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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 2017 (no meeting in December) at the Sacramento Area District Office, 5026 Don Julio Boulevard, Sacramento, California.

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President's Message:

It was my great honor at the June meeting to present the 2016 HCCA National First Place award plaques to Sue Hill and Thomas Roush for best newsletter and website. Great Job!



Thanks to Lew Dobbins for ordering perfect weather for Classics, Cats and Cabernet in Lincoln. They raised over \$165,000 to help the little critters. The June 17th talk I gave at Bolt's Museum was well attended by NCRG members and featured four beautiful Edsel cars.

July promises to be even more fun with the Garage Tour and Panda Extravaganza hosted by Sue Hill and the Mayes on July 16th and the ever popular Ryan Ramble, July 27-30. Be sure to check the events section.

Also, we still need a volunteer to serve as Chairperson for our 2018 Swap Meet. Don't be shy. You will get lots of help from your fellow members and much appreciation.

Keep up the good work and let's go touring!

Garry

Garry presents 1st place plaque awards to Webmaster, Thomas Roush and Editor, Sue Hill and reads congratulatory letter from HCCA President Chris Paulsen.



Editor's Message:

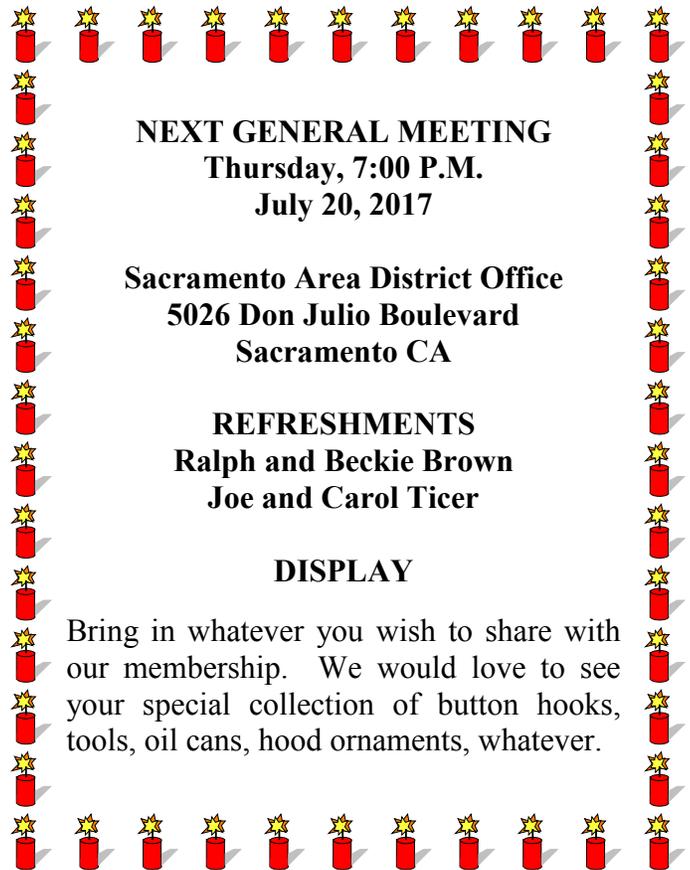
I am proudly displaying another HCCA Editors Award Plaque in my kitchen for everyone to see. Thank you National HCCA for recognizing the work of the NCRG. I am lucky as I have wonderful reporters who are willing to share their stories and photos. Lucky me!



I am looking forward to the tour on July 16 in recognition of National Collector Car Day which is really celebrated on July 14...but we can celebrate when we wish. If you don't want to bring your antique, show us your other collector cars we don't get to see. This is the perfect tour for that.

Speaking of collector cars, I got to ride in an ambulance for the first time on June 23 at 5:30 a.m. while in my pj's and curlers (lovely sight). Nosebleed that would not quit. Cauterization...and I was free to go. All is well.

Sue



NEXT GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, 7:00 P.M.
July 20, 2017

Sacramento Area District Office
5026 Don Julio Boulevard
Sacramento CA

REFRESHMENTS
Ralph and Beckie Brown
Joe and Carol Ticer

DISPLAY
 Bring in whatever you wish to share with our membership. We would love to see your special collection of button hooks, tools, oil cans, hood ornaments, whatever.



NCRG HCCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(NOTE: NCRG sponsored events are in bold print)

2017

July

- 13 NCRG Board Meeting, Charpier Home**
 15 The Ironworkers Tradition, Rick Hook, Bolt's Antique Tool Museum
16 Garage Tour and Panda Extravaganza, Sue Hill and the Mayes
20 NCRG General Meeting
27-30 Ryan Ramble, Pt. Reyes area, NCRG and the Ryan Family

August

- 17 General Meeting**
 19 Rare John Deere Tractors, Rod Hiskin and Dax Kimmelshue, Bolt's Antique Tool Museum
26 Sacramento Metro Garage Tour and BBQ, Roger Mitchell

September

- 16 The Biking Bolts, Alex Bolt, Bolt's Antique Tool Museum
21 General Meeting
 23 Ironstone Concours de Elegance, 100 years of the Nash automobile, Murphys CA, Gordon McGregor
30 Tour to Plymouth and Vintage Camp Trailers, Mike Huff

October

- ?? NCRG Board Meeting, McGregor Home**
14 Ladies Tea and Gentlemen's Drive, Robin and Cindy Pharis
 14 Fire Truck #2 Fundraiser Dinner, Roger Mitchell
19 General Meeting and Club Auction
 21 If Tools Could Talk, Ron MacInnes, Bolt's Antique Tool Museum

November

- 16 General Meeting**
 18 Kilimanjaro Trek, Patty Wright, Bolt's Antique Tool Museum

December

- 17 Christmas Light Tour and Progressive Dinner**

TBD Gymkhana, Ed Rose and Roger Mitchell

2018

Spring 2018, NCRG Dinner, Roger Mitchell

June 9 Classics, Cats and Cabernet, Lew Dobbins

SWAP MEETS, OTHER REGIONAL CLUB HAPPENINGS AND NATIONAL EVENTS:

2017

Aug. 13-18—**Northern "Brass" Lights Tour**, Sherwood Park, Alberta, Canada for pre-1916 vehicles. Contact: Mike Reid, 780-464-6146 or mikejudsonreid@shaw.ca

September 10-14—**20th Annual Skagit-Snohomish Regional Group Tour for pre-1916 cars**. See *Gazette* for more details.

September 11-14—**Twain Harte Tour, Bay Area HCCA**, Pre-16 cars only. Contact Charles Ebers 209-677-3057

October 4-7—**Hershey Swap Meet**

2018

April 7-11—**HCCA Grizzly Bear Tour and National Convention**, Yosemite National Park.

April 12-14—**Bakersfield Tour and Swap Meet**

May 14-18—**Olympic Peninsula Mountain to Sea Tour** in Sequim WA. HCCA Nickel-era Touring Registry

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



Story by Kathy Ryan

This was the 9th annual event for FieldHaven Feline Center! Proceeds provide a significant portion of the funds FieldHaven needs to operate and allows for expansion in innovative ways – this past year opening a veterinary clinic open to the public as well as taking care of resident kitties. Our own club member Lew Dobbins is responsible for gathering cars and wooden boats to be on display at the event. He was there to greet us and direct us to our parking places. NorCal’s presence was a “classic row” of Lynn & Jeanne Kissel’s 1934 Pierce Arrow Club Sedan, Garry & Mary Gunderson’s 1939 Packard Twelve, and Jim & Kathy Ryan’s 1931 Franklin Sport Salon. Additionally, Ryan’s brought along Dan & Gerry Schwartz (they usually attend our Christmas Lights Tour) in their show winning 1940 Ford Convertible which was placed front and center as people entered the venue.



It is lots of fun to show “first timers” around the event. Besides viewing gorgeous cars of every age and description, and the beautiful wooden boats, we could peruse the multitude of silent auction items and the raffle ticket displays. Additionally, they had a Social Media Booth where you could choose from a variety of “dress up” items and have your picture taken to post. Our bidding booklet described all the “live auction” items that would be up for sale later in the evening. We especially enjoyed seeing the shelter cats – quite a few kittens were available for adoption, and many of us got our annual fix of cat petting and some play time.



Dining room and auction area.

We partook of delicious food and a variety of drinks... wine (of which we could keep the glass), beer, iced coffee, two kinds of sangria, lemonade, ice tea, and of course water. There were snow cones and pop corn, dinner was coleslaw, pasta salad, vegetable salad, buttered new potatoes, bbq’d chicken, sliced pork roast, and rolls. Later we had choices of a variety of dessert bars – dark chocolate, raspberry, Hawaiian, caramel, and more with nuts and other ingredients – so good! The lady who made the dessert bars will soon be selling through Williams Sonoma, but alas, she did not have any business cards with her. There was also an ice cream sundae bar with all the trimmings. You do not leave here hungry!

The Kissel’s bid and won two lovely pictures from the silent auction. Kathy and Mary bought raffle tickets, but neither had a winning ticket. The live auction was fun and exciting. The annual photo safari in Africa went for \$4,200. One of these years the Ryan’s are going to bid on that one! Over 500 tickets were presold for this year’s event, plus the event volunteers, and car and boat owners, soared attendance to the largest crowd ever. It was not 105 degrees, nor was it cold... it was a picture-perfect day, and those of us who went had a fabulous time. We encourage more of our club members to check this event out next year.

Kathy shared the thank-you from the event: The members of the Board of Directors of FieldHaven Feline Center and all of the kitties express our deepest appreciation for your support of Classics, Cats & Cabernet 2017, our most successful event to date. You helped us raise more than \$165,000 to ensure that FieldHaven's vital community programs and services will continue! It was wonderful seeing everyone enjoy the event with the beautiful weather. We heard exceptional reviews of our new additions -- dessert from Miss V's Dessert Bars and iced coffee from Dogs Drink Coffee -- and have additional ideas for continuing to improve your experience at Classics, Cats & Cabernet again next year. We appreciate your continued support of FieldHaven and look forward to seeing you next year on **June 9, 2018**. Mark your calendar now and remember to buy advanced admission tickets and Golden Raffle tickets since we sold out again this year. Sincerely, Joy Smith, Founder and President, FieldHaven Feline Center



FIELDHAVEN 2017

Story by Mary Gunderson

Our member Lew Dobbins was right there to guide our cars to the usual coveted space at the front of the entrance to Preston and Joy Smith's ranch and event of the day. Jim & Kathy Ryan's Franklin, Lynn & Jeanne Kissel's Pierce Arrow and Gunderson's Packard represented the NCRG-HCCA. There were of course many other gorgeous cars and boats, including Kent & Lydia Grigg's '56 Nomad with '56 Aristocrat rig that goes so well together. Kent's father was also there and we learned that this car/boat pair was first the grandfathers, then the fathers, and now the sons!



Every year Lew & Debra Dobbins are "sponsors" of the event. Not only do they make a very generous contribution, but they provide everyone with ice cream sundaes (and Debra scooped for hours!).

This year we got PERFECT WEATHER! Some years it's a big warm.... There was a DJ playing music from "our era" and the volume was just right. The dinner was barbecue with sides and fabulous dessert bars.

People had a couple of hours to bid on silent auction items, put raffle tickets into the baskets, and share in the wine and fellowship, as well as visit the lovely kitty sanctuary building! There were kittens and cats and vets in the cute little decorated rooms. There were also women walking around with raptors and one big lizard who looked too snuggly to be true! And, this year the Gundersons were aided by Fieldhaven In finding a home for a kitty who had leukemia. Fieldhaven and their volunteers help a lot of other people and organizations to care for and place lots of cats and kittens.

The big goal this year was to start raising funds for a bus, or RV-sized vehicle. Fieldhaven would like to be on-the-road too! I'm not sure if it will be a mobile vet unit, adoption unit or what yet... but they raised a lot of money toward being able to purchase it thanks to generous bidders.

Keep in mind that if you're in the Lincoln area, Fieldhaven also has a "Marketplace" store. It's a very nice resale shop (we've been there, and bought stuff!). It's located at 454 F Street. They're open Monday through Saturday from 11 to 4.

Next year will be the 10th year for this enjoyable and worthy event - we'll hope to see more members there. Remember, you get two free tickets in if you bring a car... and you get to hang out with cat, car and boat-people!



Garry Gunderson shares information about the 1939 Packard's massive V-12 engine.



Photo from Matt Ryan's Facebook Page

**Hollister 2017 Speedster Endurance Run
June 10-11, 2017
Sponsored by the Santa Clara Valley Model-T
Ford Club
Written by Cindy Pharis**

The Endurance Run is an event designed for 1927 and earlier speedsters. It is a timed event, NOT a race. The driver must follow a given route, successfully complete a number of check points, and finish the event within a predetermined unannounced time frame. A perfect score is zero; there is a two point penalty per second for completing the Run too early, and a one point penalty per second for completing the Run later than the perfect target time.

This year Robin competed in the Run with grandson Nolan Arinno (age 11), Nolan's first Endurance Run as Navigator/Mechanic. Matt Ryan and Maya Beneli and Kevin and Alicia Pharis also participated in the Endurance Run. Sarah Arinno, Brady Arinno and I were there too; however, we did not participate, we had the important job of assisting with Charlotte Pharis during the Endurance Run on Sunday.



On Saturday afternoon Robin took the speedster off the trailer and unfortunately the brake cable broke; the Tiffany Ford dealership in Hollister graciously offered to let Robin use a hydraulic lift to raise the car in order to fix the cable with ease! Nolan took his job as Mechanic very seriously and was pleased to assist Papa while repairing the broken cable.



Mechanic Nolan helps Papa Robin with cable fix.

I took the opportunity to drive the speedster on the warm-up tour on Saturday to San Juan Bautista accompanied by grandson Brady Arinno (age 6) as my Navigator/Mechanic. We visited the San Juan Bautista Mission that opened in 1779 and drove

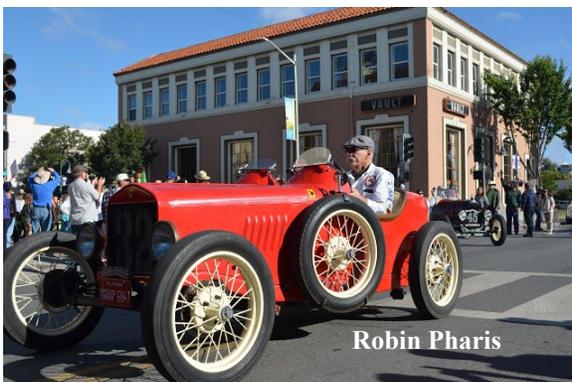


through beautiful farmland and back roads. Nana did a good job of driving the speedster, didn't stall it once!



Nana Cindy with her three grandchildren, Brady Arinno, Charlotte Pharis, Nolan Arinno and daughter-in-law, Alicia Pharis.

There were over 30 speedsters that participated in the Endurance Run; some were Model T Fords, some were Chevy's, and even a Model 35 Bugatti speedster, with a 1500 cc, 8 cylinders, and super charged motor. Nolan got the rare opportunity to get a quick ride in the Bugatti and was the envy of everyone there!



Robin Pharis



Maya Beneli and Matt Ryan



Alicia and Kevin Pharis

The Endurance Run was a lot of fun; all speedsters completed the event without a breakdown. Unfortunately Robin, Matt or Kevin didn't win the trophy this year; however, it was a great opportunity to visit with speedster friends and drive the cars on the beautiful back roads of San Benito County. Alicia should have received the "endurance award" for participating while being 8 months pregnant, now that's real endurance!

Thank you to the Santa Clara Valley Model-T Ford Club for putting on another successful Endurance Run and for allowing all 1927 and earlier speedsters to participate!

I'm sure it's only a matter of time before Nolan will want to start building a boat-tail speedster of his own! After all, Uncle Kevin built his first speedster when he was 14 years old. Must carry on the family tradition!



THE EDSSEL AUTOMOBILE

Story by: Sue Hill

What an interesting talk Garry Gunderson gave about the Edsel automobile and history behind the car at the Bolt Antique Tool Museum in Oroville on June 17. Several members of the NCRG were in attendance at this presentation. And, we were definitely a very attentive audience. As you may remember, the Edsel was named after Henry Ford's son Edsel who died at an early age.

No, the Edsel is not an antique car, but was built by Henry Ford who was responsible for Fords of the early years.

Edsels were produced for three years, 1958-1960. Four models were made: Ranger, Pacer, Corsair and Citation. The Citation was the top of the line.

One of the Citation models came with push button drive selects in the middle of the steering wheel. When steering, the push buttons stayed in place so the driver could change gears with the push of the button without having to look down to see where they were.

Edsel had 18 different models the first year of production. One could order whichever car they wanted and chose from 72 different color schemes. Talk about ambitious!

While the Edsel had a lot of horsepower, its pulling power (torque) was amazing. We saw two different videos about the Edsel which showed one going up a very steep hill with no problem at all.

As you know, this was a car design you liked or hated. The business failed due to being too ambitious and the recession of the car industry at that time.

There were four Edsels for us to look at. It was interesting to see the color combinations and body styles of those old cars.

Thanks Garry and your team of Edsel owners for a marvelous and interesting talk. The nearly full house audience on a very hot day enjoyed it all very much.

I hope I got those car photos labeled correctly...Ed.



Garry Gunderson presents framed certificates to the Edsel drivers for their help in showing their cars and answering our questions about the various features of the Edsels.



1959 Ranger



1958 Citation



1958 Pacer



1958 Pacer



THIS AND THAT

A Blast from the Past

From The Brass Nuts, August 1967

SEATTLE-VANCOUVER NATIONAL TOUR

Excerpt from tour write-up by Sue Hill

Tuesday, July 18 — Nice day — nice weather. Off we go, all 107 beautifully restored antiques. Approximately two miles down the freeway the Mitchell boils. Add water and take off again. Again—instant hot water in the face. Add more water. Finally, ignoring the constant rise of temperature gauge, we travel onward to Mukilteo to board the ferry for the trip to Whidby Island. Lee carried the ferry ticket in his teeth (doesn't everyone?) and it blew out. After an uneventful search I got out to help look for it and it fell off my coat. After a few choice words by Lee we start up and board the ferry. As luck would have it, you need two tickets for this ferry—the other being in Lee's wallet. After a long moment (wallet is in Lee's pants pocket underneath a pair of coveralls and a coat) the onlookers applaud as we Hills finally get aboard.

Soon we are on our way to the town of Oak Harbor for coffee and cookies and a much needed water bag for the Mitchell. The entire town of Oak Harbor welcomed the group very warmly. Such enthusiasm and hospitality—could hardly believe it was us they were welcoming. Coffee and goodies were compliments of the town and we graciously accepted. Off again over Deception Pass—beautiful, beautiful—and through lovely countryside to Ferndale for lunch.

(Hopkins' carried the water bag on the Buick as they thought we would lose it. They lost it five miles out of Oak Harbor.)



Sue Hill on the HCCA National Tour, Seattle to Vancouver, Canada, July 1967.

Pop and Newell enjoyed a trip to San Francisco where they had seats for the Ice Follies. Some people sure do enjoy their retirement. Can't wait for the day when we can do the same.

Bob Hopkins doesn't waste any time when one of his old cars is sick. He has the Mitchell already equipped with a new water pump so it is all ready to go again.

E. R. Bourne and son were recent visitors in the Sacramento area. A lot of you folks will remember him best as "The West Coast Distributor of Pope-Hartfords."

Pop and Newell Allison and the 71st Street Smiths have reservations to spend a weekend in Fort Bragg where they intend to take a ride on the SKUNK.

Vi Largin has a new business. She is now a dealer in buttons, bones, bottles, beads and baubles. She has been hauling loads of the stuff into the station for the last three days.

We heard that Arch McCalla was tempted to commit sideways when he heard that Duarte had two freezers full of home made ice cream as refreshments for the Board meeting. Arch has a well known weakness for good ice cream.

Have you been out to buy one of those old fashioned bathing suits from Grubb's country store??? Jim also has derby hats—straw hats—top hats, etc. Patronize your fellow club member.

Ed. Note: Grubbs Country Store used to be in the Town and Country Shopping Center on Marconi Avenue, Sacramento.



HCCA NATIONAL NEWS

Re: HCCA Board Meeting, Club Documents, 2018 Convention, Membership, Merchandise...
Issue: 2017-06-09 #05

- **HCCA Board Meeting** – In the end of May 2017 over 75 cars and over 100 members arrived in Strasburg, PA for 5 days of touring and a flea market and car display at the train museum. Since the last day of the tour was Ascension Day, there was a high concentration of Amish on the roads in all directions. Though there was some rain, all members had a great time. During the event, the HCCA Board of Directors held a Board of directors meeting. Unlike most clubs, HCCA invites all members to attend Board meetings. Regional Groups and Affiliated Registries can obtain copies of HCCA Board approved minutes ... Next HCCA Board meeting is October 3, 2017 at Hershey.
- **Club Documents and Information** – The Board of directors is continually looking for better ways so communicate. For the past two years we have been collecting and converting all club documents to a digital format. Though all of the files have been entered, some have lost the links and have to be corrected ... We need to address the view format for members and limit access of some files to visitors. The new service needs to be reviewed by directors and approved before it is open to the members.
- **2018 Convention ...
Celebrate 80 Years of Brass Era Touring**

Mark your calendar ...

2018 HCCA Convention/80th Year of HCCA –
Dates: April 7-11, 2018
Location: Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite, CA
Bakersfield: April 12 to April 14, 2017

MEETING OF THE MARQUES ... there is limited space so Sign up NOW; Registration is open, go to www.HCCA.org

- **Membership / Statement Clarification** – On a recent tour in PA, a HCCA member raised a question about membership ... In a recent issue stated that “Members **must** have current membership in the local club and HCCA if they want to participate in any club sponsored events.” **Correction** / ...“Members **must** have current membership in the local club and HCCA if they want to participate in any local club sponsored event.” Though HCCA encourages all members to be affiliated with and support local clubs, it is not a requirement for membership. HCCA was formed to help individuals that want to participate in touring with antique cars. We are a family of friends that is here to help and protect ... The positive side of the discussion is that I learned that at least someone is reading the HCCA National News.
- **Merchandise Update** – Under co-direction of Jay Simpson / East and Keene Brewer / West there will be samples of inventory at Hershey/Fall and Bakersfield/Spring. But you do not have to wait ... see Club Store on HCCA website.
- **Long Range Planning** – Over the past year I have been contacted many times by members and non-members about what is needed for a local club to be successful and how to re-form a group that has lost its leadership. The key ingredients are Leadership (someone to lead the group), Communication (Paper, Website, and emails), Events (face to face), Planning (continuity / future) and Having Fun (involvement of all).
- **2016 Publication Awards** – Thanks go to a CA member who today reminded me that the release of the Publication Awards for 2016 was missed. Though the winners were announced at the annual convention and appeared in the minutes, I forgot to get them into an earlier issue of the HCCA National News. Because space in the issue is too small, the winners will appear in the next issue...

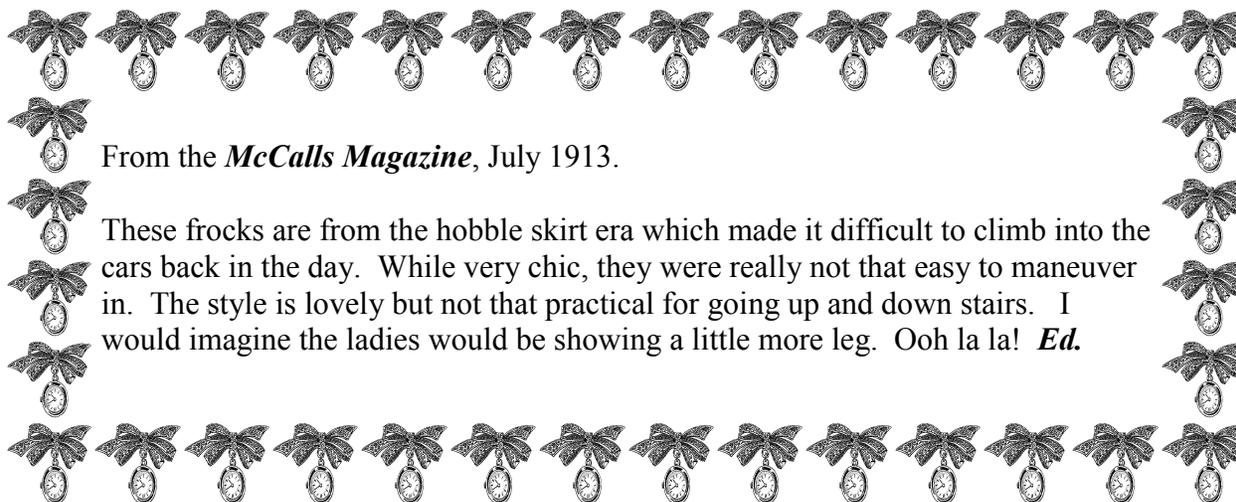
Get Involved and Give Back to Family and Friends...

Carlton Pate / anpcop@aol.com

2017 HCCA Chairman of the Board



Fashion Page



From the *McCalls Magazine*, July 1913.

These frocks are from the hobble skirt era which made it difficult to climb into the cars back in the day. While very chic, they were really not that easy to maneuver in. The style is lovely but not that practical for going up and down stairs. I would imagine the ladies would be showing a little more leg. Ooh la la! *Ed.*



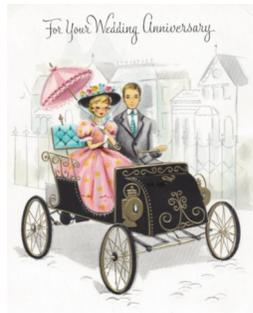
JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 03 Jerry Catchot
- 12 Ralph Brown
- 19 Joe Ticer
- 22 Jennifer Roberts
- 24 Edna Mitchell
- 28 Felicity Davis
- 29 Fran Sherman



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 05 Jerry and Joan Catchot
- 06 Warren and Donna Berg
- 10 Thomas and Cathleen Roush
- 12 Gordon and Carolyn McGregor
- 17 George and Diane Sherman

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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

Welcome Baby Hopkins

Patrick and Kaela Hopkins welcomed their first child into the world on June 9, 2017, at 9:12 pm. She was 5 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20.9 inches long. Her name is Bailey Mae with an adorable nickname of Bug (as proclaimed by her grandmother, Julie Nelson, Beautiful Unique Girl).

The proud grandparents are Larry and Julie Nelson and Bob and Helen Hopkins. Bailey was born on Grandpa Bob's birthday!



Congratulations to all the family!

Welcome Baby Pharis

Just a week after the Speedster Tour and bringing refreshments to the NCRG meeting on the 15th, on June 18, 2017, little Evelyn was born to the Kevin and Alicia Pharis family. Evelyn joins big sister Charlotte who is as proud as can be. The new baby was four weeks early but weighed in at 5 pounds, 9 ounces and was 18 inches long. She was born on Father's Day.

The proud grandparents are Robin and Cindy Pharis who now have 4 beautiful grandchildren. Congratulations to all the family!!!

Charlotte, Alicia and baby Evelyn



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



TECHNICAL TIP
(Updated 5/21/2017)
By: Garry Gunderson

Re: Reverse Flush Stubborn Radiator w/Wet Shop Vac from the March 2017 Brass Nuts.

The photo shows the actual debris that was trapped (while driving) by the two Gano radiator filters following the Shop Vac treatment that I described in March. In spite of the many prior chemical cleanings, flushing and even disassembly and cleaning of the full-length water jacket plates, there is still a lot of scale in the block and the filters are clearly doing their job. This is a big system with 40 quart / 10 gallon capacity.

The image on the left was taken after only 148 miles of driving and the image on the right was after an additional 189 miles of driving. In both cases, the right side has more debris trapped than the left and I speculate that this may be the result of increased flow from the water pump to that side. Luckily, the overall amount is diminishing and even though overheating is no longer a problem, I look forward to even better cooling in the future.



SAVE THE DATE!!!

AUGUST 26, 2017

**SACRAMENTO METRO GARAGE
TOUR AND BBQ POT LUCK**

DETAILS COMING SOON!



We need a co-chair to work with Stephanie Mozell for the 2018 Swap Meet. You will have an experienced co-chair who worked on the 2017 Swap Meet. It's not a difficult job...most of the work is already done thanks to those who have gone before!

Please volunteer and let Garry Gunderson or Stephanie Mozell know that you are willing to help.

Thank you for your service to the NCRG!!!!

REMINDER!!!

July 15, 10:00 a.m.
Bolt Antique Tool Museum, Oroville

The Ironworkers Tradition
Rick Hook

Those of us who attended this presentation last year were wowed and amazed at the work these people do building bridges and structures. They have a very dangerous job...and they love what they do!!! Check it out!!!



**Northern California
Regional Group of the
Horseless Carriage Club of
America
General Meeting Minutes
Stephanie Mozell, Secretary
June 15, 2017**

Call to order 7:12 P.M.

Guests: None present

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

Reading of General Meeting Minutes, May 18, 2017. Motion to approve as printed in The Brass Nuts: Moved Gordon McGregor; Seconded Bill Charpier; Action carried.

Commendations:

- Thanks to Ed Rose for his presentation at the Bolt's Antique Tool Museum
- Thanks to David and Patricia Pava for the Multi-club Poor Red's Tour
- Thanks to Lew Dobbins for the Classics, Cats and Cabernet event.
- Thanks to Kevin and Alicia Pharis and Thomas and Cat Roush for tonight's refreshments

Treasurer's Report: Jan Charpier

- Jan Charpier stated we have been collecting money for the Ryan Ramble and received a donation in memory of Madeleine Barrett.
- We have been paying out some expenses relating to swap meet, Brass Nuts, and Shriners donations.

Communications:

Awards came in from the National office honoring Sue Hill for First Place in the Newsletter category. Thomas Roush also was awarded First Place for the Website. Garry Gunderson presented the plaques.

New Business:

Do we want to have a club auction this year? There was a lively discussion of the pros and cons of the club auction. The pros were compelling. It was pointed out that this is an easy fund raiser only

taking 2 hours of our time. It was suggested to have it in October and every family bring an appetizer plate. Those scheduled for refreshments that month will bring drinks and the club containers. Dave Pava will be the auctioneer for this night if his schedule allows it. Motion to continuing the Club Auction: Moved Leta Nichols; Seconded Stephanie Mozell; Action carried.

Unfinished Business:

If you haven't already done so, turn in your tour book information to Bob Hopkins

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tour and Safety – Bob Hopkins

June 17 – *Edsel Automobiles*, Garry Gunderson, Bolt's Antique Tool Museum

July 15 – *The Iron Workers Tradition*, Rick Hook, Bolt's Antique Tool Museum, Garry Gunderson

July 16 – *Collector Car Appreciation Day-Garage Tour and Panda Extravaganza*, Sue Hill and the Mayes

July 27-30 – *Ryan Ramble in Pt. Reyes area*, NCRG and the Ryan Family

August 19 – *Rare John Deere Tractors*, Bolt's Antique Tool Museum, Garry Gunderson

August 26 -- *Tour of Sacramento Metro Fire Department Garage*, Roger Mitchell. Food /lunch TBD later

September 23 – *Concours de Elegance* (Nash Centennial) Ironstone Winery Gordon McGregor
September 30 – *Tour to Plymouth and tour of the vintage trailers* and lunch details to follow, Mike Huff

October 14 -- *Ladies Tea*, Cindy Pharis

October 14 P.M. *Fire Station Fund Raiser Dinner* and raffle; contact Roger Mitchell

Swap Meet—Bill Charpier and Stephanie Mozell

-Need new chair for 2018. Stephanie Mozell will co chair with another person. That person is still needed.

-Dave Pava discussed what other successful clubs have done. Selling food and beverages was a money maker. Charging the public entry was also a money maker.

Education: Frank Squire-No report



Meeting minutes cont'd.

Editor: Sue Hill

President's message, meeting minutes, flyers and stories due to Editor by June 25. Sue also thanked those for sending in stories of interest including the Speedster run.

Webmaster: Thomas Roush stated we had 1900 visits for the month.

Sunshine Report: Elaine Rose

-Get well card sent to Garry Gunderson
-Sympathy card sent to Sharon Gooding, Executive Secretary of the HCCA. Her husband passed away.

Membership: Kathy Ryan No report

History and Publicity: Sandy Maye

-The meeting notice was in the **Bee**
-**Crusin' News** published a two-page spread about our April Swap Meet in its recent publication

June Display: Show and Tell or Whatever.

-Don Luis brought in his photo shoot from the HC Gazette; interesting layout from 1972. He also brought in his parents Tour book from the Bay Area.
-Ray and Wilma Hren brought in books to share with the club members titled "Three Pedals Down Main Street T's and A's and Early Days." It was authored by Don Jennings. He passed away.

July Display: It was suggested we keep the same format.

Good of the Order:

-Leta Nichols brought in plums to share.
- Dave Pava shared a true story about original parts that got recycled and ended up reunited with the original car at the Auburn swap meet.
-Bob and Helen Hopkins became grandparents to Bailey Hopkins on June 9th. All are home doing well.
-Roger Mitchell asked if we could send a support letter of the Fire Engine restoration Fund to help secure grant funding from County Supervisor Sue Frost. Discussions occurred about reasons and benefits for the letter coming from the club. Individuals were encouraged to write letters of support if they wished too. Bill Charpier made the motion that a letter be sent from the club to Sue Frost

in support of the Fire Engine #2 restoration project. Second Sue Hill; Discussion: Garry Gunderson requested help in drafting letter. Bill Charpier said he would help; Action; carried.

Next Board Meeting: On Thursday, July 13, 7:00 p.m. at the Charpier home

Next General Meeting, July 20, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Next Refreshment Committee: Browns and Tickers

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by: Bill Charpier Seconded by Bob Hopkins; Adjourned; 8:20 P.M.





NCRG Commemorates Collector Car Appreciation Day
Garage Tour and Panda Extravaganza
A three-stage tour

Sunday, July 16, 2017

Stage One: Sue Hill's Home for Meet and Greet

9:30 a.m.

Enjoy snacks and see **one** "little car" collection
Directions will be provided for stages 2 and 3.
10:15 a.m. Leave the Hill home

See a collection of automobiles of the 1940s and forward; includes Packards, Lincoln, Dodge, etc.

Stage Two: Arrive at the Maye Home

11:00 a.m.

See **two** collections...cars and pandas
12:30 p.m. leave the Maye Home

A panda collection of over 4,500 pandas. Even a panda car! Bring the kids...they will love this.

Stage Three: Arrive at the Milagro Center
6241 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Carmichael

1:00 p.m.

Lunch on your own
Your choice of **three** restaurants plus various food and beer venues!



Feel free to attend any or all stages of this tour.

Drive your favorite antique car...let's show off those beautiful early cars!

Please RVSP Sue Hill



JUST FOR FUN...

THESE ARE ACTUAL COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY "THOMAS COOK VACATIONS" FROM DISSATISFIED CUSTOMERS:

1. "On my holiday to Goa in India, I was disgusted to find that almost every restaurant served curry. I don't like spicy food."
2. "They should not allow topless sunbathing on the beach. It was very distracting for my husband who just wanted to relax."
3. "We went on holiday to Spain and had a problem with the taxi drivers as they were all Spanish."
4. "We booked an excursion to a water park but no-one told us we had to bring our own swimsuits and towels. We assumed it would be included in the price."
5. "The beach was too sandy. We had to clean everything when we returned to our room."
6. "We found the sand was not like the sand in the brochure. Your brochure shows the sand as white but it was more yellow."
7. "It's lazy of the local shopkeepers in Puerto Vallarta to close in the afternoons. I often needed to buy things during 'siesta' time -- this should be banned."
8. "No-one told us there would be fish in the water. The children were scared."
9. "Although the brochure said that there was a fully equipped kitchen, there was no egg-slicer in the drawers."
10. "I think it should be explained in the brochure that the local convenience store does not sell proper biscuits like custard creams or ginger nuts."
11. "The roads were uneven and bumpy, so we could not read the local guide book during the bus ride to the resort. Because of this, we were unaware of

many things that would have made our holiday more fun."

12. "It took us nine hours to fly home from Jamaica to England. It took the Americans only three hours to get home. This seems unfair."
13. "I compared the size of our one-bedroom suite to our friends' three-bedroom and ours was significantly smaller."
14. "The brochure stated: 'No hairdressers at the resort.' We're trainee hairdressers and we think they knew and made us wait longer for service."
15. "When we were in Spain, there were too many Spanish people there. The receptionist spoke Spanish, the food was Spanish. No one told us that there would be so many foreigners."
16. "We had to line up outside to catch the boat and there was no air-conditioning."
17. "It is your duty as a tour operator to advise us of noisy or unruly guests before we travel."
18. "I was bitten by a mosquito. The brochure did not mention mosquitoes."





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