephanie Mozell; Seconded by: David Pava; Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 PM

Here's a few pictures from Bill's presentation for Women's History Month. Women in Vintage Cars.....





HCCA NATIONAL NEWS

Re: **Sharon Gooding Retires!;** Swap Meet Action; Brass & Gas Cancellation; New Tour Directors ...
Issue: 2021-03-01 #04

- **HCCA Executive Secretary Retires!** –

Sharon Gooding, long time HCCA Executive Secretary, will retire at the end of March 2021. Sharon has been Executive Secretary since 2009, after having been in the HCCA family since 1981, when she and her late husband Ken moved from Ohio to California.

A 40 year member of the Southern California Regional Group, Sharon has been very active in local and national events ever since.

Sharon was the first female President of the SoCal RG in 1994! She was also Editor of the “Coilbox Courier” during that time, for 10 years!

She was elected to two terms on the HCCA National Board, and her first “Hershey” was actually around 1974. So, it’s time to retire and pursue some other interests!

At Sharon’s suggestion, and after due consideration, the HCCA Board unanimously approved Sharon’s daughter, Lindsey Jackson, to take over the tiller as Executive Secretary.

Lindsey lives in California, and was born into the antique automobile hobby, and it’s in her blood too. Her first outside activity as a newborn was riding in a parade in a 1908 Mercedes. She and her husband Scott, and their girls, enjoy the family’s 1911 Pope-Hartford. She’s been told she acquired her driving skills from her dad.

Lindsey has become pals with many people in the Club, and she looks forward to getting to know everyone else too.

Lindsey (and former E.S. Sharon) will be at Hershey next Fall, to meet and greet members in person, and to take dues, just like the good old days. Be there, and have your check ready.

Please join me in sending Sharon a hearty Thank You from all of us at the HCCA, for her many years of dedication to the Club, and to wish her well in her retirement. Also, please give Lindsey a warm welcome, and help her to get a good start on her new responsibilities in this important role, as a vital part of keeping the HCCA on the road every day.

- **Bakersfield Swap Meet in Tulare, CA** – (Yes, it is back on.) Now held at - The International Agri-Center, 4500 S. Laspina St., Tulare, CA 93274.

April 30th - Vendor Move-In, 9am-9pm.

May 1st – The Brass Era/ PreWar Swap Meet, 8am-5pm. For Details Contact - Steven Chase newnorthsouth@gmail.com

- **Yosemite Valley Campout – May 1 thru 4, 2021.**

Bakersfield Swap Meet, Tulare-Visalia morning tour, Ahwahnee Hotel (in a tent), Yosemite Valley, and more. For Details Contact - Steven Chase newnorthsouth@gmail.com

- **Luray Swap Meet** – The 7th Annual Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet will be held **May 14-15, 2021**. The Swap Meet is located at the Comer-Jones VFW Post 621, 218 Veteran Lane, in Luray, VA. For Information check their website at - <https://www.mapwsm.com>

- **New England Brass & Gas - Cancelled** – “March 10, 2021 - After much deliberation, your New England Brass & Gas tour directors made the decision to **cancel the 2021 June tour**. While we see a dim light at the end of the tunnel and a start of some normalcy, there are too many unanswered questions at this point in time for us to safely proceed.

“Skip and Don are retiring this year as tour directors and welcome Karen Tomko and Bob Blanck as our new tour co-directors for the next New England Brass and Gas tour in 2023. We plan to make ourselves available to assist them with the planning and preparations.

Save the last week of June 2023 on your calendars! Sincerely (with heavy hearts), Skip and Don”.

Doug Tomb

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Board Member – HCCA NN Editor ...



HCCA NATIONAL NEWS

Re: **Sharon Gooding Retires!;** Swap Meet Action; Brass & Gas Cancellation; New Tour Directors ...
Issue: 2021-04-01 #05

- **HCCA General Members Meeting** – On Sunday, April 11, 2021 the HCCA General Members Meeting will be held, via Zoom session. Your Board of Directors is bringing this important Club meeting to YOU, in your own home! This meeting is open to ALL members.

The Meeting agenda: Introduction of new officers, review of recent board meetings, presentation of awards, and member Q&A.

The Zoom Meeting will start at 4:00 PM PDT.
(Please adjust for your time zone.)

Do you know that the HCCA is the only antique car club that allows, and encourages, members to attend all the Board of Directors meetings? Just a reminder that the HCCA is YOUR club!

For the Zoom link to attend the Members Meeting, contact Lindsey Jackson (Executive Secretary), at the HCCA Office office@hcca.org

- **REO's At The Gilmore** – From the Museum of The Horseless Carriage:

“The history of Baby REO and Mama REO is long and diverse, but the good news is that they were reunited in 2008 and put into the R. E. Olds Transportation Museum in Lansing, MI.

Through the efforts of that museum's new executive director, Scott Mrdeza, Baby REO is now running with its original gasoline power plant, and Scott has agreed to bring Mama and Baby REO to The Celebration of Brass @ the Gilmore Car Museum on July 16-17 for the museums kickoff festival.”

To see Mama and Baby REO in person, all you need to do is to be at the Gilmore on July 16-17, 2021. Make your reservations Now!

For a more complete history on Mama and Baby REO, here is a link: . . . <https://www.museumofthehorselesscarriage.org/press-release-reo>

- **HCCA National News** – In 2012, the president of HCCA wanted to find a way to improve communication with our members, Regional Groups, and Affiliated Registries. The goal was to be able to keep members informed on everything that HCCA was doing, when it happens. The rules for the communication are simple - Identifiable, Simple and Easy to read. The communication is sent out as needed to

all the contacts of local organizations, and to members that ask through the office to be added to the distribution list. All past issues are stored on the new HCCA web site. Request to be added to the list at: office@hcca.org.

- **HCCA Gazette Indexing Project** – Do you ever read old issues of the HCCA Gazette? Have you ever referenced the HCCA Gazette Index to find a pertinent article or car tech tip?

Unfortunately, the latest Gazette Index stops with the 1988 Gazette issues. This leaves a gold mine of HCCA and Brass Car reference material un-indexed, and unsearchable.

It seems that no one has taken the time to index recent Gazette issues (to my knowledge). Simple solution: We just need to index the past 32 years of Gazettes. Hard Reality: Indexing is time consuming, challenging, and just plain a lot of work. Sounds just like a Brass Car restoration to me.

Who is willing to help? Indexing experts needed the most, but all are welcome (and needed). Please contact the Index Project Coordinator at douglas.tomb@verizon.net.

- **From Vic Groah, Past HCCA President** – “Many of us have made the pilgrimage to the Bakersfield pre war swap meet each spring. That venerable meet has succumbed to the Covid.” . . . “The Tulare County regional group under the leadership of William “Bill” Bennett is working to revive this major HCCA event in the west.” . . .

“The Venue is the massive International Agri Center in Tulare, Ca. This is the site of the largest Ag show in the world, on some 600 Acres with ample facilities and a nice on site museum. The swap will be set up using a similar grid to the one used in Bakersfield, with slightly larger spaces at \$50 each. Since Tulare is the site of the huge International Ag show, motels are ample. There is a municipal airport in walking distance and a golf course next door.” Call 559-688-1030 to reserve your space for May 1, 2021.

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