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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 during 2016 (no meeting in December) at the North County Corporation Yard, 5026 Don Julio Boulevard, Sacramento, California.

NCRG 2015—2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Jan Charprier, Garry Gunderson, Mike Huff, Stephanie Mozell, and Frank Squire. Alternate: Jon Long.

NCRG 2016—2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Bill Charprier, Sue Hill, Bob Hopkins, Jr., Gordon McGregor, and Cathleen Roush. Alternates: Alicia Pharis and Jon Long.

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Editor Sue Hill

President's Message:

The first Board of Directors' meeting of the year took place and the members of the Board elected me for another term as President. I'm very grateful for their continuing to serve as President and look forward to doing so again.



As many of you know, Sue Hill and Thomas Roush were awarded Highest Honors for a Regional Group Newsletter and a Regional Group Website, respectively, in the Horseless Carriage Club of America's 2015 awards program. Congratulations to Sue and Thomas for these achievements. Their dedication on behalf of the NCRG is greatly appreciated. I also want to thank all of the members who submitted articles, photographs and other information for inclusion in the newsletter and on the website. Keep up the great work.

We still need volunteers to host tours this year. Remember that you don't have to plan long and involved events to have fun. Cindy Pharis' short tour of Folsom and the Folsom History Museum and Stephanie Mozell's lunch at the American River College Culinary School last year are great examples of short and very enjoyable events. Contact our Tour and Safety Chairperson, Bob Hopkins, Jr., with your ideas.

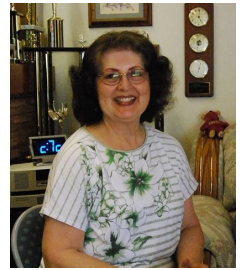
See you on the road soon!

Bill



Editor's Message:

What a thrill it was to get the email from Kathie Conrad, HCCA National Director, Publications, informing Thomas Roush, Webmaster, and me of awarding **Highest Honors** for our Regional Group's website and newsletter. And, then at our recent club meeting, our President, Bill Charpier presented each of us with a **President's Commendation** award for these achievements. You bet our buttons are popping!!! Your contributions to the website and newsletter are what makes these awards happen. Be proud!!!! Thank you so much!!!!



The officers for 2016 are the same as for 2015. I want to thank Bill, Bob, Jan and Stephanie for taking hold of the reins once again. Your dedication is very much appreciated.

The newsletter costs for 2015 were much lower due to the number of club members who chose to receive ***The Brass Nuts*** electronically. In 2014, the cost was \$1,463.09 and for 2015 it was \$787.30. What a difference!!! Let me know if you want to receive your newsletter via email only.

Sue

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 7:00 P.M.

February 18, 2016

North County Corporation Yard

5026 Don Julio Boulevard

Sacramento CA

REFRESHMENTS

Jim and Kathy Ryan

GUEST SPEAKER

Rather than a display, former

Congressman Doug Ose will be the

speaker at our meeting. He will talk

about his time in Congress and give us

few tidbits about the humorous side of

being in office.



NCRG HCCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

2016

February

- ?? Volunteer needed!
- 18 General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 20 The Iron Workers, Bolt Tool Museum

March

- 17 General Meeting
- 19 Babbitted Bearing Mfg., Bolt Tool Museum

April

- 21 General Meeting
- 24 Swap Meet and NCRG Board Meeting, American River College
- 30 Garden Tour with Metropolitan Club, Kathy Ryan

May

- ?? Southern California Auto Museum Tour, Roger Mitchell
- 19 General Meeting
- 21-22 Cameron Park/Shingle Springs Tour, Joint Tour, HCCA and Model T Clubs, David Pava

June

- ?? Hook and Ladder Society, fire truck restorations and tour, Roger Mitchell
- 16 General Meeting

July

- 21 General Meeting
- 21-24 Ryan Ramble, Mt. St. Helens WA

August

- 18 General Meeting

September

- 15 General Meeting

October

- 02 Lincoln Highway Celebration Cruise in Rancho Cordova, Frank Squire

November

- 17 General Meeting

December

- No meeting in December
- ?? Light Tour and Progressive Dinner

SWAP MEETS, OTHER REGIONAL CLUB HAPPENINGS AND NATIONAL EVENTS:

2016

March 17-18—**Chickasha Pre-war Swap Meet** in Chickasha OK

April 3-8—**Horseless Carriage Club Tour and Convention**, Brooksville, FL

April 10-13—**HCCA and HCCA Nickel Era Touring Registry, Grizzly Bear Tour**, Salinas CA (prior to the Bakersfield Swap Meet)

April 14-16—**Bakersfield Swap Meet and Tour**

June 7—**Historic Columbia Gorge Highway Centennial Celebration**, Portland Regional Group

June 8-11—**Run the Roads of Willamette Valley**, Portland Regional Group

June 19-23—**Franklin Westrek**, Long Beach WA

June 20-23—**Willys Overland Knight Tour**, Jasper, Indiana

Aug. 15-19—**HCCA Nickel Era Registry**, Tour to the Land of the Giants, Fortuna CA

See your latest HCCA Gazette "Coming Events Section" for more spectacular events coming your way.

The Dust Bowl

By: Sue Hill

On Saturday, January 16, some NCRGers headed for Oroville's Bolt Tool Museum to listen to Bud Bolt talk about his experiences living through the Dust Bowl in the 1930s. Mr. Bolt is 88 years old now, runs the Bolt Tool Museum and shared his story. First, he showed a PBS video about the dust bowl. Oh my goodness, it made me cry to learn of the devastation. Children were prone to dust pneumonia because of the lack of rain and all the dirt flying in the air. No matter how the people caulked their windows and doors, there was just no keeping the dust out of their homes. They shoveled it out using wheat shovels. Tractors had to be dug out. The dirt and dust piled up just like the snow did in the recent storms that just occurred in the eastern part of the US. It looked the same...except for the color.

In some areas the dust bowl lasted for five years; in one part of Texas it lasted for ten years. One wind storm blew dust and dirt for 27 days, day and night.

Mr. Bolt told us how his father kept the fear out of his nine children during these storms. Their lights would go out, kerosene lanterns would be blown out and the family would be in the dark. His father would teach the children bible verses and poems, or they would sing songs and tell funny stories to keep everyone's spirits up until bed time.

NCRGers in attendance L-R:
Garry and Mary Gunderson,
Jim Matson, Bob and Helen
Hopkins, Sue Hill, Mike Huff
and Stephanie Mozell.



Families packed up and headed for California.

Mr. Bolt said no one had any money. Everyone was in the same boat. He didn't know he was poor because everyone else was just like him. He has many wonderful memories of those tragic times.

He also shared that 1/4 of the population of the affected areas packed up and left. They piled their belongings into and on top of their vehicles and many headed for California. His family stayed put.

Four states experienced the dust storms. As a result, soil conservation efforts were begun. Farmers learned how to treat the soil with respect. All the top soil was gone and all that was left was the rock-like substance called caliche, a hardened cement of calcium carbonate. Nothing much grows in it. Once soil conservation efforts took place, things began to turn around. Everyone learned from this experience.

I was deeply moved by this presentation. While it had nothing much to do with old cars, it did show us how people got through such a tragedy, how they obtained gasoline for their vehicles, and how they lived. Our Education Project Manager, Garry Gunderson, is helping us learn many things. Thank you, Garry!!!



100 YEARS OF FASHION

By Sue Hill

Quite a few of us got an invitation to attend Eskaton Lodge's 100 Years of Fashion Exhibit and Show on Saturday, January 23. Skeptical me just figured it was a ruse to get us interested in moving in the assisted living facility, so I tossed the invitation without even considering it. After several phone calls from our members, I decided I better give it another look-see and send out information about the show to all our club members via email. As a result, six of us decided to check it out.

What we found was a huge turnout of people also interested in seeing the fashions. In addition to the fashions on display, there were models walking around in period clothing...ergo, the fashion show. What fun to see fashions from the early 1900s to the modern era. And a novel way to present them by using models who walked around the facility.

There was a balcony set up with wedding gowns through the ages. Below is a 1980s wedding gown



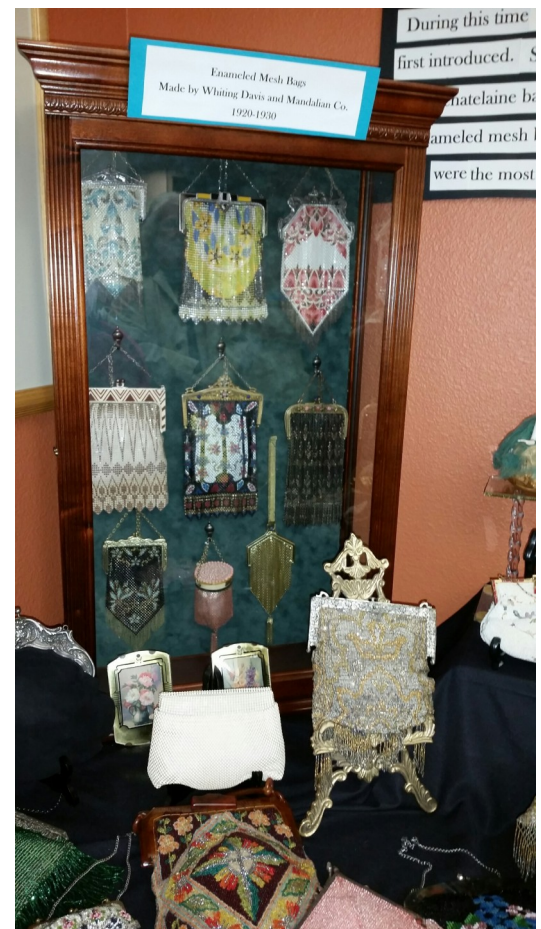
that was heavily beaded and fringed with beads.

Doreen Sinclair below modeled her 1930s attire. Love the hat!



There were many rooms filled with clothing and accessories to admire in addition to hors d'oeuvres of many types to sample. It was a delightful experience.

Those who attended from the NCRG were Elaine Rose, Jan Charpier, Joan Catchot, Stephanie Mozell, Mike Huff's sister, Anne, and myself. The only advertising to grab our interest in the facility was neatly placed in the map of the fashion show. No pressure whatsoever. I shouldn't be so skeptical!



The beautiful enamel, steel cut and glass beaded purses on display were marvelous.



More photos appear on the Fashion Page.



A Blast from the Past

From the October 1963 issue of The Brass Nuts.

SACRAMENTO VISITED BY ANTIQUÉ PLANE

Several weeks ago, two of our members, through the courtesy of Dick Montgomery, who is Field representative for the American Air Lines, represented the Model A and the Northern California Regional Group of the HCCA at a show at the Municipal Air Port where the American Air Lines had their 1929 Tri-motored plane on display. Bob Krueger represented the Model A Club and **Marion Ocheltree** the HCCA. They had their cars on display and had pictures of their cars taken sitting beside the plane. **Jim Brown**, of our Club, was also a guest as he has one of the largest collections of antique airplane engines in the state.

They had a pot-bellied stove set up for heat and had a hole cut in the fuselage for the smoke to escape.

About 15 years ago, this 1929 plane was found in old Mexico where it was being used by a Mexican family for a house. They had a pot-bellied stove set up for heat and had a hole cut in the fuselage for the smoke to escape. The American Air Lines bought the plane and took it to Oklahoma City where it was restored.

The plane is being piloted by a pilot and a co-pilot from Tennessee and is making a good-will tour of the United States after which the temporary engines will be replaced by the original ones and it will be placed in the Smithsonian Institute. There are only seven known planes of this model in existence.

Bob and Marion were amongst the selected few who were honored by being taken on a ride in the plane. The engines were so noisy that you could not hear aboard the ship so the pilot, while taxiing down the runway, held up a card saying, "Don't just sit there, WORRY!"

Bob and Marion stated that those pilots were as interested in the antique autos as they were in the plane.

SURPRISE PARTY

Without much notice **Helen Martin** informed us she was leaving for Texas in October to marry **Bob Hopkins, Jr.** (The kids may think this is romantic but an old fashioned wedding would have been a pleasure all of us could have enjoyed.) **Jim Hopkins** hastily typed and mailed invitations and the plans were underway.

Saturday was a paid event for McClellan Market so there was not much time for cooking. Sunday Sept. 29 dawned a beautiful sunny day. With a variety of canned foods and package mixes we soon had a buffet lunch, orange punch and a six layer cake resembling a brides cake, ready for our guests. The response was wonderful. Approximately forty guests were here to share the luncheon. Helen was completely surprised and she was so delighted with everyone and the lovely shower gifts. She enjoyed the attention given her long after the party ended. The thrill of it all must have lasted until she arrived in Texas. Bob wrote and thanked all of us for being so good to his girl. (As of this writing there is no definite wedding date.)

We had suggested folks come to the party in their antique autos, which they did and driving around the block was the favorite past time of the grown-up boys. A few little boys were left in tears because the big boys were so busy amusing themselves, they overlooked the little guys.

I hope all of you enjoyed the afternoon as much as I did preparing for it, and I take this opportunity to thank all of you wonderful people for making this surprise for Helen such a success. To one and all, THANKS.

Anne Hopkins



Ed. Note: They were married October 12, 1963. Bob and Helen have been members of the NCRG for over 50 years.



HCCA NATIONAL NEWS

To: Regional Groups (RG) and Affiliated Registries (AR) Contacts and Others

Re: New Year, Election Results, Thanks to the Leaders, Convention and Tours, What is New? ...

Issue: 2016-01-04#01

- **Get Ready for New Year**—It's official, the clock has started the new year is here ... It is time to start planning your 2016 Touring season and then start getting your vehicle(s) ready for when the winter ends and your trailer needs to be loaded.
- **Election Results / 2016 HCCA Board Members Class** —The election votes were counted by the HCCA CPA in December 2015 and I am pleased to announce that the new Board Member class consists of the following in alphabetical order ...
 - Steve Cook MA/FL
 - Bob Ladd PA (Incumbent)
 - Chris Paulsen KS (Incumbent)
 - Don Plumb OR
 - Steve Rinaldo GA

Congratulationsgo to the new class of Directors. It will be a busy year with changes planned,all hands will be needed.The new HCCA officers for 2016 will be elected and installed at the *Annual Convention*/ FL.

- **Thanks to the Leaders**—
Question to each member...Did you take the time and effort to thank your local club editor, Tour leaders and club officers for all of the time and effort they spend in 2015? It takes a lot of time to keep the organization together and plan events. Little thanks will go a long way.
- **Convention and Tours** - There are a lot of tours each year so ...
 - If you are planning a tour, make sure the information is posted correctly on the HCCA web site and in the Gazette.
 - If you know of a tour being held by another organization, Contact Brad Balduff, HCCA web master and have the general tour information put on the web site calendar to help other members with their yearly planning.

Over the past years I have attended Annual conventions in CA, CA, AZ, and TX. So this year we are heading to FL ...

2016 "Swarm to BEE Warm"...

Have you signed up ...Made your reservations and Marked your calendar?—

The 2016 HCCA*Annual Convention*and tours will be held April 3 – 8, 2016 at the Hampton Inn, 30301 Cortez Blvd, Brooksville, FL(352-796-1000) ...The Annual Meeting, Tours, Events, Seminars and Presentations will allow us to meet the goal of Sharing, Educating and Passingour experience on to others.Because the event allows us to meet face to face, itreunites old hobby friends and allows us to expose the public to the Horseless Carriage Club of America in different parts of the country.

You can find the Registration form on line atwww.hccaf.org.Do not wait, space is limited.

- **What's is New – Introduction of QR Codes**
I want to congratulate Horseless Carriage Club of Southern CA for their use of a "Quick Response Code" on their banner.



The square of dots on the banner (after line with "Join US") allows anyone with a phone Bar Scanner applicationto find out immediately what the organization is ... Great Idea ...

Share, Educate and Pass It On...

Carlton Pate / anpcop@aol.com

HCCA National Vice President

Fashion Page



This Fashion Page includes more photos from the 100 years of fashion show we attended at the Eskaton Lodge.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Kevin Pharis
- 04 Warren Berg
- 08 Diane Sherman
- 13 Cindy Pharis
- 23 David Pava
- 29 Steve Gordon



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Ray Hren
- 04 Tom Rohrer
- 09 Stephanie Mozell and Frank Squire
- 15 Georgiann Rohrer
- 18 Orene Savio
- 19 Tony Savio
- 24 Madeleine Barrett and Cathleen Roush
- 25 Donna Berg
- 27 Alicia Pharis
- 30 Mary Gunderson, Ed Tidwell and Kim Wright

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

None

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

None



In Memoriam

Our hearts go out to the Christopher Roberts family due to the loss of Chris' father, Joel, who passed away in January. Joel held several NCRG events at his place of business both in Rancho Cordova and McClellan Park. He always looked so proud when driving Chris' 1922 Stanley Steamer Royal Brougham. He will be missed for sure.

Sincere Sympathy

Thank you for your prayers for little Hudson Alexander Lottes. I regret to inform you that the little baby boy passed away in January. He put up a great fight but just could not hang on. God had other plans for that little one.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to the Don and Anne Lottes family in Arizona due to the loss of their little grandson.

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





**Northern California
Regional Group of the
Horseless Carriage Club of
America
General Meeting Minutes
Stephanie Mozell, Secretary
January 21, 2016**

Call to order 7:12 P.M.

Guests: Elijah (Elaine Rose's grandson).

Roll call of Board Members: Bill Charprier, Jan Charprier, Garry Gunderson, Sue Hill, Bob Hopkins, Jr., Mike Huff, Gordon McGregor, Stephanie Mozell, Cat Roush, and, Frank Squire.

NCRG's New Officers for 2016: Same as last year: President, Bill Charprier; Vice President, Bob Hopkins, Jr.; Secretary, Stephanie Mozell; and, Treasurer, Jan Charprier. The club's punch bowl, charter, and President's briefcase will remain with Bill Charprier. The Treasurer's briefcase will remain with Jan Charprier.

NCRG's Board Members for 2016-2017: Bill Charprier, Sue Hill, Bob Hopkins, Jr., Gordon McGregor, and Cathleen Roush. They join the **2015-2016 Board:** Jan Charprier, Garry Gunderson, Mike Huff, Stephanie Mozell and Frank Squire.

Reading of the Board Meeting Minutes: January 2, 2016. Any corrections/amendments? Yes, see below under discussion. Motion to approve: Bob Hopkins Jr. Second: Garry Gunderson. Discussion: Bill Charprier added River to The Colombia Trip. Destination was the Columbia River area. Action: Minutes approved as amended.

Reading of General Meeting Minutes, November 19, 2015. Motion to approve as printed in The Brass Nuts. Moved, Bob Hopkins Jr.; Seconded, Kathy Ryan; Action: Carried.

Welcome Returning Member: Jim Matson

Commendations:

-Thanks to Elaine Rose for the Shriners Christmas Bazaar. The donations received are used for the Shriners Transportation program.

-Thanks to Jim and Kathy Ryan and Sue Hill for the Christmas Light Tour.

-Congratulations to Thomas Roush and Sue Hill for the Highest Honors awards from the HCCA for the club's website and The Brass Nuts. Bill Charprier presented framed commendations to Sue and Thomas for their efforts.

-Thanks to Garry Gunderson for the educational presentation at the Bolt Tool Museum about the Dust Bowl.

-Thanks to Tom Rohrer and Alicia Pharis for refreshments for January's general meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

-Jan Charprier stated this year we operated profitably. She thanked all for their efforts in doing so. Jan went over the Budget v. Actual Income and Expenses. We are solvent. Jan also restated the benefits of holding our Annual Swap Meet. Any questions regarding report please contact Jan Charprier.

-2015 Audit Report—Gordon McGregor gave a report of the audit. Those participating in the audit were Bob Hopkins, Gordon McGregor and Thomas Roush. Gordon gave commendation to Jan Charprier on how nicely organized her books were.

-2016 Proposed Budget was approved at \$5600. A motion was made to approve the 2016 budget by Bob Hopkins, Jr.; seconded by Ed Rose; motion carried.

-Bob Hopkins also stated that the current club jackets are still available for \$50.

-Bob also stated that they allocated \$25 for the Education Committee.

Communications:

-HCCA and Gazette Editor were notified of NCRG's New Officers for 2016—Sue Hill

-Bill Charprier discussed a request from Corte Madera for Pre WW 11 cars on May 22nd.

-The Thunderbolts Car Club is putting on a car show on June 4th.

New Business:

Committee assignments:

-Audit and Budget Committee: Jan Charprier, Gordon McGregor, Bob Hopkins, Jr. and Thomas Roush

-Sunshine Committee: Stephanie Mozell

-Historian and Publicity: Sandy Maye

-Education Committee Chair: Garry Gunderson and Frank Squire.



Meeting Minutes Cont'd.

- 2016 Roster – Kathy Ryan
- Membership—Kathy Ryan
- Tour and Safety—Bob Hopkins, Jr.
- Webmaster – Thomas Roush
- Newsletter Editor – Sue Hill
- New Committee established to gather tour booklets from the past: Thomas Roush, Bob Hopkins, Jr., and Bill Charpier.
- Swap Meet—Kathy Ryan.

Unfinished Business:

- Certificate of Insurance for meeting room for 2016 was received!!! Thank you Jan Charpier for getting this for us!!!!
- Request for approval for an additional subsidy of the Christmas dinner in the amount of \$43.66. Moved Jan Charpier, Seconded Ed Rose. Discussion by Kathy Ryan—the additional amount was due to an approximation error. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tour and Safety – Bob Hopkins

- January 23 – *100 Years of Fashion*, Eskaton, Gold River 11am – 3pm. Free
- January 30, Knights of Columbus *Crab Feed* will be held...Toxic free crab obtained from Oregon!
- February 20 – *Iron Workers* by Stu Shaner, Bolt Tool Museum, Garry Gunderson
- February ?? – Volunteer needed!!!
- March 19 - Babbitted Bearing Mfg., by Dude Green, Bolt Tool Museum, Garry Gunderson
- May – *Southern California Auto Museum Tour* – Roger Mitchell asked for a head count for the May event. The response was between 15-25 people. Kathy Ryan suggested that it be a Thursday, Friday, Saturday event. Kathy Ryan volunteered to check on hotel availability. The airport would be the John Wayne Airport. The group is open to limited tours for multiple times if needed. Sue Hill volunteered to be the contact for the Southern California contact.
- Spring – *Hook and Ladder Society Fire Truck Restoration Tour* – Roger Mitchell. Date to be determined as well as lunch plans.
- April 24 – *Swap Meet, American River College* - (to be discussed later)
- April 30 – Kathy Ryan discussed a combined tour with her Metro Club and the HCCA. It will be a *garden tour* and more information will come later.

May 20-23 – *Cameron Park/Shingle Springs Tour*. Dave Pava stated that Friday will be the beginning for the out of town car club members. May 21 and 22 will be combined with the four clubs invited. More details will follow.

July 21-24 – *Ryan Ramble, Mt. St. Helens WA* – The Ryan Family. Kathy passed out flyers and explained that there were limited hotel and RV spaces.

October 2 – *Lincoln Highway Celebration in Rancho Cordova* – Frank Squire. Date is Oct 2nd. It will start from The Old Mine Shaft Miniature Golf area. It starts at 9:00-11:00. The finish line will be at Mills Station. They are expecting a hundred cars. More information will follow.

Swap Meet—Kathy Ryan

- Date/Location confirmed for 2016. This has been confirmed verbally but waiting for the written contract.
- Flyer has been printed but not distributed.
- Certificate of Insurance for Swap Meet has not been requested yet as contract has not been received.
- Publicity for Swap Meet. Garry Gunderson has various sites as well as our own web site to send the flyer and information. Some advertisers include Drive and CAM and it was suggested to get a hold of John Sweeney and his publication of Cruisin' News to publish our swap meet information.
- Sign-up sheet was passed around and initials needed or corrected for job duties.
- Frank Squire stated that he sent Ralph Brown information on two potential food vendors. Ralph stated that he has the information.

Education: Garry Gunderson/Frank Squire

- On April 19, Ed Rose, Garry Gunderson and Frank Squire will be in Lodi for a car educational event with a group of Home School Children.
- Bob stated he has requested the small "I rode in an old car" buttons given out by the National Club. He hasn't heard from them after several requests. The buttons that we have are too big for children.

Editor: Sue Hill

- President's message, meeting minutes, flyers and stories due to the Editor by January 27.
- Brass Nuts expenses for 2015 were \$787.30...lower cost due to members requesting email copies only.

*Meeting Minutes Cont'd.*

Webmaster: Thomas Roush stated that we had 2900 visitors to the website last month. He also acknowledged his new assistant editors to the website, Alicia Pharis and Cindy Pharis.

Sunshine Report: Stephanie Mozell

-Sympathy cards were sent to the Chris Roberts family, Chris' father, Joel, passed away; and to the Don Lottes family in AZ. Their baby grandson, Hudson, passed away.

-Get well cards were sent to Mary Hampton, Ray Hren, Leta Nichols, and Matt Ryan

Membership: Kathy Ryan

Jim Matson returned to the NCRG!!!

History and Publicity: Sandy Maye

The club meeting notice was not published in the *Bee*.

January Display – Waffle Irons—Tom Rohrer's display was interactive and informative. Thank-you, Tom, for your energetic talk. *Secretary's Note: Some of us made waffles the next day.*

February Display:

We will have Doug Ose speaking about being a Congressman. We will start with our speaker first on the agenda.

Good of the Order:

Swap meet in Turlock Jan 30 and 31

Next Board Meeting: April 24, 2016, at the Swap Meet

Next general meeting, February 18, 2016 at 7:00 PM

Next Refreshment Committee: Kathy Ryan. The remaining schedule will be posted in the Roster

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by: Frank Squire; seconded by Sue Hill, adjourned at 8:20PM



NCRG President Bill Charpier presents President's Commendation awards to Sue Hill and Thomas Roush in recognition for earning Highest Honors from the HCCA for the newsletter and website respectively. Also for their special efforts and dedication to these NCRG endeavors.



Tom Rohrer



Waffle Irons



Tom had waffle irons for all occasions. Circus, farm (above), hearts, Olaf from Frozen, Mickey Mouse, and many other designs. Not one was shaped like a normal waffle. What a great presentation. He cooks waffles for his grandchildren and typically uses three different irons at one time.



***February 20, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.
Bolt's Antique Tool Museum
Presents Stu Shaner and
"The Iron Workers"***

Bolt's Museum is proud to welcome Stu Shaner to their "Third Saturday" presentation series. With more than 36 years experience as an iron worker, Stu knows what he's talking about! He worked for six years on the Oroville Dam and has extensive experience building bridges throughout the West. Stu will discuss the tools of the trade and talk about his duties as a "connector" on bridge projects. The "connector" works way up high and leads workers in all of the dangerous tasks involved in building these marvels of engineering. Don't miss your chance to hear all about this perilous occupation.

*1650 Broderick St., Oroville, California
\$3.00 admission for museum tour & talk
Questions: 530-538-2528
See our website www.boltsantiquetools.com
and become our Facebook friend too!*



Sunday, April 24, 2016

American River College

4700 College Oak Drive, Sacramento, California

56th Annual **SWAP MEET**

**VERY LARGE
SPACES!**

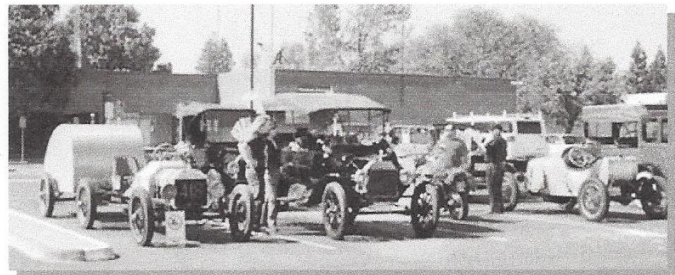
Cars, Car Parts, and Car Related Items
Antique, Classic, Muscle, Rod, Collector Cars and Motorcycles too!

***No overnight camping, alcohol, or firearms
allowed on the grounds***



Directions:

From Interstate 80,
exit Madison Ave East,
at College Oak turn right,
then left at Myrtle,
College is on the right –
follow the signs for parking



Rain or Shine

Gate opens for set-up and selling Sunday at 5 am



Extra Large Vendor Spaces
20' x 36' (4 parking stalls) - \$30

Double Spaces - \$50

Car for Sale Spaces - \$10

No pre-reserved spaces

Free parking and admission for buyers

Collector car and motorcycle display area -
Food available - 50/50 cash drawing

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For more information go to: www.ncrghcca.com or call 916-332-1357





SAVE THE DATES!!!

May 21-22, 2016

There will be a joint tour with the following clubs:

**Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club
NorCal Horseless Carriage Club
Sacramento Model T Club
Mother Lode Model T Club**

It will be structured so participants can choose to attend both or either day.

It will be headquartered in the Cameron Park/Shingle Springs area.

Complete details coming soon.

FAMOUS QUOTES ABOUT DRINKING

"To some it's a six-pack, to me it's a Support Group. Salvation in a can!"

Leo Durocher

"When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading."

Paul Horning

"24 hours in a day, 24 beers in a case. Coincidence? I think not."

H. L. Mencken

"Sometimes when I reflect on all the beer I drink, I feel ashamed. Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the brewery and all of their hopes and dreams. If I didn't drink this beer, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered. I think, 'It is better to drink this beer and let their dreams come true than be selfish and worry about my liver.'"

Babe Ruth

"I feel sorry for people who don't drink. When they wake up in the morning, that's as good as they're going to feel all day."

Dean Martin

"When we drink, we get drunk. When we get drunk, we fall asleep. When we fall asleep, we commit no sin. When we commit no sin, we go to heaven. So, let's all get drunk and go to heaven!"

George Bernard Shaw

"Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy."

Benjamin Franklin

"Without question, the greatest invention in the history of mankind is beer. Oh, I grant you that the wheel was also a fine invention, but the wheel does not go nearly as well with pizza."

Dave Barry

Remember "I" before "E," except in Budweiser.

Professor Irwin Corey

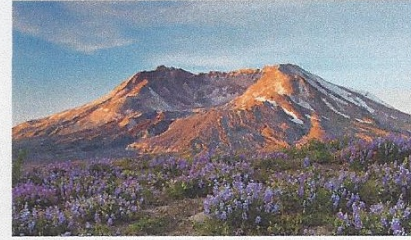
One night at Cheers (TV Sitcom), Cliff Clavin said to his buddy, Norm Peterson:

"Well, ya see, Norm, it's like this...A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members! In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Excessive intake of alcohol, as we know, kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine! That's why you always feel smarter after a few beers."



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TECHNICAL TIP

By Bill Charpier

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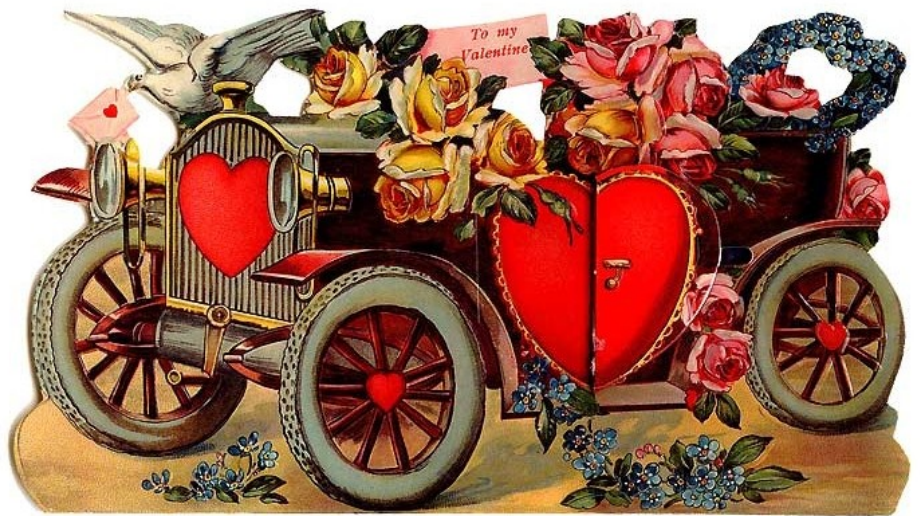


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