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The mission and purpose of the Northern California Regional Group of the Horseless Carriage Club of America is to bring together people interested in the preservation of antique and vintage vehicles and their accessories, to preserve and maintain antique and vintage vehicles, and to serve as an accurate and technical source of information concerning the vehicles for the benefit of the members and the general public. We value and enjoy sharing our cars and their history through public educational events.

THE HORSELESS CARRIAGE CLUB OF AMERICA

The Horseless Carriage Club of America is a nonprofit international association of people dedicated to the enjoyment, study and preservation of early automobiles manufactured prior to 1916.

The club was organized in 1937 by a group of horseless carriage enthusiasts who foresaw the need for an organization dedicated to the preservation of automotive history. From this beginning the Horseless Carriage Club of America has grown to include members from all parts of the United States, Canada, Europe and other parts of the world. www.hcca.org

NCRG General Meetings will be held the third Thursday of each month (no meeting in December) at the Sacramento Sewer District Office Board Room, 5026 Don Julio Boulevard, Sacramento, California.

NCRG 2018—2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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

NCRG 2019—2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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

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Beautiful bottles decorated by Stephan ie Mozell and used for the centerpiece of the tables at the

ne tables at the

NCRG-HCCA 70th Anniversary Gala





President's Message:

I was pleased to see the large number of members and guests that turned out for the NCRG's 70th Anniversary Gala at the

Aerospace Museum of California in McClellan Park. A big thank you goes to the Gala Committee members, Stephanie Mozell, Leta Nichols and Cindy Pharis, for the super job they did planning the Gala, obtaining the pleasant and interesting venue, coordinating with the caterer, arranging for the musician and providing the decorations. I also want to express my appreciation to Gordon McGregor for speaking to the group about the Club's history following our meal, to Sue Hill for providing photo albums and an antique purse display, to California Catering for the excellent hors d'oeuvres and meal, and to the members and guests for attending.

Good news: the NCRG dues will not increase for next year! The Board of Director's met on October 22 and voted to keep the dues, as well as *The Brass Nuts* subscription and advertising rates the same as this year's rates.

The Christmas Dinner and Light Tour has been scheduled for December 15 at 4:30 p.m. We will be dining at Dad's Kitchen in Fair Oaks followed by desserts at the Charpiers' home. With the pleasant weather we are having, you can get an early start on decorating your old cars for this fun event. Additional information is presented elsewhere in these pages.

Jan and I hope that you have a wonderful Thanksgiving,

Bill





Editor's Message:

There are several upcoming events that I hope you'll attend. I'll be there!

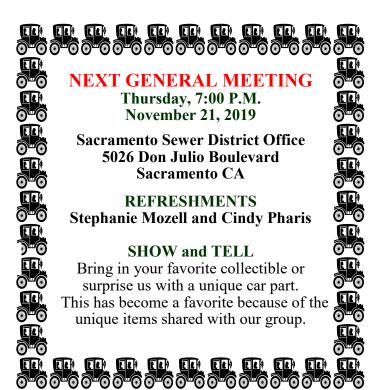
Gymkhana—Sunday, November 3rd at Depot Park, 6730 W. Front Street, Rio Linda. Fun begins at 10am. If you want to join the tour from the home of Ed and Elaine Rose meet there at 8:30am. Lunch is Pot Luck—A-G Salads, H-M Desserts and N-Z Appetizers. The fire station crew provide their awesome meat and beans. Join us for the Food and FUN!

Holiday Progressive Dinner and Light Tour— Sunday, December 15th at 4:30 pm at Dad's Kitchen in Fair Oaks. A Flyer is provided with the newsletter.

And, there's an opportunity for you to help keep our club going—become a member of the NCRG Board of Directors! The election of five Board members is coming up. Let me know if you're interested in filling one of those five open positions.

Safe Travels,

Miana





NCRG HCCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(NOTE: NCRG sponsored events are in bold print)

<u>2019</u>

November 3rd Gymkhana Fun begins at 10am (Rain Date November 10th)

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

<u>2020</u>

January 12th Board Meeting

January 16th General Meeting

Plan a tour—Let's set the date!!!!!

Contact Gordon McGregor, Tour and Safety Chairman, with your tour dates and information.



November 3rd

Join in the Fun at our Gymkhana

Reminder—End of Daylight Savings Time



Take a Drive
Enjoy the Ride

Be Thankful





SWAP MEETS, OTHER REGIONAL CLUB HAPPENINGS AND NATIONAL EVENTS:

2019

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

November 16th—Bel Air Classic Cars and Coffee, 8 am to 11am, 4320 Arden Way, Sacramento. Cancelled if rainy day.

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

2020

January 25-26—Turlock Swap Meet

April 17-18 Bakersfield Tour and Swap Meet

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

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

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

OTHER EVENTS:

(May be of Interest to Our Club Members)

2019

November 8th—Spaghetti Feed, 5:30 pm Citrus Heights Community Center. \$20 all you can eat. Fundraiser for Citrus Heights Homeless Assistance Resource Team (HART). Contact Kim Malone for more information.

November 16th—*Bolt's Antique Tool Museum*, 10 am, Oroville, CA. The Evolution of Tools by Steve Bolt. Email: boltsantiquetools.com

<u>2020</u>

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

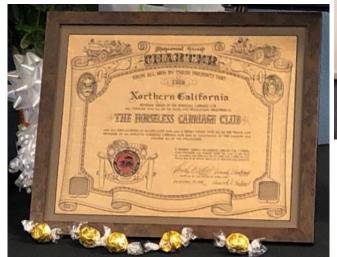


70 YEARS

On October 6, 2019, the Northern California Regional Group members and their guests gathered to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the chartering of the group by the Horseless Carriage Club of America. There were fifty-six people in attendance. Those in attendance enjoyed the camaraderie, dinner, music, and exhibits at the Aerospace Museum of California, and the sharing of memories of the club's activities and members.

Our Master of Ceremonies was NCRG President, Bill Charpier. Gordon McGregor shared stories of club members, touring, and his appreciation of being in a club filled with members who have always been willing to step up to help keep the club running, organize tours, and care for its members. The committee, Cindy Pharis, Stephanie Mozell, and Leta Nichols, did an outstanding job of organizing the gala, thus providing a memorable afternoon in celebration of 70 years of our love of antique cars. Sue Hill contributed a display of beaded purses and some of our historical artifacts with scrapbooks of past club activities and old copies of our newsletter, The Brass Nuts. Bill brought the framed NCRG-HCCA charter.









Cindy Pharis, Stephanie Mozell, Leta Nichols





Sue Hill

Story by Diana Squire. Thanks for the pictures from Leta Nichols, Diana Squire, Raul Cornejo, and Sandy Maye









November 2019









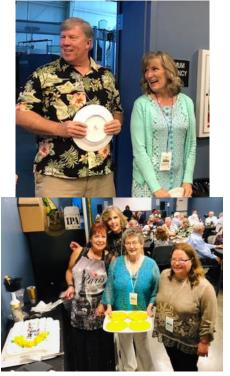








































Fire Truck Restoration Fundraiser (Raises over \$5,000)

Members from NCRG-HCCA were there to support the fundraising effort, to have fun and enjoy a delicious meal. We were successful on all counts.



We enjoyed the Keystone Kops who locked folks in jail. And, helped raise \$\$.

Even the speaker, County Supervisor, Sue Frost, was locked up and had to give her speech from the jail cell (an interesting venue).

However, the Fire Chief wasn't locked up until after his talk.





Several of our members won raffles prizes or won the bid in the auction. (Sandy Sanders a long time friend of Sue Hill and Roger Mitchell, won the grand prize of a 55"television!)



What's your bid on this matched set?





A BIG THANKS goes to Roger Mitchell for his efforts to make this a successful event.





There were horseless carriages displayed at the Sacramento Auto Show. It was a wonderful opportunity to show our cars, educate the public and publicize our club. Thanks go to Ed Rose for organizing our participation at the event and for Matt Ryan (1915 Model T Speedster) Ed and Elaine Rose (1914 Model T) Raul Cornejo (1923 Depot Hack), Carole and Jim Snow (1915 Elgin), Gordon McGregor, (1908 Rambler, 1914 Overland, and 1922 Nash) and Frank and Diana Squire (1924 Dodge Brothers Touring Car) for bringing their cars for the display. The Roses, Snows, Squires, and Raul Cornejo took turns manning the display and answering as many questions as possible.













Taking Dad and little brother for a ride. The horn works too...Get out of the way!



Ironstone Concours d'Elegance 2019

By Bill Charpier

September 28th of this year was the date of the 23rd annual *Ironstone Concours d'Elegance* located at Ironstone Vineyards in Murphys. As with previous years, this event showcases vintage and classic automobiles and other vehicles including vintage trucks, race cars, trailers, house cars and motorcycles, restored and unrestored. The event is also noted for donating the proceeds to promote and support local Future Farmers of America and 4-H youth activities.

With over 300 vehicles showing in 30 classes there was something to see for everyone. As with previous years, there were classes designated for featured vehicle marques. One of them was for Hudson and Jim Ryan displayed his 1915 Hudson Touring car.



Also spotted among the many vehicles was a 1914 Ford Model T Touring car owned by NCRG members Dave and Janice Hill. For several years a small

group of Amphicar owners have displayed their amphibious vehicles produced between 1961 and 1965, and for a donation they gave visitors rides around the lake situated on the grounds of Ironstone Vineyards. Among the many interesting cars on display was a 1933 Cadillac All Weather Phaeton. This car was ordered new by Al Jolson, and it was Cadillac's most expensive model for 1933. The Best of Show this year went to a beautiful 1930 Duesenberg.

Although rain was predicted, it held off until late in the evening allowing everyone to have pleasant weather to view the vehicles starting in the morning and lasting through the parade of winners in the afternoon. We heard many positive comments about the event, and we certainly enjoyed ourselves.

Automotive History

November 26, 1836 John McAdam dies of a heart attack. He was born in 1756 in Scotland but moved to New York in 1790. While there he became a successful merchant, made his fortune and then returned to Scotland. He became a road trustee and was concerned with the condition of the roads. In 1802 he moved to England where he became a Commissioner of Paving (1806).

He is the inventor of the <u>macadam road</u> surface. McAdam discovered that the best stone or gravel for road surfacing had to be broken or crushed, and then graded to a constant size of chippings. **McAdam's** design, called "**MacAdam** roads" and then simply "**macadam** roads," represented a revolutionary advancement in road construction at the time. Workers broke the stones into 6 ounce pieces or to pass a 2 inch ring. They relied on road traffic to compact the road. Later they used a cast iron roller.



Additionally, he designed the raised roadbed to facilitate drainage of water off the roads. The water-bound macadam roads were the forerunners of the tar- and bitumen-based binding that was to become tarmacadam. The word tarmacadam was shortened to the now-familiar name: tarmac.

The first macadam road built in the United States was constructed between Hagerstown and Boonsboro, Maryland and was named at the time Boonsborough Turnpike. (1823)





Northern California Regional Group of the Horseless Carriage Club of America General Meeting Minutes Stephanie Mozell, Secretary October 17, 2019

Call to order: 7:10 pm

Guests: None

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

Reading of General Meeting Minutes,

September 19, 2019. Motion to approve as published in The Brass Nuts: Moved: Joan Catchot; Seconded: Frank Squire; Discussion: none; Action: carried.

Commendations:

- Thank you to Diana Squire for an excellent newsletter, to Kathy and Jim Ryan for printing the newsletter and Kim Malone for mailing it.
- Thank you to Roger Mitchell for the Fire Engine Restoration Fundraiser Dinner.
- Thank you to all those who submitted articles, publications and mailings this month.
- ◆ Thank you to the Gala Committee, Leta Nichols for getting the huge discount for the venue, Cindy for her flyer and endless shopping sprees and Stephanie Mozell for her decorated bottles. It was a collaborative effort to bring it all together.
- Thank you to all those who made the 70th Gala successful.
- Thank you to all NCRG members, family and friends who attended.
- Thank you to the California Caterers and the guitarist.
- Thank you to Jan Charpier for handling the financial aspects and Cat Roush for the insurance permit.
- Thank you to Bill Charpier for being the MC.
- Thank you to Gordon McGregor for being the Historian for the evening as well as others who shared memories.
- Thank you goes out to the NCRG for the flowers presented to the Committee.
- Thank you to the Charpiers for the refreshments tonight.

Treasurer's Report: Jan Charpier reported that we are solvent. Money came in from the Gala, dues, savings and the Auction. A total \$560 was collected at the auction (\$380 from sales and \$180 from donations).

Communications:

- Sue Hill sent information that our meeting room has been reserved. She will follow up with checks, paperwork, and Certificate of Insurance after Oct. 28th.
- Sue Hill sent a 70th anniversary card to our club.

New Business: Bill Charpier discussed the need for a nominating committee for Board of Directors. Diana Squire volunteered.

Unfinished Business:

- Certificate of Insurance for the Gymkhana and the meeting room are needed. The Gymkhana has two dates, Nov. 3 and a rain date of Nov. 10.
- ◆ Cat Roush has been working on the insurance permit for the Gymkhana. It takes longer to get the certificate issued due to the additional amount needed. It takes 5 extra working days to do this.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tour and Safety: Gordon McGregor

- ◆ October 18- 20 New car show display at the Sacramento International Auto Show. Pre-16 cars preferred. Ed asked for volunteers to observe the cars and promote NCRG. There was a motion made and passed to allot a total of \$250 to be used toward parking passes and dinner for the members who volunteered cars and/or time at the show: Moved: Roger Mitchell; Seconded: Frank Squire; Discussion: none; Action: carried. The Board may want to discuss whether or not the club continues participating in the car show in the future.
- November 3 Gymkhana Roger Mitchell and Ed Rose Rain Date November 10 if needed. Roger gave us his final clue, "Turnouts aren't the only thing that firefighters wear when working that we will experience." Ed Rose said that the tour from his house will be more direct this year due to road closures. If you can't make the tour just come to the fire house. Flyer was sent via email to members with more information.
- ◆ December Light Tour and Progressive Dinner. Date recommended: December 15.



October 17, 2019 General Meeting Minutes Cont'd

Editor: Diana Squire

President's message, meeting minutes, flyers and

stories due to the Editor by October 25.

Accepting articles for upcoming newsletters at ncrgbrassnuts@gmail.com

nergorassnuts@gman.com

Webmaster: Thomas Roush There were 260 visits this month.

Sunshine Report: Elaine Rose

Jan Charpier reported that Kathy Ryan is doing much

better.

Membership: Kathy Ryan

Jan Charpier reported that Allan Shaw was upgraded to full member.

Education: Frank Squire

Frank said he was going to make a school visit with

his Dodge soon.

History and Publicity: Sandy Maye

The meeting notice was in the Sacramento Bee.

Good of the Order:

Roger Mitchell said this year was the best outcome for the Firehouse restoration fundraiser and thanks all who helped with the success, especially the Keystone Kops. Roger said it was the most successful fundraiser to date. They raised approximately \$5,000.

Roger shared a story of Bud Catlett and Bill Harrah's lunch with 9-year-old Roger Mitchell.

Another story from Roger was of Doc Wiseman. He was an NCRG member who helped a fellow member who was injured on the tour. He took him to the hospital and ended up doing surgery at no cost to the patient.

Next Board Meeting: Bill Charpier hopes to have a date and time soon.

Next General Meeting: November 21, 2019 at 7:00 PM Display of your choice.

Next Refreshment Committee: Stephanie Mozell and Cindy Pharis

Display of your choice: Bill Charpier brought in the 50th Westrek Anniversary Book (1970-2019) with information and pictures of the Franklin tours past and present.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by: Jan Charpier; Seconded by: Roger Mitchell; Adjourned: 7:57 pm

Reminder: Let's Update our Auto-Biography Binders

For the Northern California Regional Group's 40th Birthday Gala, a commemorative binder was developed with many members contributing their Auto-Biography to be shared amongst all members. We are now celebrating our 70th year and would like your assistance in updating those binders. About half of our members do not have an Auto-biography. Additionally, many years have passed since those initial biographies were written. Our goal is to get biographies from every one of our members or member families—even if it's simply a picture and a short paragraph.

Please help us by writing your Auto-biography. Include information about:

- You, your family, occupations, hobbies, interests
- How you became interested in old cars and what other clubs you belong to
- Information about the cars you have owned or currently own
- A favorite car story.

Please include 2-3 pictures along with your biography. At least one should be a picture of you so people can "see" and get to know our faces.

You can send or give your completed biography and pictures to: Diana Squire,

If you would prefer to be interviewed or have any questions, please call Diana.



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In Memoriam

Ray Hren

Our heartfelt condolences go out to the family of Ray Hren as Ray passed away in his sleep on October 30, 2019. Ray and his wife of 66 years, Wilma, have been members of the NCRG-HCCA on and off since joining NCRG in the early 1980s when Gordon McGregor introduced them to the Horseless Carriage Club scene. However, when they moved to Chicago Park, near Grass Valley, they left our group to join the Gold Country Regional Group. They continued to maintain the friendships they made with our group and continued to tour with NCRG members on regional tours in California, Oregon and Nevada. They moved to Sun City West, Arizona in 2018.

Ray had been an owner of a variety of 1930s cars but when he joined our club he became an owner of a 1913 Rambler and later a 1915 Model T. His latest listing of cars owned includes a 1926 Ford Model T 4-door Sedan, as well as several 1930s cars and a 1960 Nash Metropolitan convertible.

In 1972 or 1973, Ray helped form the NorCal Region of the then new Nash Car Club of America. When he lived in Granite Bay he had a shop built where he could work on and store his cars. In the late 1980s, he decided that he wanted to build a house in Chicago Park and did so, taking only eighteen months to finish the job.

He has been a long time close friend of the McGregors and the Ryans and many other members of the club.

He will be missed by all.

No service is planned.





HOLIDAY PROGRESSIVE DINNER AND LIGHT TOUR

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

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



Positions now available for the NCRG Board of Directors

Our Directors are elected at-large and decide amongst themselves after the election who will fill the necessary positions of president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. There is a total of ten Board members, with five elected each year for a 2-year term. Voting is conducted prior to our December holiday dinner and results are announced at the dinner. There are normally 2-3 Board meetings per year. Please contact Diana Squire if you are interested in becoming a Board member.





Traveling down the road for another year...

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 07 Charlotte Pharis
- 13 Robin Pharis
- 19 Joe Hensler
- 27 John Nichols and Sue Tidwell

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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





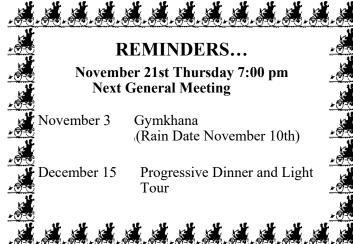
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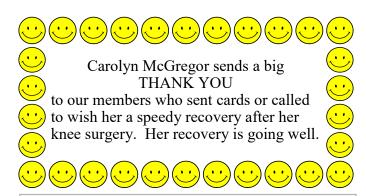
- 02 Terry and Kim Malone
- 04 Knute and Maryjoan Kleinen
- 16 Archie and Kim Wright
- 21 Pete and Suzi Kneedler

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

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





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1923 Columbia Six



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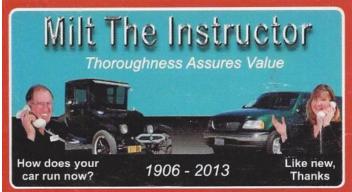
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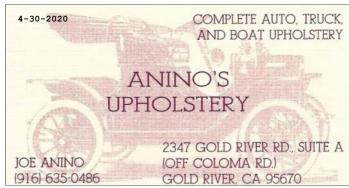


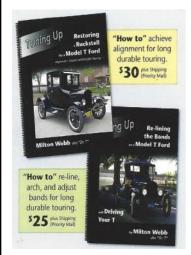




Edward E. Rose







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