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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 (no meeting in December) at the Sacramento Sewer District Office Board Room, 5026 Don Julio Boulevard, Sacramento, California.

NCRG 2021—2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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

NCRG 2020—2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Bill Charpier, Raul Cornejo, Bob Hopkins, Jr., Gordon McGregor, and Roger Mitchell.

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President's Message:

We held our General Meeting on November 19th which was the first such meeting since February! We did this by video conferencing using Zoom

and it worked well. It was great to see and hear from some members that we haven't had the chance to visit with for a long time. As usual, there is no General Meeting during December. Due to the continuing pandemic, we anticipate having the January meeting on Zoom, and I want to encourage those of you who have not tried it to join in.

A holiday get-together using Zoom is being planned for December. Check out the details included in this issue.

In about a month we will say goodbye to 2020. It has been a difficult year for many and it likely will not be missed. Even though it has been a challenge, I feel that there are many things that we can be thankful for. Among them are family, friends and good health. Looking ahead to 2021 it is my hope that a COVID-19 vaccine will be available, that we will see the end of the pandemic, and most importantly, that we will have many opportunities to share our wonderful hobby in person with each other.

Jan and I wish all of you a wonderful, healthy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

Bill



Editor's Message

It's nearly the end of 2020. It's certainly been a year to test us in our daily life with family, friends, and business associates, as well as, in being able to enjoy our

hobbies and volunteer activities. It was good to see several of our members at our General Meeting held via Zoom. I hope many more of you will join in on December 20th for our virtual holiday get-together. The link will be sent out to you via email.

Hopefully we will plan tours for next year. I know some clubs found ways to take tours and social distance. One-day jaunts with picnic lunches in your car or at a park seemed to work well.

I want to thank our existing Board Members for continuing to serve on the Board for the next two years. The Board will be meeting in January to conduct club business and elect officers. Any member is welcome to attend that Zoom meeting, just let Stephanie Mozell or Bill Charpier know.

Thanks to all who helped me get through another year as editor. You know who you are and you're sent heartfelt thanks and Big HUGS!

Wishing You Good Health and Safe Travels

Diana

NEXT GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, 7:00 P.M.
January 21, 2021

Sacramento Sewer District Office
5026 Don Julio Boulevard
Sacramento CA

ZOOM MEETING
Watch for information via email.



NCRG HCCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(NOTE: NCRG sponsored events are in bold print)

2020

December 3-6 Basket Fundraiser (Elaine Rose)

**December 20 Christmas Get-Together
3 - 5 PM via ZOOM**

2021

January 7 Board Meeting via Zoom 7pm

January 21 General Meeting 7pm via Zoom



Plan a tour

Let's set a future date!!!!

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

SWAP MEETS, OTHER REGIONAL CLUB HAPPENINGS AND NATIONAL EVENTS:

2020 — ??? NEXT YEAR???



March 19-20 31st Annual Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet, Chickasha, OK.

April 11-14 HCCA National Convention San Diego, CA.

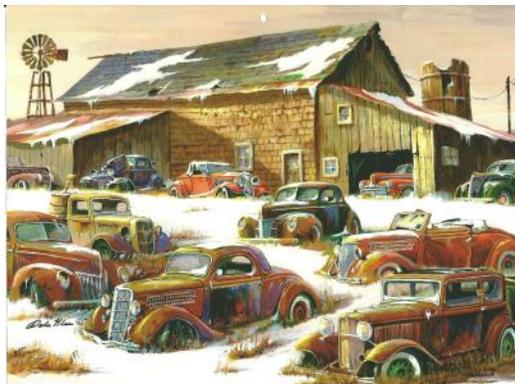
Please see your latest Horseless Carriage Gazette "Calendar Section" for any events or cancellations planned for 2021.

21st Winter Begins



10th Hanukkah Begins

31st New Year's Eve



25th Christmas Day



26th Kwanzaa



We aren't having our **Holiday Progressive Dinner and Light Tour** this year—But here's a brief walk down memory lane from the recent past...Cars and meals—lights and a gathering of friends and families.

2014 — Great Weather



Bob and Helen Hopkins' beautifully decorated 1915 Hudson.



Pete and Suzi Kneedler's adorable 1928 Dodge.



Some of the cars on the tour...double parked in front of the Hill home.

2015 — Oh No! Rain



All decked out and no place to go. The Bob Hopkins' 1915 Hudson with the very overweight reindeer on the hood was ready for the tour, but rain caused it to stay home.



Jerry and Joan Catchot were not scared of a little rain and brought their beautiful 1925 Chevrolet decked out in ribbons and lights. They did take it home when it started pouring rain...don't blame them.



Greeters at the Hill home!



Some of the NCRG members and friends who attended the dinner at Ashley's Country Kitchen in Orangevale.



2016—Good Weather



This is only one of the three lighted villages in the Brown's garage.



Jack and Sandy Maye's 1961 Nash Pandapolitan (Metropolitan) lit up for the Light Tour.



Thomas & Kat Roush



Robin and Cindy Pharis' adorable 1925 Model T truck .

2017-Dry and Warm



Cars Ready for the Tour



Helen shares her desserts with us. EVERY YEAR!!!!



President Garry and First Lady Mary.



2018 Rain-Rain-Rain—only the Ryan's car ventured out in the lousy weather.



2019 A Cold Evening
Another One-Car
Ryan Family Tour





Blast from the Past

From April 13, 2007, *The Brass Nuts*

By: Sue Hill

At our General Club Meetings, we had what we called “Show and Tell” where members could bring in car parts, various collections, and whatever to share with the group. This was a very popular part of our club meetings...remember when we had club meetings???! Here are some of the presentations from our April 2007 meeting .



Elaine Roses beautiful Franciscan Ware. She reported that the early dishes were fabricated at the Gladding McBean plant in Lincoln CA.



Roger Mitchell's very elegant and finely engraved fire chief's trumpet which was used prior to the invention of the bull horn and more modern communication technology.



Bill Charpier's samples of his various collections. Note the framed switch key from the Denver-Rio Grande Railway.



Bob Hopkins' collection of insulators is especially unique in that he has an insulator reminiscent of Mickey Mouse ears and a rare red insulator.



Helen Hopkins' array of collectible treasures from earlier times.

From the Toolbox

By Bill Champier

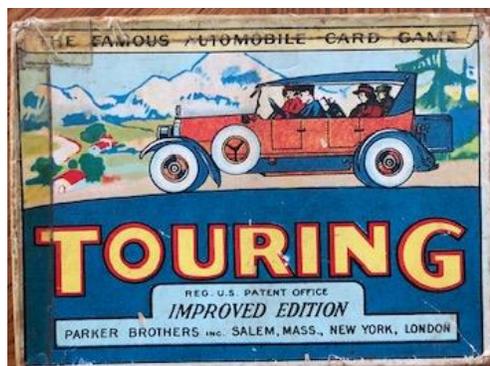
My grip is not getting stronger with age, so I'm always on the lookout for tools that require less effort to use. For cutting wire I found the Irwin Vise-Grip 8" Max Leverage Diagonal Cutting Pliers with PowerSlot (1902413). They also have a 7" version.



Irwin advertises that the "PowerSlot Technology provides 2X more power and half the cutting effort." Because of the plier's induction-hardened cutting edges they can cut aluminum conductor steel-reinforced cable, nails, screws and even piano wire. They are also coated for rust-resistance and longer tool life. The grips are contoured and cushioned for easy holding and control.

The pliers are made in Germany and they are backed by IRWIN's Lifetime Guarantee. You can find them at Lowes, Ace and other sources of Irwin tools. They retail for around \$30.

Remember, if you have a favorite tool and you would like to share the information with the members, send me a write up and I will include it in "From the Toolbox." If you would prefer, you can call me with the information and I will write it up for you.



1926 Version

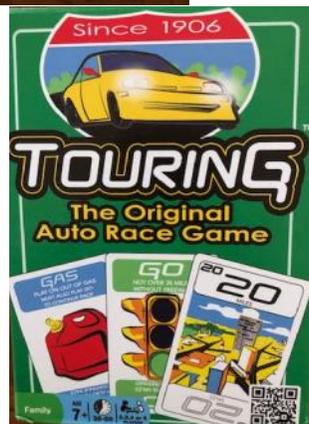


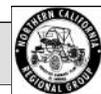
CAN'T GO TOURING
PLAY



Modern Version

A 1906 game developed by Parker Brothers that is still sold today by Winning Moves Games. (Available online at Walmart (approx. \$8), Target, or Amazon). The older versions are available on eBay. In the first versions the player had to complete 110 miles to win. Today you have to complete 550 miles. There are mileage cards, hazard cards and remedies that can be used to keep the game moving ahead or to prevent your opponent from racing to the finish.





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

Date: November 19, 2020 7:00 PM

Call to order 7:03 PM

Guests: None

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

Reading of General Meeting Minutes, February 20, 2020. Motion to approve as published in The Brass Nuts: No reading needed. Moved: Diana Squire; Second: Gordon McGregor; Discussion: none; Action: carried.

Reading of the Board Minutes, October 22, 2020. Motion to approve as read. Moved: Diana Squire; Second: Raul Cornejo; Discussion: none; Action: carried.

Members in attendance: Kathy Ryan, Dave Pava, Lew Dobbins, Joe Ticer, Ed Rose, Elaine Rose, Sue Hill, Jack Maye, Frank Squire.

Commendations:

- ◆ Thank you to Diana Squire for an excellent Newsletter this past year, to Kathy and Jim Ryan for printing the newsletter and Kim Malone for mailing it.
- ◆ Thank you to all those who submitted articles, publications and mailings these past months.
- ◆ Thank you to all who have and will serve this 2021/2022 year.
- ◆ Thank you to Sue Hill for submitting an article for the Gazette that was accepted. It will be published some time in 2021. It was the one she wrote with Roger Mitchell about the cartoonist, Ward Kimball, and Bill Harrah that was published in our Newsletter. There is another article that was accepted by the Gazette for The First Reno Tour that is pending permission to publish.
- ◆ Thank you to Jim and Kathy Ryan for the Apple Hill Tour. Everyone had a great time. The driving off-road was a challenge.

Treasurer's Report: Jan Charpier The club is solvent.

We had a donation of \$1500 and annual dues of \$420 and a donation of \$836 that went back to the club from the Nichols from the 70th Anniversary Party. Thank you Leta and John for your huge generosity.

Communications:

- ◆ HCCA is requesting input for their next issue of the *Gazette* - anything Regional Groups have been doing lately.
- ◆ Bill received a card from Joan Catchot saying that she appreciated the phone calls and cards from Members. She also requested that the \$100 memorial to go to the Automotive Research Library. Jerry was very interested in the Library.

Unfinished Business: Nothing to report

Nominating Committee Report : Diana Squire-The nominees for the 2021 - 2022 Board of Directors term are:

Jan Charpier
Michael Huff
Sandy Maye
Stephanie Mozell
Diana Squire.

No nominations came from the floor for any member interested in running for the Board of Directors. Motion to close the nominations and accept the slate of nominees as presented: Moved: Ed Rose; Seconded: Kathy Ryan; Discussion: none; Action: carried.

New Business:

- ◆ We discussed ideas for a virtual Christmas Open House. Bill and Jan will host it virtually. The date will be determined later.
- ◆ Elaine Rose brought up her baskets for sale fundraiser. She has a few spots left. Please call her after 9:00 am. Dates are Dec 3- Dec 6 from 9:00-12:00.

STANDING COMMITTEE Reports for 2020

Tour and Safety Gordon McGregor:

- ◆ The Apple Hill Tour was a success. Bill Charpier mentioned that the short road in the area was delightful.

**STANDING COMMITTEE Reports for 2020** continued**Editor:** Diana Squire

- ◆ President's message, meeting minutes, flyers and stories due to the Editor by November 24 for the December edition and Dec 21st for the January edition.
- ◆ Accepting articles for upcoming newsletters.
- ◆ Diana expressed sincere thanks to all those who contributed articles, especially blasts from the past, tool box with Bill, Lou's adventures. Kathy Ryan tour write up for the Ryan Ramble. Thank you Joan Catchot for your jokes and Sandy Maye's write up of the Overland.

Webmaster: Thomas Roush

No report available.

Sunshine Report: Elaine Rose

Rae Anino had passed. Leroy Francie from the El Dorado Hills Club passed away. Milt Webb has passed away. He had been living with his daughter.

Membership: Kathy Ryan

- ◆ We have new members:
- ◆ Clay and Michaelynn Ryan and their two daughters Fiona and Zora.
- ◆ Mark and Barbara O' Conner have recently become members. They have been on numerous Ryan Ramble Tours.

Education: Frank Squire had nothing to report.

History and Publicity: Sandy Maye had nothing to report.

Good of the Order:

- ◆ Frank Squire talked about the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Capitol. Tim Jones with the Capital City A's was there. Frank drove his 24 Dodge there. There were also several cars from the low riders car group.
- ◆ Patrick Hopkins and his daughter Bailey had their photos in the *Gazette*, September-October and November-December issues. They were recognized for participating in the "Go the Distance Drivers Cup – A Driver's Challenge." They logged 50 miles his 1915 Overland 38 in July and 352 miles during August and September.

Next Board Meeting: January 7, 2021 -7:00 PM
Video Conference via Zoom

Next General Meeting: January 21, 2020 -7:00 PM
– Video Conference via Zoom

Display of your choice: Something you can share in front of your camera.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by: Bob Hopkins Jr. Seconded by: Gordon McGregor
Adjourned: 7:53 PM

An Extra-Special MESSAGE from OUR TREASURER

Since we reported last month, we have deposited funds we've received for dues and advertising fees and transferred some funds from the checking account to a savings account. Due to the hard work of the membership over the years, we've put ourselves in the position where occasional ups or downs are not threatening our viability. I think we should be proud that our club is strong enough financially that the dues have not changed since before we joined. I feel that we have also been strong in the ways of a well-functioning family, recognizing, appreciating and enjoying each other's gifts. This group seems just naturally supportive of each other in the easy times as well as the challenging ones. Sometimes I feel we need to work a little on this aspect to maintain, and perhaps grow, this attractive facet of our club during the pandemic restrictions. The only thing that comes to mind right now is staying in better touch since we're not meeting monthly or touring regularly. For my part, I will try to call a member once a week for a chat. If you have a suggestion for other things that we might do, please call me, drop me a line, text or email. I'm game. I hope you too will try to and find a way that works well for you. [By the way, I'd love to hear from you as well.] Ooooh....maybe we could start a Bulletin Board in the newsletter where we could publish what's going on with ourselves or what's new with other membersanother idea! "Keep 'em comin."

Miss you all,

Jan



CALIFORNIA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM—NEWS

The Museum's "Fill the Tank" campaign continues to gain momentum as we accelerate to our \$10,000 goal. To date we have raised \$7,490- our thanks to those who have already made a donation!

Giving Tuesday, a 'global movement that unleashes the power of people and organizations to transform their communities' is December 1st this year, and has become a traditional day for grassroots philanthropy. If you have not yet made your donation, please consider Giving Tuesday as the day you choose to make a difference for our museum!

<https://www.calautomuseum.org/donate>



Northern California Regional Group—HCCA
Club Fundraiser

FOUR DAYS ONLY!

Thursday December 3rd– Sunday December 6th

Come shop at the Rose House! Get your shopping done and support our club at the same time.

First come, first serve, *by appointment only.*

Please call to reserve your 1 hour shopping appointment. Shopping times will be staggered from 9 am to 12 noon, With no more that 4 shoppers at a time.

Please no additional guests during your appointed tme.

We will have socially distanced helpers for assistance in loading to your car, if needed.

Payments by cash or check only.

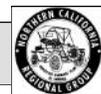
Call soon, as times will fill up fast.

Don't forget your face mask!

Contact Web Master for information.



Elaine has prepared over 80 baskets of “Goodies” for you to choose from. Don't delay—make your appointment today!



HCCA NATIONAL NEWS

Re: Museum of the Horseless Carriage; Publication Awards; Marian Welch Awards;
Issue: 2020-11-15 #13

- Museum of the Horseless Carriage** – As many of you know, there has been a desire for many years to establish a museum completely dedicated to Brass Era cars and the pioneers who made them a reality.

The willingness of the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan to accept us as one of the partner museums on their 90-acre property is really the only practical answer.

We have begun a three-year capital campaign to raise \$3,000,000 which will be used to build the 10,000 square foot building, pay for the display materials and furnishings, as well as create a \$1,300,000 endowment to insure its long-term viability. The first step in that process is to create a display in the existing Steam Barn, which is currently underway.

One of the most exciting elements in this program is the plan to have a national signature HCCA event at the museum annually. The first event, A Celebration of Brass @ The Gilmore, is in the planning stages and more details will be coming very shortly in the HCCA Gazette and on the HCCA Website.

All of this will only happen if supported financially by the Horseless Carriage community. The deadline for our initial phase funding of \$100,000 is the end of 2020. If you would like to support this effort, please contact Bob Ladd at 717-269-5508 or jbobladd@ptd.net, or make a check payable to: Museum of the Horseless Carriage and send it to Bob Ladd, 640 Zinn's Mill Road, Lebanon, PA 17042.

- HCCA Publication Awards** – In order for your HCCA publication or website to be considered for an award, you must mail Alex Huppe (alexhuppe@aol.com) at least three copies of your publication, or the address of your website, and the name and contact information of the Webmaster. If you have Alex on your distribution list, your publication is automatically considered for an award. Alex will

begin reviewing materials in December. Don't delay!

- Marian Welch Award** – The Marian Welch Service Award is presented to a member or members, who have demonstrated truly outstanding service to the HCCA.

Members are now asked to submit to the HCCA office, on or before January 31, 2021, recommendations of candidate(s) to be considered by the Board of Directors.

The Qualifications are:

Member for minimum of 10 years;
Active involvement at the local and National levels;
 Different **Leadership Position's** held;
 Demonstrated **Outstanding Service**;
Dedication and Consistent and Continuing Service shown.

Since this is the highest honor that can be given to an HCCA member, nominations should include the following information: Membership length; Leadership positions held; Activities performed; Types of Service at the local and National levels; Efforts to promote Club values; and the Helping and Mentoring of others. Please send member nominations and information to:

Awards Committee Chairperson
 c/o HCCA Office
 1301 North Manship Place
 Meridian, ID 83642

The Award nominations can be submitted by email as well. The nomination and supporting documents should be in a document attached to the email. Please send email nominations to: office@hcca.org Andy Wallace, Awards Committee Chair.

Doug Tomb

Douglas.tomb@verizon.net

Board Member – HCCA NN Editor ...

Shop Today!**Shop Today!**

FOR SALE

Bob Schneider has two vehicles for sale.

If you are interested in either please contact him

Via the Webmaster



1948 Cushman Scooter
with
Package Delivery Sidecar
Fully restored. **\$5,000**



1922
Willys Knight Touring Car
Nicely Restored Well-Maintained
\$22,500

Three Scooters



I am 86 now and all the ailments that attend my age are here! Therefore, the three cycles that have dominated my existence in the shop are for sale. All have been rebuilt with genuine parts and have been in running condition. All are registered with the DMV.

Scooter No. 1: Simplex Automatic. A competitive little scooter from Bendix. It has a 3 horsepower engine and was made in the 1940s.

Scooter No. 2: The Simplex Servi-Cycle was built around 1950 in Los Angeles. When running it is very comfortable. It

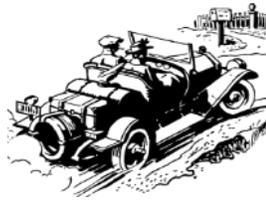
has new rings and had a piston job. Needs attention but all the parts are there including a new carburetor (and the old one).

Scooter No. 3: The Powell P-81 Custom C was built in Compton, Los Angeles during the 1950s. It has a 10 horsepower engine and is considered very fast. The passenger seat has been moved backward to give you more room. Jack Hurt of Santa Rosa, CA rebuilt the magneto. A new set of rings was also installed. Two new tires and tubes have been purchased and are included to replace the currently installed ones.

Well, that's all. If you are interested, please call Pete Kneeder via the Web Master.

They are located in Sacramento, CA. **Asking \$7,500 for the three.**

Good Buys for your Holiday Shopping



Traveling down the road for another year...

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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



DECEMBER ANNIVERSERIES

- 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



JANUARY ANNIVERSERIES

- 03 Mark and Barbara O'Connor
- 19 David and Patricia Pava



REMINDERS...

January 21, 2021 Thursday 7:00 pm
Next General Meeting
ZOOM Meeting

December 3rd- 6th
Basket Fundraiser

December 20th— Christmas Get -
Together via Zoom 3 pm—5pm
Join our NCRG members online!!!!!!

December 23rd - Last Day to Submit
Information for the January 2021 Issue of
The Brass Nuts

I Think I Need Help With This Engine?
Part 5
By Wel Snibbod

Wel is taking a break (actually he's working long hours) and will be sending us Part 5 at a later date.
Look for the final chapter in a 2021 issued of *The Brass Nuts*.

Welcome New Member

Mark and Barbara O'Connor

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

Reminder—Dues are Due

Please return your notice with \$\$\$ to
NCRG Treasurer



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Admission to the California Automobile Museum (CAM)

NCRG's Treasurer has a group of free admission tickets for the CAM.

Check CAM's Website before you go to see if they are open again.



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