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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 2019—2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
Jan Charprier, Mike Huff, Sandy Maye, Stephanie Mozell, and Diana Squire.

NCRG 2020—2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
Bill Charprier, Raul Cornejo, Bob Hopkins, Jr., Gordon McGregor, and Roger Mitchell.

2019

NCRG-HCCA

2020 Officers will be elected at the January Board Meeting
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President's Message:

This year's "Holiday Dinner and Light Tour" was well attended and very enjoyable. The festivities started with us gathering at Dad's Kitchen in Fair Oaks

for dinner. Dad's provided a menu of about 10 entrees which made for a varied selection with something for everyone. After a leisurely dinner, the group drove through several neighborhoods to enjoy the Christmas lights and decorations. The last stop was at Jan's and my home for a wide variety of desserts. A big thank you goes out to Stephanie Mozell and Diana Squire for planning and putting on this fun event. Also, thank you to Mike Huff and Stephanie for providing the Light Tour route, to Frank and Diana Squire for donating poinsettias for each family to take home, and to all of the members and guests that attended. Jan and I want to thank Bobbi Cornejo, Sue Hill, Carolyn McGregor, Stephanie Mozell, Diana Squire and Amy Williamson for bringing wonderful desserts to be included in the spread.

As the year comes to an end, I would like to offer the "state of the club" as I see it. We continue to be in a very sound financial position and the Board of Directors has taken action to keep the dues the same as they have been for a long time. This is an enviable position to be in. We no longer have the income from the annual swap meet; however, we have benefited from member donations, some substantial, that have helped take up the slack. *The Brass Nuts* continues to be a first rate publication and the website continues to present helpful information for members and prospective members. Our events have been well planned and executed which is a result of members volunteering and being very generous with the time they put in. The only area of improvement that I would like to see is an increase in the number of driving tours during the coming year. In the past the Club has been known for having monthly driving tours which have been an attraction to potential new members, as well as being fun. It is my hope that everyone will step up during 2020 in a small way or in a big way to improve this important aspect of our Club.

Best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year!

Bill



Editor's Message:

Another year fades into history. As I look back at *The Brass Nuts* issues for 2019, I see reports that show many of you are active in community events such as parades, church events, and fund raisers. You've been on tours, with the Pavas, and the Ryans hosting annual events that are well-received, with future tours anticipated by participants. Members attend the General Meetings. They supported participation in events such as the Sacramento International Auto Show and the honoring of Milt Webb at the California Automotive Museum. Many members and their guests celebrated the NCRG at a well-planned and enjoyable afternoon at a successfully executed Gala, in celebration of 70 years as a Club. Some members shared technical tips. I'm looking forward to hearing from you in 2020 as you take the time to share your participation in tours or community events. Please share any technical tips or articles of interest to our members.

Opportunities abound—take some—make some—share some.

Safe Travels in 2020,

Diana



NEXT GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, 7:00 P.M.
January 16, 2020

Sacramento Sewer District Office
5026 Don Julio Boulevard
Sacramento CA

REFRESHMENTS
Outgoing Board Members
(Sue Hill and Cat Roush)

SHOW and TELL
 Bring in your favorite collectible or surprise us with a unique car part. This has become a favorite because of the unique items shared with our group.



NCRG HCCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(NOTE: NCRG sponsored events are in bold print)

2020

- January 12th Board Meeting 10 am**
Dad's Kitchen
- January 16th General Meeting 7 pm**
- February 20th General Meeting 7 pm**
- June 14th Pava's Multi-Club Old Car Tour**



Plan a tour—Let's set the date!!!!
Contact Gordon McGregor, Tour and Safety Chairman, with your tour dates and information.

SWAP MEETS, OTHER REGIONAL CLUB HAPPENINGS AND NATIONAL EVENTS:

2020

- January—every Saturday *Cars and Coffee of Folsom*, 8 am to 10 am, 430 Palladio Pkwy, Folsom. Details: 916-718-4617.
- January 11—*Bel Air Second Saturday Cars and Coffee*, 8 am to 11am, 4320 Arden Way, Sacramento. Cancelled if rainy day
- January 25-26—*Turlock Swap Meet*
- March 20-21—*30th Annual Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet*, Chickasha, OK
- 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 7-20—*64th Annual HCCA Regional Midwest Tour*, Omaha Regional Group, Don & Marlene Ohnstad, .
- June 8-12—*Nickel Era Tour*, Moscow, ID. Nickel Era Touring Registry (HCCA). Contact John Manifer, 1643 Agave Avenue, La Habra Heights, CA 90631.
- June 21-27—*HCCA National Tour Circle Missouri* Progressive, Chris Paulsen, cp7254@hotmail.com.

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

JANUARY IS

National Hobby Month



WILL THIS FIT YOUR HOBBY NEEDS?

MAYBE THIS?



OR THIS?



Probably just a start—Right???

OTHER EVENTS:

(May be of Interest to Our Club Members)

2020

- January 18th—*History of Mack Trucks*, Bob York, Bolt's Antique Tool Museum, Oroville, CA, www.boltsantiquetools.com or call 500-538-2528.
- January 25th—*Knights of Columbus Annual Crab Feed*, 5:30-11 pm, Holy Family Catholic Church, Citrus Heights, \$50 per ticket. Contact Kim Malone, .
- February 17th—*American Heritage Day, "History Comes Alive,"* Mount Vernon Memorial Park, Fair Oaks, CA, 10 am—2 pm rain or shine.

Docent Training—California Automobile Museum is accepting applications for the 2020 Docent Training program which starts on January 8th. Early registration is advised. Details at: www.calautomuseu.org/event/2020docentclass

NCRG HOLIDAY DINNER AND LIGHT TOUR DECEMBER 2019



The Ryan's
1931 Model A



Dinner at Dad's Kitchen.
A tasty meal and excellent company.



The Charpiers' graciously opened their home for NCRG members and guests to enjoy yummy desserts.



Notice how the plates are empty.



Lights



and more Lights



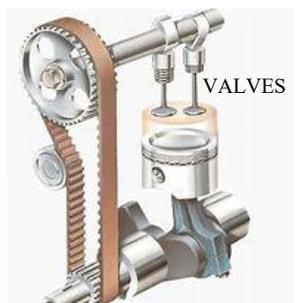
The Fashion Folks, early 1900s fashions

A Day in Automotive History

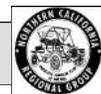
January 2, 1901—The **Cleveland Cap and Screw Company** is founded. The company produced connectors and fittings primarily for automobiles and light machinery. The company's first technological innovation was the production of automobile valves in 1904. In 1904 a welder in the company, Charles E. Thompson, devised a way to adapt cap-screw manufacturing methods to the production of automobile-engine valve stems. It soon became the recognized leader in the manufacture of such valves and was the world's largest independent producer of engine valves. Its sodium filled valves were used in Charles Lindbergh's trans-Atlantic flight in 1927. The Winton Motor Carriage Co. owned the company from 1905-15, but it was reorganized in 1908 by Charles Thompson as the Electric Welding Products Co. and started to purchase chassis parts, and acquired plants in other cities. Thompson bought the firm from Winton in 1915 and changed its name to the Steel Products Co. It was renamed Thompson Products, Inc. and in 1926 it was a well-established manufacturer of finished automotive and aviation goods. It was reorganized several more times, survived the depression, and several wars. The Thompson company diversified into aerospace especially jet engines and electronic and ballistic missile development. It merged with Ramo-Wooldridge Corp in 1953 and became **TRW, Inc.**. TRW was taken over by **Northrop-Grumman** and the automotive division was sold off. In 2015 a German manufacturer took it over and renamed it **ZF TRW Automotive Holdings Corp.** It continues to be a global corporation supplying systems for passenger cars, commercial vehicles and industrial technology.



Valves



VALVES



Ed Rose shared this poem written by his uncle, Leslie Rose

The Old Model T

The other day I was crossing
To the other side of the street
And darned near got run over
By a rattling old antique

With a running jump I made it
Clear to the other side
And turned around to cuss the thing
That nearly got my hide

But I just stood there on the sidewalk
As a Model T went by
I bared my head in deep respect
A tear came to my eye

This ancient tiny auto
This rattling pile of tin
Will soon be just some history
The memory's growing dim

The Model T inspired the jokes
Of countless vaudeville acts
They didn't have to strain themselves
They merely told the facts

Oh wondrous days with Model T
It's funny to look back
You might have wanted color
But the Ford was always black

It was just the thing to take camping
To Coon Creek and Colfax
Extra equipment included
A father, a saw and an axe

Do all you Model T men
Recall this famous lizzy
Recall the times you've spun the crank
Until your brain was dizzy

Remember all those chilly mornings
How wonderous you'd feel
It wouldn't start with crank or choke
Until you jacked a wheel

Then when she finally caught and fired
She tried to creak ahead
You shoved and strained and cussed the thing
And yearned for a horse instead

Do you recall those endless miles
In sun and snow and sleet
You'd jazz her up to 35
Atop that lofty seat

And when you drove through mountains
You earned a worthy medal
For holding down with aching foot
That heated low-gear pedal

And when you reached the mountain's crest
The aching foot grew worse
To slow the lizzy going down
You pushed down on reverse

From grinding mountain roads in low
And getting stuck in sand
You'd have to tear the insides out
And tighten every band

Magneto lights—ah, there's a thought
Who's memory is so grim
They shone alright at 35
But idling, they'd dim

And when the pesky thing wouldn't start
Or the engine sounded like thunder
Your favorite expression then was
“get up, get out and get under”

And when you'd need a tank of gas
A complicated trick
The tank was 'neath the high front seat
You measured with a stick

On hot days lizzy purred along
A steaming and a boil
And when she missed or bucked or jumped
You fiddled with a coil

There were no fancy gadgets
To clutter up the dash
A switch, a key and that was all
No gears to jam or clash

Beneath the narrow steering wheel
Two levers, gas and spark
You thumbed the right to speed 'er up
The left one when she'd bark

Ten million families road in Fords
The national parks to see
Give deep respect to Henry's car
The wonderous Model T





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

There was no General Meeting in December.
Next General Meeting is January 2020.

FYI for all members:

NCRG MEETING ROOM GUIDELINES

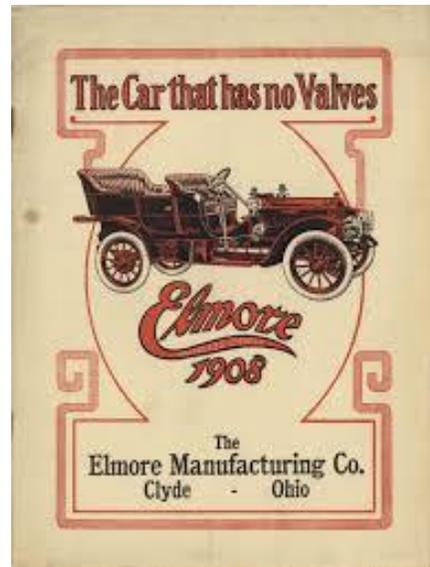
The NCRG meeting room at the Sacramento Sewer District Office, Don Julio site, has been reserved for the third Thursday of each month in 2020. Our meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. and the room is to be open by 6:30 p.m. to allow time for set up. We need to be out by 9:30 p.m.

Guidelines are as follows:

- No catered events, pot lucks, or the like are permitted.
- Light refreshments (i.e. cookies, fruit) are permissible.
- Coffee, tea, water, juice and soda are permissible.
- The Don Julio kitchen is not available for public use.
- No alcohol or drugs are allowed on the premises.
- No pets, except for service animals.
- Users must provide their own audio/video or other equipment. **Use of District equipment including screens, white boards, panaboard, smart boards, etc. is expressly prohibited.**
- All attendees are to enter and exit through the south side doors at the Don Julio site.
- The user is responsible for any damages, accidents, or injuries to persons or personal property resulting from the use of the room.
- The user shall be responsible for any damage to the building, improvements, furniture or fixtures.
- The user must immediately report any spill, damage, malfunction or unsafe condition to the on-site security personnel and also the District's Facility Manager at 916-876-6297 (voice mail after hours).
- Adhesive tape, pins, brads, staples, or nails are not to be used on the walls. Any decorations must be in good taste and glitter or confetti is not allowed.
- Do not exceed maximum occupancy capacity of 132 persons.

- Set up and return to original configuration of tables and chairs is the responsibility of the user.
- Any request to deviate from these guidelines must be made in writing to gages@sacsewer.com

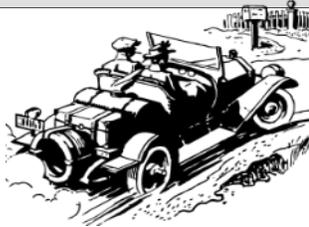
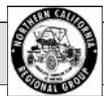
The responsible party of making sure all is secure is Sue Hill (or her designated representative if not in attendance).



The Elmore Manufacturing Company 1893-1912, started by manufacturing bicycles and was making 1,500 bicycles a year in 1897, but quit making bicycles and focused on manufacturing a two-stroke-engine car. According to the Standard Catalog of American Cars 1805-1942 (Krause Publications, 1985): "Early Elmore's had a single-cylinder engine mounted under the seat; another cylinder was added in 1903 which Elmore claimed to be 'the only double-cylinder motor in the world that can be started without cranking.' Elmore was almost belligerent in its championing of the two-stroke idea; 'The Car That Has No Valves' remained the company slogan for all of its life."

1908
Elmore





Traveling down the road for another year...

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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- 04 Warren Berg
- 08 Diane Sherman
- 13 Cindy Pharis
- 23 David Pava
- 24 Ilia Potanin
- 29 Steve Gordon



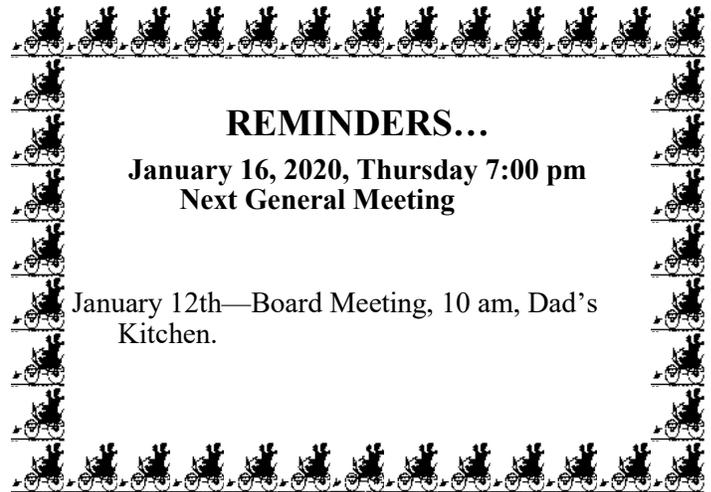
JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 19 David and Patricia Pava



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Dave and Janice Hill



REMINDERS...

**January 16, 2020, Thursday 7:00 pm
Next General Meeting**

January 12th—Board Meeting, 10 am, Dad's Kitchen.

Admission to the California Automobile Museum (CAM)

NCRG has a group of free admission tickets for the CAM. As you plan your outings in 2020, keep in mind that they are available to NCRG members. Contact Jan Charpier to obtain tickets.

NCRG Membership Dues

If you haven't paid your dues yet, it's past time to send your payment to Jan Charpier.

Reminder: You must be a member of HCCA to renew your membership with NCRG.

Request for Information

Frank Squire purchased a WWII Air Force sextant at our Club Auction. He would like to talk to the member who donated it to find out information about its history.

Please contact Frank

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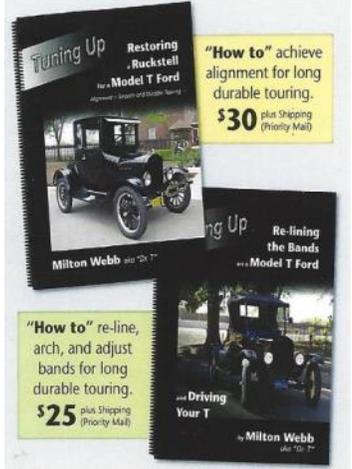
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