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The mission and purpose of the **Northern California Regional Group of the Horsecar 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 Horsecar 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 horsecar enthusiasts who foresaw the need for an organization dedicated to the preservation of automotive history. From this beginning the Horsecar 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 a location determined by the Board of Directors, or on Zoom.

NCRG 2021—2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Jan Charpier, Raul Cornejo, Sandy Maye,
Stephanie Mozell, and Diana Squire

NCRG 2022—2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Joe Anino, Bill Charpier, Roger Mitchell,
Jennifer Roberts, and Jim Ryan

2023-2024 Board Members

At our Holiday Party, Bill Charpier announced the results of the election for our four (4) Board Members.

Jan Charpier
Raul Cornejo
Stephanie Mozell
Diana Squire

Were elected for the 2023-24 term of office.

Alternates are Mike Huff and Chris Roberts. If one of our current Board members is unable to continue serving their term of office, an alternate will be asked to fill the vacancy.

Thank you to all who ran and to all those members who voted.

2022

NCRG-HCCA OFFICERS



President Raul Cornejo



Vice President Diana Squire



Secretary Bill Charpier



Treasurer
Jan Charpier

COMMITTEES

Membership	Kathy Ryan
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Tour & Safety	Diana Squire
Publicity, Historian	Sandy Maye
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Webmaster	Thomas Roush
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Editor	Diana Squire ncrgbrassnuts@gmail.com

Dues Renewal

All members should have received their renewal notice. If you did not receive one, please contact Diana Squire.

Dues are \$25 for 2023

Please return the form with your payment to Jan Charpier. An envelope has been provided for you to mail in your dues or you can give the form and dues payment to Jan at the January 19th General Meeting.

YOU MUST BE AN HCCA MEMBER TO JOIN THE NCRG.

**President's Message:**

I hope that all of you are enjoying your holidays. We all have different and some similar traditions which we carry through out the years. May the peace of this season follow us throughout the coming year.

Our club has had a good year filled with some losses and yet good trips and socializing. The return of members to meetings and parties brings smiles and cheers to us all. We've added new members who I expect will not only share their knowledge of cars, but learn what we have learned. We all have a question now and then.

I would be remiss not to mention, the happy time we had at our recent Progressive Holiday Party - beautiful homes, good food and sharing of plans for the season. This was a good time for all.

As we look forward to 2023, please think about the roads you'd like to travel, places you'd like to see, and plan a tour—share places you enjoy with our members. In addition, in December 2023 the NCRG will be celebrating its 75th year as an active regional group of the Horseless Carriage Club of America! How would you like to see us celebrate? Contact Stephanie Mozell to help with the planning of activities throughout the year.

Congratulations to Jan Charpier, Stephanie Mozell, and Diana Squire who will join me on the Board of Directors for 2023-24. Additionally, it's nice to have two alternates, Mike Huff and Chris Roberts, who we know will step up if needed.

Happy New Year!

Raul

Editor's Message: As I look back on 2022, I see that the NCRG had some fun and informative tours, lost some wonderful people, supported one another, planned for the future and continued to want to share their love of these old cars with each other and other people.

It is important to remember that the NCRG is 74 years old now. Our NCRG members have seen a lot of changes throughout all those years. I'm looking forward to seeing how our club continues to grow, and how members take the initiative to plan a tour or other activity and/or participate in the planning for our 75th year celebrations. We need leaders and helpers. Please choose to participate.

I know I've said this before, but I need to acknowledge and thank all of you who have made my job as your editor easier. Thank you, Kim Malone and Kathy Ryan for getting out the printed copies of the newsletter each month. Thank you to all who submitted articles, photos and ideas to fill the pages. Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to encourage me and to provide extra "eyes" to edit the newsletter each month. Thank you to Sue Hill, who is with me as I try to uphold her tradition of excellence. And, thank you, in advance, for all the new articles, ideas, and assistance as we move forward into 2023.

I'm wishing you Good Health and Safe Travels,

Diana

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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

Thursday, January 19, 2023

5:30 p.m. (dinner) - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (meeting)

Round Table Pizza, 9500-1 Greenback Lane, Folsom (916-989-1133)

Show and Tell—Bring a Favorite Item or Tell Us About Something That You Collect

The Round Table staff requested that food orders (including salads) be phoned in between 2:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. on the Wednesday preceding the meeting or the Thursday of the meeting.



NCRG HCCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(NOTE: NCRG sponsored events are in bold print)

2023

- January 7** **Board of Directors Meeting**, 11 A.M.
Denny's, 8841 Greenback Lane,
Orangevale. Installation of elected
Board members and Club Officers
- January 19** **General Meeting**, Round Table Pizza,
9500-1 Greenback Lane, Folsom,
5:30 P.M. Dinner, 6:00 P.M. Meeting
- February 16** **General Meeting**, Round Table Pizza,
9500-1 Greenback Lane, Folsom,
5:30 P.M. Dinner, 6:00 P.M. Meeting



Plan a tour

Let's set a Date!!!!

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

Other Local Events

Please let Diana know if you know of any local events the
club members may want to participate in or attend.
Email: ncrgbrassnuts@gmail.com



January 10 Houseplant
Appreciation Day



January 13 Make Your Dream
Come True Day



January 15 National Hat Day

SWAP MEETS, OTHER REGIONAL CLUB: HAPPENINGS AND NATIONAL EVENTS

2023

- January 28-29 Turlock Swap Meet, Turlock, CA,
turlockswapmeet.com
- March 17-18 Chickasha Pre-war Swap Meet, Chickasha,
OK Mike or Susie Erslund 405-224-9090
- April 13-16 Tulare (formerly Bakersfield) Swap Meet
Bill Bennett (559) 967-0112
tmechanic@att.net
- April 16-19 HCCA National Convention and Tour,
Visalia, CA. Visit hcca.org or contact
Don Azevedo at 2023hccanationaltour
@gmail.com (925) 301-5315.
General Meeting on the 16th with three days
of touring April 17-19.
- June 4 Mother Lode Swap Meet in Auburn, CA
motherlodemodelt.com
- June 4 - 8 53rd Franklin Westrek, Prosser, WA,
www.franklinwestrek.com
- July 13-18 3rd Annual "Museum of the Horseless
Carriage" Celebration of Brass in
Hickory Corners, MI
museumofthehorselesscarriage.org
- Sept 25-30 Utah Nickel Era Tour. St. George and Bryce
Canyon Utah. 2 Hotels, 4 Parks To get an
application contact John Manifor at
manifor@aol.com. The tour is limited to 45
-50 cars or 100 people. Cars 1932 and
older.

*Please see your latest Horseless Carriage Gazette
"Calendar Section" for any other events.*

California Automobile Museum

Registration of the CAM's 2023 Docent Class
is now open!

Class starts Wednesday, January 18, 2023 and runs through
May 10. Classes are held on Wednesday nights from
6 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. and a few Saturday mornings.

Contact the museum at 916-442-6802 or via email at
johnngtennyson@gmail.com or bobdaloia@yahoo.com.

There are other ways to be a Volunteer. For more infor-
mation go to the "Volunteer" page on their website or
email director@calautomuseum.org.

Please check their website for additional upcoming
events. www.calautomuseum.org





NCRG's HOLIDAY PROGRESSIVE DINNER 2022

Submitted by Diana Squire, Photos provided by Diana and others

On December 18th our club members and friends enjoyed the good food and conversation (even singing a couple Christmas carols) on that cold afternoon and evening. Clay and Michaelynn Ryan, Matt and Maya Ryan and Bill and Jan Charpier opened their homes to the 40 plus people who attended the event. Kathy and Maya Ryan showed us their baking skills and provided all the yummy desserts! I heard that Fiona Ryan spent most of a day preparing numerous charcuterie boards and other hors d'oeuvres that were consumed at our first stop. Other members provided appetizers, casseroles, salads, etc. Thank you to everyone who helped out with our feast!

Appetizers at Clay and Michaelynn's home:





At Matt and Maya's home there's plenty of room for us all....And more tasty food!





There was enough food for everyone!
As you can see, even though we worked our way through appetizers, and the main course, we still had room for DESSERTS at Bill and Jan's home.

Wilma Hren travelled from Arizona to see family and was able to attend the party!

Empty plates and full stomachs





Our Christmas
carol leaders!



Two cars with drivers and riders braved the cold weather and rode in their old cars.



MERRY
CHRISTMAS

Frank and I enjoyed some of the decorated homes as we travelled to and from the party. And, I've added a few decorations from the lovely Charpier's home.





Hearst Castle Tour Choices – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

You may choose one or two tours. Tours will be first come, first served based on receipt of your registration. You will be called (in early August) if we need to change your ticket requests. The tickets have to be booked on August 12, 2023, and there will be ***no ticket refunds once booked***. All tours include tickets to the movie “Building the Dream” at the theater in the Visitor’s Center. Lunch will be on your own in the Galley at the Visitor’s Center or at one of the restaurants along Hwy 1, south of the Visitor’s Center.

# of adults	# of children	Total Cost
_____	_____	\$ _____

Grand Rooms Tour; 52 people max; 60 min.; \$27 adults, \$13.50 children 5-12
Offered two times per hour from 10am/10:20am through 3pm/3:20pm

Tour Hearst Castle’s opulent social rooms to imagine being a guest of William Randolph Hearst. Best for first-time visitors, this overview of Hearst Castle offers an itinerary through the main building called Casa Grande: the Assembly Room, Refectory, Morning Room, Billiard Room and Theater. Tours begin outdoors and includes approximately 140 steps, both up and down, and 2/3-mile walk.

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Upstairs Suites Tour; 14 people max; 60 min.; \$27 adults, \$13.50 children 5-12
Offered two times per hour from 10am/10:20am through 3pm/3:20pm

Ascend narrow, winding, spiral staircases to explore the breathtaking upper levels of Casa Grande to admire Mr. Hearst’s own Gothic Suite, the enchanting Celestial Suite in the bell towers’ level, the main library with 150 ancient Greek vases, the Della Robbia Room, and a clever Duplex Suite. Tour also includes gardens, Neptune Pool and Roman Pool. Tour consists of approximately 367 stairs, both up and down, and a 3/4-mile route to walk.

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Cottages & Kitchen Tour; 14 people max; 60 min.; \$27- adults, \$13.50 children 5-12
Offered on the hour from 10am to 3pm

Step back in time to see vintages enjoyed at the Castle, the sprawling kitchen that served dozens of guests. Tour features two of the luxurious mansions that housed the Hearst family and their guests before Casa Grande was ready (Casa del Monte and Casa del Mar). Offering magnificent Pacific coast and mountain views, these ornately gilded “cottages” are thousands of square feet in size. Also included are the gigantic kitchen in Casa Grande, the famous wine cellar, gardens, Neptune Pool and Roman Pool. Tour consists of approximately 193 stairs, both up and down, and a 3/4-mile route to walk.

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Designing the Dream Tour; 14 people max; 75 min.; \$31.50 adults, \$18 children 5-12
Offered on the hour from 10am to 3pm

Explore the evolution of style and design from the early 1920s through the last days when Hearst left the hilltop in 1947. For those fascinated by the trajectory of the Enchanted Hill, and W. R. Hearst’s unique collaboration with architect Julia Morgan, the Designing the Dream tour weaves through the nearly three decades of planning and construction that comprised the astounding estate’s history. The earliest years are viewed in Casa del Sol, a guest cottage from the very first stage of the project; the middle-years are represented by the iconic swimming pools so closely associated with the estate; and the final years are seen in the North Wing of Casa Grande, the very last phase to be realized. With an emphasis on both changing design and architectural styles of the time, and the tumultuous events in W.R. Hearst’s own life, this tour spans the entire history of Hearst Castle. The Designing the Dream tour includes approximately 341 steps, both up and down, and 1.2 mile walk.

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Semi private Tour; 8 people max; 2 hours; \$100 per person

Offered at 10:20 and 1:20 only

Could be the Hearst and Hollywood Tour, Julia Morgan Architect Tour, or another special tour... You can read about these tours on the Hearst Castle website. These tours are in-depth coving all the rooms in the other tours as well as rooms and areas not included in the basic tours. Tour consists of approximately 750+ steps, both up and down and covers a great deal of rooms in the castle as well as cottages, pools, and outdoor areas.

Total Amount:

\$ _____

*Copy amount to bottom of
tour registration form.*

Name _____



A Little Bit of This and That



Kathy Ryan shared: Matt, Maya, Jim & Kathy Ryan went to the Metropolitan Club's Christmas party on Saturday, the 17th of December. A daughter of one of the members made a cake to look like a Metro. It had headlights that lit up. The spare tire was a powdered sugar mini doughnut and the tires were chocolate covered mini doughnuts. It was really cute, and totally edible except for the headlights!



Elaine Rose shared: The basket fundraiser for the Ben Ali Transportation Fund for the Shriners Children's Northern California Hospital was a huge success. She had a wonderful crew of family and friends to help out on the day of the sale. Never hurts to have a Keystone Kop on hand!

Diana Squire says: All her efforts are greatly appreciated. Elaine works hard throughout the year to glean items to put in these delightful baskets. As you can see they are elegantly displayed. This year, after a two year hiatus due to Covid, they were able to return to the Scottish Rite Temple to hold the event. Many other vendors were onsite. I didn't leave there empty handed.



Celebrating the New Year

The earliest recorded festivities in honor of a new year's arrival date back some 4,000 years to ancient Babylon. For the Babylonians, the first new moon following the vernal equinox—the day in late March with an equal amount of sunlight and darkness—heralded the start of a new year.

Though the Babylonian New Year's celebration dated back about 4,000 years, the oldest continually celebrated New Year's holiday is the Lunar New Year, or Spring Festival, that began during China's Shang Dynasty about 3,500 years ago.

(History.com)

While Italy, France, and Spain were among the countries that immediately accepted the new Gregorian calendar, Protestant and Orthodox nations were slow to adopt it. Great Britain and its American colonies did not begin following the Gregorian calendar until 1752. Before then they celebrated New Year's Day on **March 25**. Around the 1900s New Year's celebrations started. The first ball drop in Times Square was in 1907. (Encyclopedia Britannica)



HCCA NATIONAL NEWS



Re: Publication Awards; Gazette Indexing in January; Calendar For 2023; **Happy Holidays!** ...
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Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

- Publication Awards Nominations** – Alex Huppe will be judging the HCCA Publication Awards again for 2022. He has asked that presidents of all Regional Groups and Affiliated Registers submit examples of their publications to his address at:
 Alex Huppe
 750 N Tamiami Drive, # 1508
 Sarasota, FL 35236.
 Or, via Email to: alexhuppe@aol.com
 The deadline for submissions is January 27, 2023. Don't let the holidays get in the way. Send in your submission Now!
- Gazette Indexing Coming January 2023** – Peter Findlay announced that the indexing of past issues of the HCCA Gazette is Complete! WAHOOOO!!! This is an amazing accomplishment, and it was completed by Club Volunteers in just ONE Year! A HUGE Thank You to all the Indexing volunteers who made this possible. Now the Good News. The final tuning of the Index Database is taking place NOW. That will be completed in December, and the Beta testing will start in early January.
 After that, the Gazette Index will be available for HCCA Member's download and research. Get your home PC ready!
 Thank You again to the following HCCA member volunteers who made this possible: Rosebud Badour, Mike Barnes, Tony Bowker, Ken Findlay, Peter Findlay, John Gebhard, Sharon Gooding, Ian Hayhurst, Derek Hennecke, Wesley Ranard, and the Indexing Admin. Please thank them the next time you see them.
- What's on the Calendar** – The latest from the HCCA Gazette and Website:
Model T Ford Winter Clinic, McPherson, KS, January 21, 2023. Sponsor – Flatland T's of Kansas MTFCA. Contact: Chris Paulsen, 316-648-7887 Email: cp7254@hotmail.com

33rd Annual Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet.
 Chickasha, OK, March 17 - 18, 2023.
 Host: Mike or Susie Ersland. 405-224-9090

HCCA National Convention and Tour,
 Visalia, CA, April 16 – 20, 2023.
 Contact: Don Azevedo 925-301-5315
 Email: imnuts4fords@comcast.net
 Alt Contact: Mike Reid 780-464-6146
 Email: mreid@wdcoauto.com

BBC Tour and Swap Meet, Gettysburg, PA,
 May 14 – 18, 2023. Swap Meet on May 14.
 Tour days May 15 – 18. Sponsor: Susquehanna Valley Regional Group. Hosts: Pat and Marcy Gamble, 717-383-0360 or:
bbcifo@mail.com

New England Brass and Gas Tour, Ludlow, VT, June 19 – 23, 2023.
 Sponsor: Autoneers.
 Contacts: Karen Tomko, 203-247-7906 or Jan Kendrick, 207-381-7938.
 Email: kmtomko13@gmail.com - (Karen)
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HCCA Southern Ontario One and Two Tour,
 Orillia, ONT, Canada, June 22 – 25, 2023.
 Contact: John Smith, 705-325-7107. Email: johnsmith@rogers.com

Please check the HCCA Website
www.hcca.org for calendar updates and Registration Forms.

Doug Tomb/ Douglas.tomb@verizon.net

Board Member – HCCA NN Editor



Where
Did
That
Year
Go?



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Julie Instness
- 11 Janice Hill
- 16 Elaine Rose
- 20 Dave Hill
- 27 Tiffany Roberts



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Kevin Pharis
- 04 Warren Berg
- 13 Cindy Pharis & David Scott
- 29 Steve Gordon



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 03 Mark & Barbara O'Connor



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Dave & Janice Hill
- 26 Jim & Agness Forshey



Enjoying the Ride
Together

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

REMINDERS...

January 7 Board Meeting 11 A.M.
Denny's, 8841 Greenback,
Orangevale

January 19 General Meeting
5:30 P.M. Dinner, 6 P.M. Meeting
Round Table Pizza, 9500-1 Green-
back, Folsom

January 26th Last Day to Submit Info for the
February 2023 *The Brass Nuts*.

**Northern California Regional Group of the
Horseless Carriage Club of America
No General Meeting was held in December 2022
Instead we had a wonderful party!**

The election results can be found on page 2.

New Year's Resolutions

New Year's Resolution

1. Make Resolutions.
2. Forget Resolutions.
3. Try again next year.

The ancient Babylonians are said to have been the first people to make New Year's resolutions, some 4,000 years ago. They were also the first to hold recorded celebrations in honor of the new year—though for them the year began not in

January but in mid-March, when the crops were planted. During a massive 12-day religious festival known as Akitu, the Babylonians crowned a new king or reaffirmed their loyalty to the reigning king. They also made promises to the gods to pay their debts and return any objects they had borrowed. These promises could be considered the forerunners of our New Year's resolutions. If the Babylonians kept to their word, their (pagan) gods would bestow favor on them for the coming year. If not, they would fall out of the gods' favor—a place no one wanted to be. (History.com)

Make those resolutions carefully!

You always have an out—January 17th is
Ditch your New Year's
Resolution Day



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