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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

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:On the Cover 1926 Ford Model T Truck owned by the Pharis family.



Another smoke-filled day! Masks on for sure.....



President’s Message:

COVID-19 is still with us! The County has notified us that the meeting room is closed until at least October. It is entirely possible that the closure may extend through October and

beyond. At this time, members should consider the General Meetings as cancelled until further notice.

I am pleased to announce that the NCRG has received a very generous anonymous donation. This is especially welcome since our activities have been seriously curtailed and our opportunities for fund raisers very limited this year. On behalf of the club, I want extend a sincere thank you to the donor. Your dedication to the NCRG is wonderful and sincerely appreciated.

The ingenuity of old car folks always amazes me. During the pandemic members of one of the other clubs I belong to set up a “drive-in theater” at their home. The screen was a white sheet hung from a large shop building. Some of their old cars were arranged in front of the building for comfortable viewing. With a movie projector, some popcorn and cool drinks they were ready for a fun evening. Unfortunately, our outdoor activities are limited at this time due to the very unhealthy air resulting from several wildfires burning near us, but when the air clears up it would be great to find similar ways to enjoy our hobby outdoors.

I thoroughly enjoyed Roger Mitchell and Sue Hill’s article about Ward Kimball that appeared in last month’s *The Brass Nuts*. Being interested in old cars and trains as I grew up, I remember being envious of Mr. Kimball because he had a full size railroad in his backyard! Jan and I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Kimball during a special function being held at the California State Railroad Museum many years ago. He was certainly a very talented and interesting individual.

As always, thank you to Diana Squire, Kathy Ryan, and Kim Malone for their continued work preparing, copying and distributing *The Brass Nuts*. It is helping hold our club together during these trying times!

Jan and I hope that you have a healthy and happy September!

Bill



Editor’s Message:

Well, we managed to get through an August filled with HOT days and, much to our dismay, too many more fires. We had days in the valley with smoke so thick you could chew

it. Definitely not days to take our cars on the road. We sure didn’t go outside without our masks on.

Sue Hill filled her August days writing articles to help fill these pages with stories from the past. I hope you enjoy them as much as I do. Thanks, Sue. Thanks again to Bill Charpier for his “From the Toolbox” article and to others who contributed bits and pieces to make the newsletter complete.

I hope that we can get out and ride the roads together this fall. Even a short trip out to Plymouth for a picnic in the wine country.

Anyone interested? Got your car running?

Frank and I enjoyed being in the 100th Birthday parade for a Sacramento veteran. It was nice to see folks turn out for a community celebration. Some of the motorcyclists came from as far away as Stockton to participate. My father, a WWII veteran, rode in our 1924 Dodge Brothers Touring car.. Nothing but smiles—even under the masks!

Wishing You Good Health and Safe Travels—

Diana

NEXT GENERAL MEETING
 Thursday, 7:00 P.M.
September 17, 2020

Sacramento Sewer District Office
 5026 Don Julio Boulevard
 Sacramento CA

CANCELLED



NCRG HCCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(NOTE: NCRG sponsored events are in bold print)

2020

September 17 **NCRG General Meeting, 7PM**

Cancelled

December 20 **Holiday Progressive Dinner**
To Be Determined

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

September - What Events?..... NEXT YEAR???

Please see your latest Horseless Carriage Gazette "Coming Events Section" for events coming your way or for any cancellations.

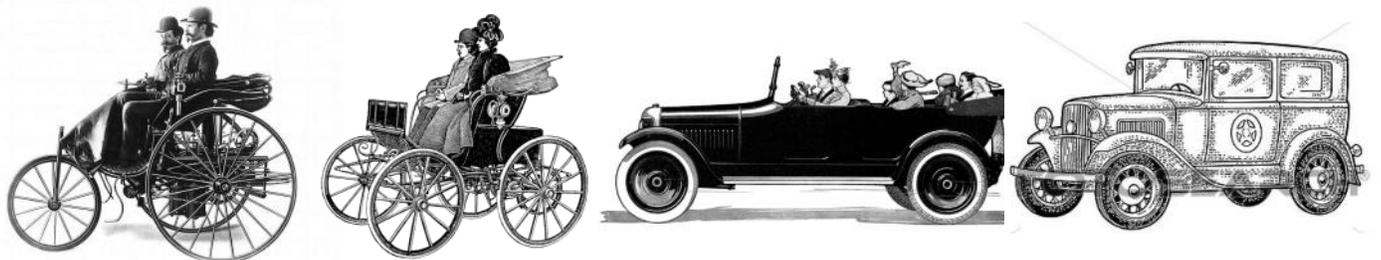
Event of Interest to our Members—Fundraiser

Coming this Fall—Special Fundraiser benefiting Shriner's Ben Ali Transportation Fund and a couple of car clubs, including the NCRG. Elaine is busy making her wonderful baskets filled with goodies. Save up those \$\$ and be ready to shop for the holidays!



5th

National Tailgating Day



12th National Day of Encouragement



1916 Cadillac *Old Motor*

Fix those cars!

Get 'em back on the road!



Circa 1919 Studebaker

A Blast from the Past

An excerpt from *The Brass Nuts*, Convention Issue, January 13-15, 1977



Brass Nuts from All Over the Country will Gather in Sacramento for the HCCA National Convention



No HCCA emblem on the 1909 Thomas Flyer, however, it does appear on the 1903 Cadillac issued a few years later .



Jim Beam cars from the Lee Hill collection

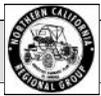
The Beam Bottle and The HCCA!

The James B. Beam Distilling Company has produced a fine Regal China Decanter depicting a 1909 Thomas Flyer. The Horseless Carriage Club of America has participated with the Jim Beam Company in this project in authenticating the design of the bottle and finally lending the HCCA Emblem and endorsement to the decanter.

The investment and interest of the James B. Beam Company and the efforts of Beam Vice Presidents, Messrs. Charles Wittwer and Martin Lewin (ret.) have made this very special automotive decanter possible, working months on research and development and much time spent in changes suggested by the HCCA committee. Bay Area HCCA Regional Group member, Art Banducci was responsible for the idea of bringing the HCCA and Beam Company together in this project, National Director's Ortman, Ladner, Zordich, and Campbell continued working on the project to completion. This combined effort will be an advantage to the Beam Company and to the treasury of the HCCA.

This beautiful Beam bottle of the 1909 Thomas Flyer will be available in retail liquor outlets and will be displayed at the HCCA National Convention. The cost will be about \$37.50 plus tax. (No sales at the National Convention or directly from the HCCA). Future collaboration between the Beam Co. and the HCCA is anticipated.





RENO TOURS

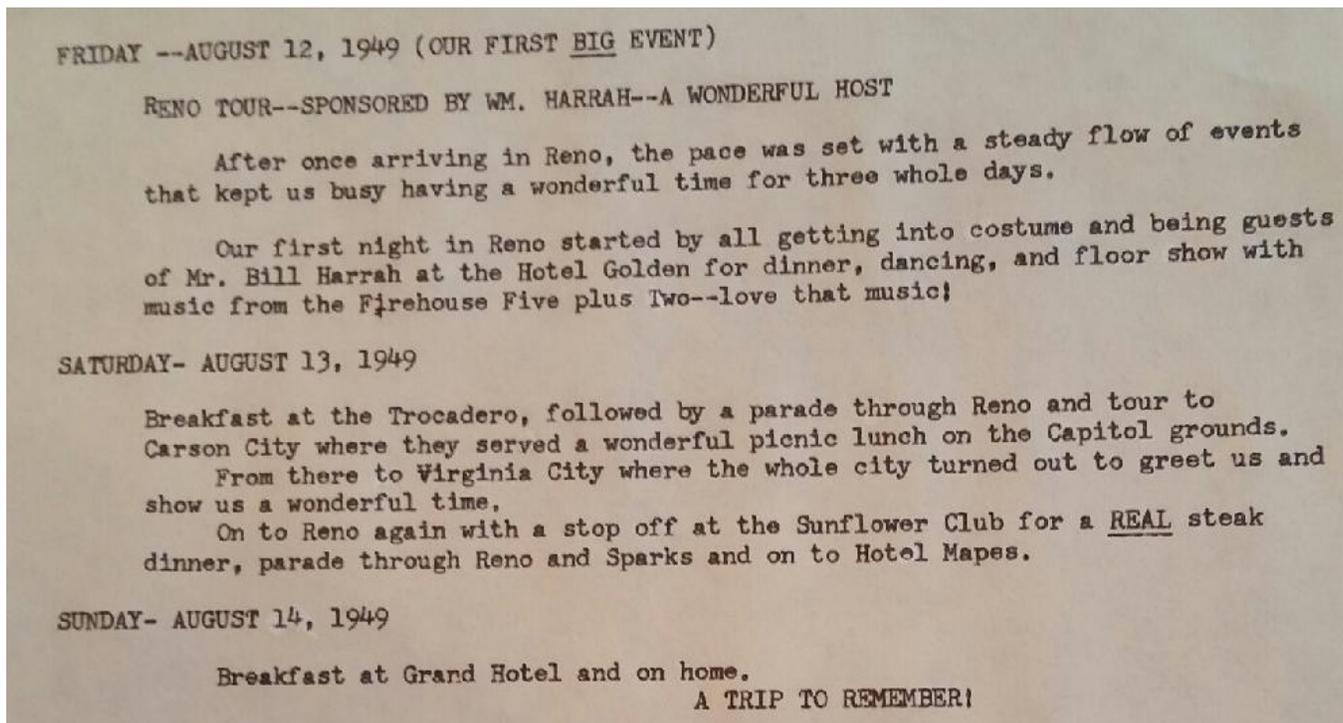
It all started here!

By Sue Hill

The Northern California Regional Group of the HCCA was chartered in December 1948, and on August 12—14, 1949 our club members put on the very first Reno Tour. It was called the “No. Cal. Horseless Carriage Club Caravan.” One of our members was Bill Harrah (Yeah! That guy!!!) and his wife, Scherry. Bill at that time had two Harrah’s Clubs; one in Reno and one in Lake Tahoe. He thought it would be a good idea to have his Harrah’s Club Reno sponsor a tour to Nevada. When I say “sponsor” they took care of everything!!!! They even asked the participants to submit an expense report after the tour so they could be reimbursed for any expenses that weren’t covered.

In 1949 NCRG didn’t have a newsletter; all information was documented in its scrapbook. There were photos of the tour but many were in color and had faded over the years. So, photos are few and far between.

The scrapbook write up about the tour was very short. Here is what was written:



Publicity was widespread about this tour. Below is an article from a Reno newspaper revealing how well this tour would be publicized. (No indication of name of newspaper or date of article in scrapbook.)

OLD AUTOS TO BRING PUBLICITY

Indications are that Harrah’s Horseless Carriage Caravan will gain for Reno and western Nevada more constructive publicity than any event previously staged in this area.

For the first time in its history Reno will be the background of a coast to coast television show.

Two newsreel companies will have cameramen here to catch the caravan for the screens of the nation.

Mrs. Ruth Lusch, director of publicity of the Reno Chamber of Commerce, announced that she had been asked by 18 publicity and news sources for special coverage on the event.



COAST TO COAST

Twenty special correspondents, representing newspapers and magazines from New York to Los Angeles have been assigned to Reno's colorful parade of ancient automobiles.

From Los Angeles will come Andy Kelly, public relations officer of the Southern California Automobile Association, who will cover the caravan for the official publication of that association as well as for the Los Angeles Examiner and the Los Angeles Herald Express.

Lyn Rogers, Automotive editor of the Los Angeles Times; Floyd Freel of the Hollywood Citizen-News; Frank Ross, automotive editor of the Los Angeles Mirror; and a special representative of the Horseless Carriage Gazette, official publication of the Horseless Carriage Club, are others coming from the southland for the caravan.

BAY AREA COVERED

From San Francisco and the bay area will come Jack Keyes of the San Francisco Call-Bulletin; Dick McFarlane, auto editor of the San Francisco News; Bob Patterson covering for the California News Syndicate serving some 13 pages in northern California; and special of the San Francisco Examiner, the San Francisco Chronicle, the Oakland Tribune and the Oakland Post.

Fred Walker, west coast representative of King Features, one of the most widely circulated feature syndicates in the world will be here for the Horseless Carriage Caravan, and with him will come a special representative of the Metro Group that furnishes features and stories for the rotogravure sections of metropolitan papers throughout the United States and Canada.

Globe Photos, of Los Angeles, will cover papers with stories and pictures from coast to coast.

NEW YORK FEATURES

Special features on the event will be carried by the new York Herald Tribune, and indications are that a special series of pictures will be made for the Newspaper Enterprise Association.

In the automotive world, Harrah's Horseless Carriage Caravan is attracting wide attention. Mel Alsbury, representing the Chrysler Corporation interests in California will come to Reno from the coast with a Super-DeLuxe Chrysler and a special photographer to get a special feature for that company of the 1905 Maxwell of Bill Harrah and what happened to it when it graduated to the Chrysler. The Ford Motor Company, too, will have a special representative here for that caravan. He is Gordon Horsney and he will come prepared to get features using the old Fords in the caravan to prove that "Fords last longer."

AUTO AUTHORITY

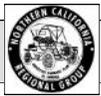
Floyd Clymer, noted automotive authority who each year makes a shake down run with all popular makes of cars, and whose subsequent book on what he found in each car is widely circulated is driving a new Plymouth from Los Angeles, will take the car over the Mt. Rose Road on its shakedown run and then do a story about it. With him Clymer is bringing a 1908 Oldsmobile which he has entered in the caravan and which he will drive himself on the tour of the old Comstock.

Adam Oomes, Los Angeles representative of Time magazine, is coming to Reno with a double assignment; one for Time and the other for the well known west coast publication "Fortnight."

NEWSREEL COVERAGE

Frank Vail, of the Warner-Pathe News Reel, and Roy Kluver, of the News of the Day newsreel have been assigned to catch the caravan for the theater screens

Lew Nichols, for KFI-TV and other television stations is catching the caravan for the television screens of the nation. A sound track will be added after the film has been edited, prior to its release to television stations from coast to coast. (Note: *Pioneer Cars on Pioneer Trails* was shown in Los Angeles on 10/15/49 at 1:15 pm.)



Wallis Warren and associates and the Walter States Advertising Agency were assigned by William Harrah and the Horseless Carriage Club to gather the widest possible publicity for this Nevada caravan. The Horseless Carriage Club has promised maximum cooperation in seeing that the Harrah Horseless Carriage Caravan gets the widest possible publicity. Six regional groups of the club will see that in each region, copies of the film taken of the caravan through Reno and western Nevada is exhibited to capacity audiences.

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Holy Batman!!! Renowned automotive author, Floyd Clymer was on our first Reno Tour!!!

Another article from our scrapbook described how the locals felt about seeing the old car tour. Again, the newspaper is not named or dated. But you know it was done in Reno and reflects the fun the tour brought to their area.

LOCAL APPEAL

Most Photographed Event in City History

Reno, Sparks, Carson City and Virginia City had one of the most hilarious days in their history Saturday when 36 horseless carriages participated in the most universally-liked parade and caravan ever held in this area.

This was the reaction of all residents of the community who voluntarily voiced an opinion—and enthusiasm for the entire affair was rampant—about the parade that was seen by more than 40,000 people in the four communities through which it ran.

More than 100 members and wives of the Northern California Horseless Carriage Club participated in the event which began Friday evening with a parked display of the old cars on downtown Reno streets and ended Sunday morning with breakfast and departure of the vehicles, most of them under their own steam.

Not only did Reno residents and tourists have a lot of fun watching the parade and caravan, but merchants here reported they had the best weekend so far this year as far as business was concerned.

Club, restaurant and bar owners said the volume of trade and spending was far above either the Memorial Day or Fourth of July weekend. A wholesale produce firm said that it ran completely out of eggs and other items furnished restaurants and had to keep its crew on duty both Saturday and Sunday for the first time in several years.

The talk of all the town and along the modern highways which carried the relics of motordom was the parade, the ladies' costumes and the men's clothing which were appropriate to the era in which these cars were in their heyday.

'Good Old Days'

Residents in their thirties and forties were recalling the days when they were kids and the experiences they had in the newfangled contraptions.

Grandfathers and grandmothers relived "the good old days" either silently by stifling nostalgic memories or enthusiastically discussing the entire show with someone their own age or anyone else who would listen.

All of the cars made the trip in comparatively good shape.

Temporary breakdowns were numerous between Reno and Carson City from noon Saturday until 2:30 p.m. when the caravan rolled into the capital city. But the breakdown added to the interest of the show as the "one-lungers" attempted a trip that was grueling for even the best of the old cars.

Reno residents who have seen every parade in the city for more years than they care to recall voiced complete approval for the unique event. And, expressed fond hopes that the affair would be an annual show.



May Be Repeated

William Harrah of Reno, who sponsored the parade and caravan and everything that went with the event last weekend, indicated Sunday that he will do the same thing next year and bring the cars back here again.

Residents of Virginia City and Carson City, as well as Sparks, turned the city over to the visiting caravan and made the event a holiday. Officials and residents of the communities alike said it was the nicest gesture that Reno has shown them in many years and that the good will created among the four cities is invaluable.

The parade and caravan was probably the most photographed event in the history of Nevada.

Thousands of camera fans lined downtown Reno streets to record the affair and professionals as well as amateurs waited along the entire line of march from here to Carson City, into Virginia City and then between Reno and Sparks Saturday night during the torchlight parade.

Television, newsreel, and newspaper photographers covered the event which will be shown through the United States this week to millions of people.

Oldest Car

The oldest car in the parade was a 1901 Pierce Motorette. Models ranged from this year through 1916, the youngest horseless carriage participating.

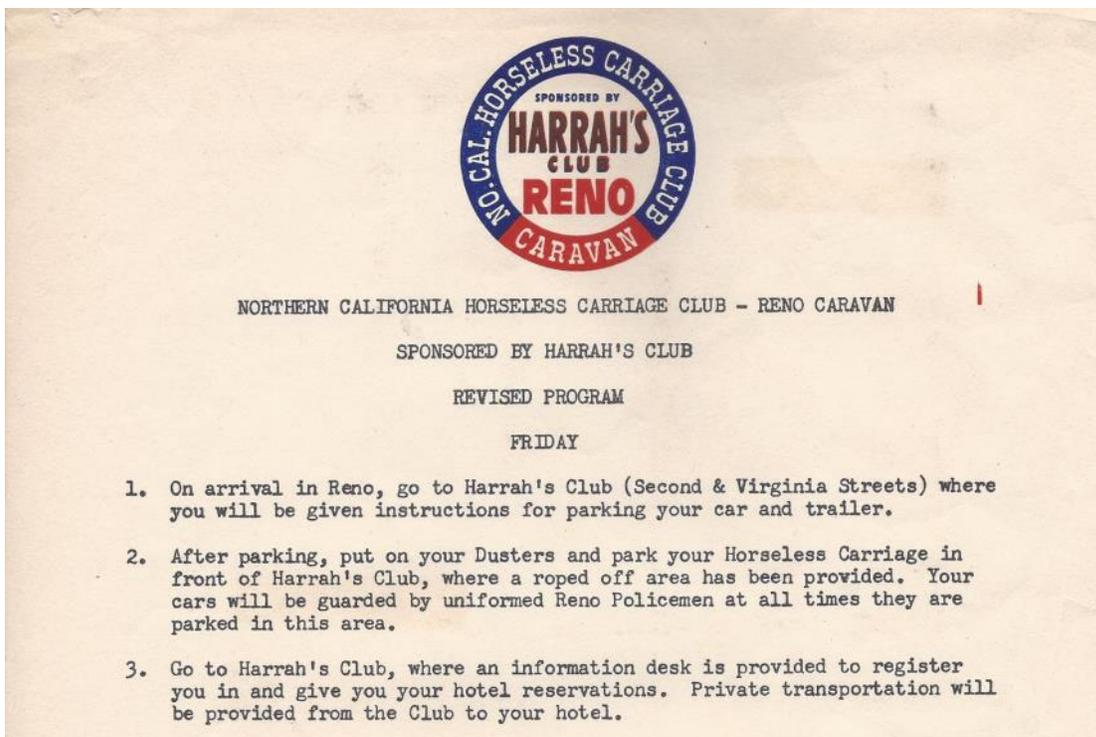
The group was met in Carson City by a relic that is the pride of Carson City, the 1913 Seagrave of Warren Engine Co. No. 1, Nevada's first volunteer fire department. Members of the Carson Junior Chamber of Commerce comprise most of the membership of the fire department and welcomed members of the Reno Jaycees who brought their "black maria" along on the caravan.

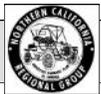
Probably the most descriptive comment made on the entire parade was overheard from a small girl watching wide-eyed with her father on South Virginia St., when she said, "Gee daddy, it's all so pretty."

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Our club scrapbook revealed that Reno Tours were held yearly until the mid-1950s when they were held every other year.

Following is the program for the first NCRG Reno Caravan:





4. After checking in with your hotel, return to Harrah's Club, where cocktails will be served until 8:00 P.M.
5. Dinner and floor show in the Theatre Restaurant of Hotel Golden, starting at 8:00 P.M.
6. After dinner, a tour through downtown Reno's Casinos and other points of interest.

SATURDAY

1. Breakfast at 8:30 A.M. sharp in the beautiful Trocadero, located in the El Cortez Hotel. You will be welcomed to Reno by its Mayor, Francis Smith, and other Reno dignitaries.
2. At 10:00 we leave in our carriages from Harrah's Club and gas up at Guisti Service Station (4th & Lake Streets). We will also supply water bags --- just in case! Then to Carson City, the nation's mallest capitol, parading through Reno at 11:00 A.M.
3. In Carson City -- (all level and only 30 miles away) -- we will be welcomed on the State Capitol lawn by Mayor Pendergraf of Carson City and State of Nevada Dignitaries.

4. After a picnic lunch on the State Capitol Grounds, we leave for Virginia City, home of the Comstock Lode, where millions of dollars were mined during the Civil War Days. Virginia City is only sixteen miles from Carson. It is mostly level, but the last few miles are steep. We will supply tow cars for all participants who may find this grade too much to pull.
5. Sightseeing in famous Virginia City, visiting such world-famous places as the Silver Stope, the Bucket O'Hook Saloon, the Crystal Bar, Pipers Opera House, and St. Mary's of the Mountains Church, etc.
6. We return to the beautiful Sunflower, via picturesque Geiger Grade. After a delicious steak dinner, we will parade through downtown Reno and Sparks, with night flares leading the way.
7. After the parade, we park in the roped off area in front of Harrah's Club and adjourn to the Sky Room of the Mapes Hotel for a floorshow and dancing.
8. Back to Harrah's Club for a night-cap and private transportation to your hotel.

SUNDAY

1. Breakfast at the Grand Cafe, anytime between 8:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Come whenever you want.
2. Depart for home, anytime, and we sincerely hope this caravan will be one which you will remember for years to come!

WEAR YOUR DUSTERS AT ALL TIMES - IT
WILL KEEP US AS A GROUP! IT IS YOUR
PASS ON THIS RENO CARAVAN!

"THE FIREHOUSE FIVE - PLUS TWO" WILL BE ON THE TOUR

TO KEEP THINGS MOVING ALONG IN THEIR USUAL MANNER!



FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Arrangements have been made to gas and oil all of your cars anytime during the day or night at Guisti Service Station (4th & Lake Sts).
2. Do not worry about your car when it is in the roped off area in front of Harrah's Club. Your car will be guarded at all times by uniformed Reno Policemen.
3. When you return home, mail your expense sheet, with receipts, for travel from your home to Reno and return, to Walter L. States, 131 West Second Street, Reno, Nevada, and you will receive a check by return mail.
4. This is important: TO HELP US WHO ARE SPONSORING THE CARAVAN AND TO KEEP US AS A GROUP, PLEASE WEAR YOUR DUSTERS AT ALL TIMES. IT IS YOUR PASS ON THE TOUR!
5. FROM DAWN TILL DUSK AND DUSK TILL DAWN -- TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY, as long as you are on the Reno tour, there will be free cocktails at either bar of the two bars in HARRAH'S CLUB. YOU MUST HAVE YOUR DUSTERS ON, HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO GET THIS SERVICE.
6. You will have police protection at all times on the tour. Because of this, it is necessary for each participant to observe the following:
 - a. Stay in position as assigned you in the caravan.
 - b. Maintain an interval of not less than 20 feet.
 - c. Be ready to depart at assigned times.
 - d. Participate in all events scheduled for the Caravan as a whole, such as dinners, breakfasts, tours, etc.
 - e. The official Caravan emblem will be attached to both sides of your car while you are having dinner at the Sunflower. This sticker has a mystik backing which is easily removed without damage to the paint!

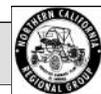
WE GUARANTEE YOU'LL "HAVE FUN IN RENO" ON THIS HARRAH'S CLUB CARAVAN!

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Just for your information, a 16 mm movie will be taken which later will be made a nation-wide television release . . . on TV stations from Coast to Coast.

Two newsreel companies will accompany the tour to shoot pictures for the motion picture palaces throughout America.

Wow!
This
was an
ALL
expenses
trip paid
by Bill
Harrah!



1949 RENO TOUR ATTENDEES

William and Scherry Harrah, Reno NV, 1905 Maxwell
Edward A. (Bud) and Bernice Catlett, Sacramento CA, 1910 Buick Touring
Henry and Izzy Vogt, Sacramento CA, 1909 Buick Touring
 Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Eastwood, Pasadena CA, 1910 Buick Touring
 Mr. and Mrs. Warwick Eastwood, Pasadena CA, 1910 Hupmobile Torpedo
Dan and Marion Derich, Sacramento CA, 1911 Regal Underslung Roadster
Mr. and Mrs. Leland Jellison, Sacramento CA, 1910 Ford Touring
Ed and Newell Allison, Sacramento CA, 1915 Ford Touring
Dwight and Mildred Smith, Sacramento CA, 1911 Ford Roadster
Mr. and Mrs. Sterla and Don Pollard, Sacramento CA 1915 Ford Touring
John and Tillie Taylor, Sacramento CA, 1911 Buick Touring
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reichert, Benton CA, 1904 Cadillac Roadster
 John Carra and Guest, Hollywood CA, 1901 Pierce Motorette
Andy and Constance Biondo, Sacramento CA, 1911 Ford Roadster
Monte and Billie Jean McCallum, North Sacramento CA, 1911 E.M.F. Touring
Richard Gunther, Sacramento CA, 1915 Locomobile Touring
Mr. and Mrs. Phil Andrews, Jr., Sacramento CA, 1910 Warren Detroit Touring
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Huttleston, North Sacramento CA, 1912 Maxwell Roadster
Norman Griswold, Sacramento CA, and Audrey Payne, Reno NV, 1913 Ford Touring
Phil Andrews, Sr., Sacramento CA, 1909 Brush Roadster*
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Allison, Sacramento CA, 1912 Reo Touring
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stahlman, Sacramento CA, 1906 Ford Roadster
 Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Sala and son, Richmond CA, 1911 Pope Hartford uring
 Mr. and Mrs. Bob J. Leland and Guest, San Jose CA, 1910 Herreshoff Roadster
 Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gottlieb, Los Angeles CA, Ford Touring
 John Edwards and Harold Leed, Los Angeles CA, 1913 Ford Roadster
 Mr and Mrs. W. W. Fife, Los Angeles CA, 1906 Franklin Runabout
 Mr. and Mrs. Don Colee, Los Angeles CA, 1907 Cadillac Roadster
 Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Hutton, Glendale CA, 1906 Ford Roadster
Craig and Veon Zentner, Sacramento CA, 1901 Buick
 Mr. and Mrs. Lester Barnett, Long Beach CA, 1909 E.M.F. Touring
 Roy Redding, 1910 Hupmobile
 Louis Mahoney and two Guests, Venice CA, 1913 Ford Touring
 Mr. and Mrs. Ross Wheat, Burbank CA, 1914 Ford Touring
 William Fawcett and Jack Fawcett, Galt CA, 1915 Locomobile Touring
 Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Clymer, Los Angeles CA, 1906 Oldsmobile
 Mr. and Mrs. Roland Giroux, Reno NV, 1910 White Steamer
 Mr. and Mrs. Omar Jacobs, Reno NV, 1916 Packard Twin
 Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Baker, Reno NV, 1902 St. Louis Motor Carriage
 ***Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Soderman** will drive the 1909 Brush, Mr. Andrews unable to attend.
Firehouse Five Plus 2 group:
 Mr. and Mrs. Ward Kimball, 1914 American LaFrance Fire Engine
 Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Mallory
 Mr. and Mrs. Harper Goff
 Mr. and Mrs. Monte Mountjoy
 Mr. and Mrs. Ed Benner
 Doug Alguire
 Jack Peoples
 Tom Sharpstein

(Note: Names in bold denote members of the NCRG.)

Reno newspaper advertisement showing Caravan information.

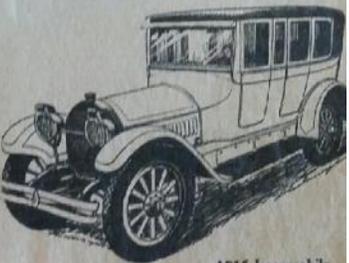
TWO RENO PARADES SATURDAY
10:30 A.M. AND 9:30 P.M.
SHOW THE KIDDIES THESE ANCIENT CARS!



1912 Reo



1911 Regal Underslung



1915 Locomobile

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
HORSELESS CARRIAGE
CLUB



1911 Pope Hartford

RENO CARAVAN
AUGUST 12th and 13th
SHADES OF THE GAY NINETIES!

The "good old days" will be brought back when some 40 ancient automobiles will arrive to participate in the Reno Caravan! There will be E.M.F.s, Warren Detroits, Brushes, Pope Hartfords, a Regal Underslung, and even a 1914 La France Fire Engine.

FRIDAY
All entries will be on display in front of Harrah's Club starting at 6:00 P.M.

SATURDAY
10:30 A.M.—Parade through downtown Reno.
11:00 A.M.—Leave for Carson City and parade.
1:30 P.M.—Leave Carson City for a tour to Virginia City.
6:00 P.M.—Caravan banquet at The Sunflower.
9:30 P.M.—Parade through Reno.
10:00 P.M.—Parade through Sparks.
11:00 P.M.—Entries on display in front of Harrah's Club.

MUSIC BY
Ward Kimball and his "Firehouse Five plus Two," direct from Hollywood will play along the whole tour. The best in Dixieland Band Jazz!



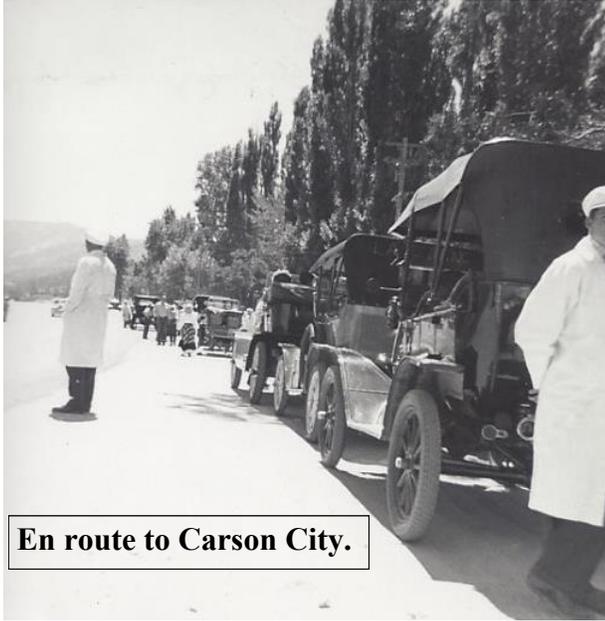
Don't Miss This Horseless Carriage Caravan!

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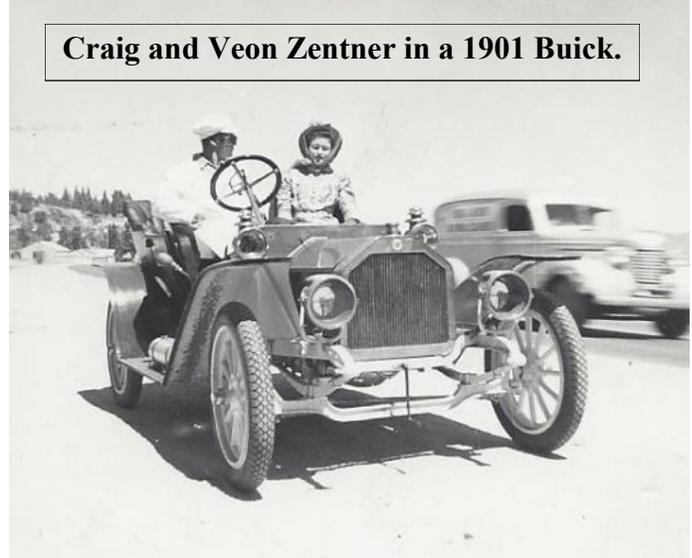
HARRAH'S CLUB
YOUR RENO HOST

TWO RENO PARADES SATURDAY
10:30 A.M. AND 9:30 P.M.

Note:
Car's owners
identified by
this writer.



En route to Carson City.



Craig and Veon Zentner in a 1901 Buick.



L-R: Bud Catlett, Henry and Izzy Vogt and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Allison on the Capitol grounds in Carson City.



Phil Andrews' 1909 Brush and a sweet admirer.



Mr. and Mrs. Don Pollard in a 1912 Reo.



Here's another article from an unknown and undated newspaper about Ed "Bud" Catlett, our club founder, and his journey on the first Reno Tour he helped organize. The reporters were there and tell the stories about the first Reno tour the best.

Good Old Motoring Days 'Not So Bad' Joining Horseless Carriage Trek Proves Novel Experience

Question: How's it feel to ride 67 miles in a 1910 Buick?

Answer: It's wonderful.

You don't get tired, You don't get nervous, Just sit back and enjoy the scenery as the ancient car takes the entire trip in its stride at a 30-mile-an-hour average.

You pass a lot of other cars on the road, including some of the 1949 models. Going in the same direction, too.

Maybe their drivers were just showing respect to age. But the fact remains that you passed them, even on uphill grades.

The old car never once got a chance to prove itself completely, though. It had to follow close on the heels of the state police escort.

OLD DAYS NOT SO BAD

So, don't laugh when you think of the automobile days of grandma and grandpa. The good old days weren't so bad. Of course, you have to take into consideration that way back in the early 1900's high speed gasoline and paved roads were unheard of. And the mechanical knowledge of the first owner of the 1910 touring model couldn't even begin to compare with that of **Edward Catlett** of Sacramento, the 1949 owner.

After the 36 cars in the Horseless Carriage caravan finally pulled out of Reno at noon Saturday amid backfire and clouds of exhaust, the trip to Carson was made in little more than two hours.

But the 1910 Buick? It had to stop and wait patiently at both Bowers mansion and Washoe hill for the less capable models of its day to catch up some with the help of tow chains.

ROYAL WELCOME

All along the way spectators showed obvious enjoyment and enthusiasm for the procession. Royal welcomes awaited them in both Carson and Virginia City and they were escorted behind ancient fire engines of the towns' volunteer fire departments.

Many of the cars which had no trouble from Reno to Carson were unable to meet the final test of the uphill grade to Virginia City. After the 1910 Buick arrived, it was fully 30 minutes before the last stragglers were towed in.

The man in the 1909 E. M. F. (which eventually became known as the "every morning fixit") prayed that he wouldn't have to shift gears on the trip.

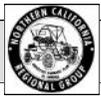
"The old buggy has a habit of stripping the gears" the owner said. It finally gave up the fight and permitted itself to be towed up the grade.

IMPROMPTU DANCE

The spirit of the thing was totally entered into at Virginia City. Townspeople and tourists staged an impromptu street dance to the Dixieland jazz of the "Fire House Five—Plus Two Boys", a group of Hollywood car collectors who are also amateur musicians.

From there on it was "smooth sailing." The only requirement for the downhill run over Geiger grade was a good set of brakes and, although you could "smell 'em coming," they made it without mishap.

Members of the California club were unable to put a definite dollar-and-cents value on their cars. Some of the models were taken from farmers' barns for as little as \$15 and others brought their previous owners as much as \$1,000.



“The price you pay depends on how bad you want the car and who’s selling it,” one member said.

Most of the cars require constant repairs with parts that are at a premium today. The upkeep often exceeds the original purchase price.

The northern California group is a branch of the Horseless Carriage club of Los Angeles, which is one of three such organizations in the United States. However, there are many branches of the three parent clubs throughout the country. Members don’t have to own museum-piece vehicles to belong, all they have to do is show an interest in them.

The California group takes regular picnic outings and short trips in Sacramento valley, but the Nevada tour was the group’s most ambitious undertaking to date.

Many of the cars in the caravan were models which have survived until today—Fords, Packards, Oldsmobiles, Cadillacs and Buicks. Others, such as the Hupmobile, Herreshoff, Pope Hartford and Locomobile, have long since passed from the automobile world.

The host for the weekend trip, William Harrah, picked up the check for all expenses, including transportation to and from Reno, food, drink, and lodgings. He couldn’t say just what the stunt cost, but he voiced an objection to an \$8,000 to \$10,000 estimate.

Any injuries from the hazardous trip?

Not one—except a lacerated ear suffered by one husband as he and his wife obliged a cameraman by “snuggling up close.” The instrument responsible for the ear injury was her eight-inch hatpin. **E.J.M.**

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I hope you enjoyed reading about our club’s first Reno Tour adventure as shared by the reporters. They tell the story best because they were there.

Thank you Roger Mitchell for encouraging me to put together a story about the first Reno Tour. We discovered that our club did this incredible tour in 1949 when we were just a fledgling organization. We learned this when researching information about Ward Kimball. What a great find and we wanted to share it with our members. Our club is now 71 years old and still going strong.

Yep, in 1950, Bill Harrah did put on the second tour in Reno and NCRG was there. Many photos appear in our scrapbooks about that and subsequent Reno tours. Thank you, Bill, for the wonderful memories. RIP.



**John Ambrose tests out
Bill Harrah’s
1905 Maxwell on the
1950 Reno Tour.**

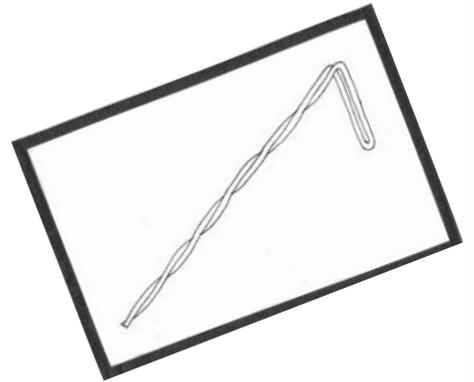
From the Toolbox

By Bill Charpier

This month's tool is a **homemade oil dipstick** compliments of Jim Ryan. Many of our old cars don't have built-in ways to measure the oil level in the transmission or rear end. Instead, they have a hole with a removable plug and instructions to maintain the oil level just below the bottom of the hole. I have tried several ways to check these levels including working my little finger into the hole. This concerned me because I could see having to call 911 to send someone to extract my stuck finger! One day, Jim said he had an easy way to make a dipstick from wire. I tried Jim's suggestion and found that the dipstick is easy to make and that it works well.

To start with, you will need a short length of straight, small diameter wire. It should be flexible enough to bend easily and stiff enough to hold its shape. To fabricate the dipstick:

1. Cut a 6" to 7" length of wire.
2. Bend the wire 180-degrees at the midpoint keeping the parallel wires separated by about 1/16".
3. Mark the wires 1" to 1¼" from the bend.
4. Clamp the 1" to 1¼" length horizontal in a vise with one wire above the other.
5. Hook onto the unclamped end with locking pliers and twist the wires until the entire unclamped length is twisted.
6. While the wires are still clamped in the vise, bend the twisted section of wire 90 degrees to the untwisted section.
7. Remove the wires from the vise and touch up the cut ends with a file.
8. Check to make sure the untwisted wires are about 1/16" apart, adjusting with a small screwdriver if necessary. The oil will be held in this space by capillary action.



You can adjust the overall wire length and the lengths of the twisted and untwisted sections to suit your needs.

I made some dip sticks for the shop and some for the cars. I use them all the time and they make checking oil levels easy. The only problem I have had is they tend to get lost easily due to their small size. I added a handle to one by inserting the twisted end into a faux cork which makes it easier to find. You can probably find other creative ways to keep them handy.

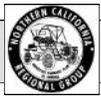
Remember, if you have a favorite tool and you would like to share the information with the members, send me a write up and I will include it in "From the Toolbox." If you would prefer, you can call me with the information and I will write it up for you.



Bill Charpier also shared information about a short article appearing in The MotorCities National Heritage Area's website about the Lincoln Highway. You can check it out at <https://www.motorcities.org/story-of-the-week/>

There have been articles in *The Brass Nuts* about the Lincoln Highway and this article provides a good overview of the project along with interesting pictures.

Please note that the Lincoln Highway Association of today is still very active as an organization dedicated to identifying, preserving, interpreting and improving access to the Lincoln Highway, the first coast-to-coast road across the United States. There is a California Chapter that meets regularly in Northern California. You can find out more information about the Association and Chapter meetings on their website: www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org.



**Northern California Regional Group of the
Horseless Carriage Club of America
General Meeting Minutes
Stephanie Mozell, Secretary
No Minutes—August meeting Cancelled**

The **August** meeting was **Cancelled** in accordance with governmental requests to limit meeting sizes due to the possibility of infection by the Coronavirus.

The **September Meeting** has been **CANCELLED**.

Treasurer's Report: As of August 25, 2020, the NCRG has received the customary interest, an additional \$25.00 as advertising income, and a generous anonymous donation reminiscent of that of October 2019 and May of 2018. We expect to move funds from savings and checking into a Certificate of Deposit next month to increase our interest income during these relatively dormant times. In short: we're still solvent! Jan

Show and Tell: We did not have an August meeting, but Bob Hopkins, Jr. has something to share with the NorCal members about a paper weight from his radio collection.



This paper weight must have sat on some manager's desk years ago. Here is the history behind this paper weight.

Radio Station K F W I – A M

KFWI went on the air in 1925 and was listed as in South San Francisco. Their first frequency was 1360 - - later 1120 and finally – 930.

During those early days stations would share the same frequency – one would use it in the morning – the other in the afternoon.. At one time KLS and KFWI shared – 1120. Eventually KLS – wound up 1310. The call letters were changed in 1945 to KWBR and later to KDIA when the station was sold. It is now KMKY – and runs Disney Radio today.

KFWI was at a power of 100 watts. In 1931 they were at 500 watts. By 1941 the station went off the air.

The SEPTEMBER 2020 General Meeting has been CANCELLED

100th Birthday Celebration for WWII Veteran

On Friday, August 28, 2020 WWII veteran, Richard Blackwell celebrated his 100th birthday. Mr. Blackwell was a gunnery officer aboard the USS Colorado (BB-45) battleship during WWII. He received a Purple Heart.

Mr. Blackwell's son-in-law contacted the California Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) office and its staff assisted in coordinating the drive-by parade. Mr. Blackwell was presented with a certificate from the VFW recognizing his military service. VFW members, Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association members, local law enforcement officers, friends, family and other community members participated in the parade. It was an item of interest on several local TV stations that evening.



1924 Dodge Brothers

NCRG and VFW member, Frank Squire, and three other veterans take part in the parade.





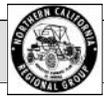
HCCA NATIONAL NEWS

Re: Calling All Photographers!; What's Happening?; AACA Grand Nationals; Board Meeting;
Issue: 2020-08-01 #09

- ◆ **Calling All Photographers!** – HCCA Editor Tracy Leshner posted on the Club Facebook Page: “The HCCA is looking to increase the volume and quality of photos it has available for the new web site set to be launched later this year. If you have clear photos of people having fun in Brass Era cars, then feel free to upload it. To do so, go to the HCCA web page and click the link on the home page. The link will be live on September 1, 2020. Be sure to add a comment including the make and year of the vehicle, the participants, the activity, event, and/or tour and of course give yourself credit as the photographer.” Between now and Sept 1, should be enough time to get those pictures ready. Also, the “I’m too busy” excuse, does not work anymore.
- ◆ **Nothing Going On? Not So!** – August is a wash out, but, in September
 Sept 13 – 18, Midwest Steam Tour, Iowa
 Sept 23 – 26, Red Flag Motor Tour, Iowa
 And October
 Oct 1 – 3, Pate Swap Meet, Texas
 Oct 2 – 3, Gilmore Car Museum, Michigan
 Oct 6 – 8, Mid-Atlantic Swap Meet, Luray, VA
 Oct 10, AACA Fall Nationals, Hershey
 Oct 10 – 13, Hershey Hangover IX Tour, PA
 Check the calendar, as plans are subject to change.
- ◆ **AACA Grand Nationals Location Change** – The Grand Nationals is on the same date,
 August 21 – 22, 2020
 but is now NOT in Allentown, PA
 but in Gettysburg, PA
 The meet location – Wyndham grounds: Located east of Gettysburg, just off Routes 15 and 30, the Wyndham is 10 minutes from Gettysburg National Military Park and the Gettysburg Battlefield Museum. Downtown Gettysburg is three miles away. Harrisburg International Airport is 45 miles from the hotel, and Hagerstown Regional Airport is 41 miles away. Check the AACA web site for the latest.
- ◆ **HCCA October Board Meeting** – Current plans are to have the October Board Meeting on Saturday, October 10, 2020, at the start of the Hershey Hangover IX Tour, in Lancaster, PA. Please pencil this into your calendar. More details as we get closer to the date
- ◆ **London to Brighton Veteran Car Run** – “The Royal Automobile Club has announced that the RM Sotheby’s London to Brighton Veteran Car Run will be going ahead on Sunday 1 November 2020.”
 Ben Cussons, Chairman of the Club, explained: “It gives the Club enormous pleasure to be announcing this news and it’s wonderful that we are able to use the traditional London to Brighton route. The event will commence with a rolling start on The Mall and we wish every participant an unforgettable drive to Madeira Drive. It’s now full steam ahead to prepare for this year. I very much look forward to welcoming everyone in November and commemorating the 1896 Run.”
- ◆ **HCCA Display at the AACA Museum** – If you want a sneak peek at the HCCA display at the AACA Museum in Hershey, PA, just go to the Horseless Carriage Club of America Facebook Group, under the Discussion section, and find the sneak peek video. Take a look around at all the other content while you are there. There are enough videos of cars and tours to keep you busy for an afternoon. What better way to spend some idle time, while you are quarantining at home?
- ◆ **HCCA Web Site** – Have you visited the HCCA Web Site lately? What is your favorite part of the site? The HCCA Presents Videos, the Classified Advertising, the Century Plaque Program, or ??? Take a look, and send me an email with your top choice. I will post the results in the next National news.

Doug Tomb / Douglas.tomb@verizon.net

Board Member – HCCA NN Editor ...



HCCA NATIONAL NEWS

Re: HCCA Live Board Meeting, Somethings Happening?, Model "A" Ford Day, Other News ...
Issue: 2020-09-01 #10

- **October Board Meeting** – HCCA President Don Plumb announced that there will be a live Board Meeting, held at the start of the Hershey Hangover IX Tour, in Denver, PA. The Board meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon, October 10th, at 4:00 PM.

The meeting will be held in the 30 x 50 foot event tent, set up adjacent to the Comfort Inn Lancaster County North Hotel, headquarters for this year's Hershey Hangover IX Tour. The tent has seating for 112, so this will allow for social distancing.

The address of the hotel is 1 Denver Road, Denver, PA 17517. The hotel is about a one hour drive south of Hershey, so those wishing to attend the one day Hershey Car Show, can have plenty of time to see the car show before attending the HCCA Board Meeting. Zoom access to the Board meeting will hopefully be available. Members wishing to access the meeting via Zoom are requested to contact Don Plumb directly at plumblin@comcast.net.
- **Luray Swap Meet** – “Shake off the “Corona Blues” and roam the open-air, one-time-only FALL Swap Meet in the socially-distant fields of beautiful Luray, VA!”

“The Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet offers automobile, transportation, steam and gasoline power plant, antique tools, and farm equipment related items from the 1800s through the 1940s, as well as the Flathead V8 era of automotive history through 1953.”

Location: Comer-Jones VFW Post 621, 218 Veterans Lane, Luray, VA.

Dates: Tuesday, October 6th thru Thursday, October 8th. For more information, visit www.mapwsm.com
- **International Model “A” Ford Day** – “will take place **Saturday, September 19th**, with a local rain date of 9/20. Put on an event, keeping Social Distances, like a tour & picnic.”

“This day is simply a formal opportunity for Model “A” Ford owners and Clubs around the world to all go out for a drive or event on that same day and submit photos for submission to the National Magazines. Hopefully, the photos will show UNIQUE backgrounds to your locale.”

Ford Models B, F, K, N, R, S and T are welcome too! Send pictures!
- **AACA Hershey Eastern Fall Meet****– “The AACA Fall Nationals event is a safe form of entertainment for guests to enjoy, because:

 1. The event is completely an outdoor experience. Outdoor experiences are generally considered to be less conducive to virus transmission than indoor experiences. .
 - 1a. The 2020 event has eliminated the closing indoor banquet.
 - 1b. All awards will be presented outdoors.
 2. Capacity can be reduced/managed to allow for appropriate social distancing.
 - 2a. For 2020, the number of vehicle entries will be reduced by 300 to support increased social distancing.
 3. Exposure time is limited. Guests generally move throughout their experience. Guests are not sitting in a single location, elbow-to-elbow, for an extended period."

Doug Tomb / Douglas.tomb@verizon.net

Board Member – HCCA NN Editor ...

** AACA Eastern Fall Meet (Hershey) will be held as a Car Show ONLY, on Saturday, October 10th, 2020.
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Our thanks to the generosity of our item donors: Duwayne Brooks, David Felderstein, Dan Hoody, Greg Goodsell, Chris Lemmon and Glenn Rondeau as well as our auction coordinator extraordinaire Museum Board Member Susan Oliver!

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The **Cap City MotorTour** is a city-wide drive that will include stops along historic Fulton Ave. and at the California Automobile Museum as well as points of interest around Sacramento. Stops along the route will reward participants with coupons, promotional items or free samples! Participants that visit all locations and get their "passport" stamped will be entered into a drawing for additional prizes! Customs, hot rods, muscle cars and exotics are encouraged but all vehicles are welcome.

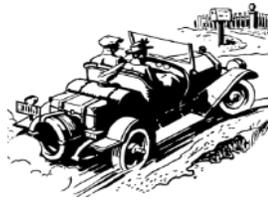
What: Cap City MotorTour

Where: The California Automobile Museum, Fulton Ave and points of interest around Sacramento.

When: **Saturday, October 3rd, 10:00AM to 2:00PM**

Cost: \$20 for Museum Members, \$25 for non-members
T-shirts (\$20 each) available when you Register.

Register: calautomuseum.org
Link is on their home page.



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- 16 Chloe Roberts
- 17 Roger Mitchell
- 18 Jan Charpier and Thomas Roush
- 23 Donna Jones
- 26 Miall Cedilote



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Wendy Weir
- 10 Terry Malone
- 11 Carol Ticer and Lew Dobbins
- 13 Norma Hyatt and Matt Ryan
- 17 Suzi Kneedler
- 19 Kim Malone and Mac Weir
- 27 Kaylee Mulholland
- 28 Knute Kleinen



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSERIES

- 02 Jim and Carole Snow
- 10 Ed and Sue Tidwell
- 19 Miall and Judy Cedilote



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- 01 Garry and Mary Gunderson
- 12 Bob and Helen Hopkins
- 18 Kevin and Alicia Pharis
- 21 Pete and Suzi Kneedler
- 25 Raul and Roberta Cornejo



REMINDERS...

September 17, 2020, Thursday 7:00 pm
Next General Meeting
CANCELLED

September 24th - Last Day to
Submit Information for the
October 2020 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 an upcoming issue of *The Brass Nuts*.

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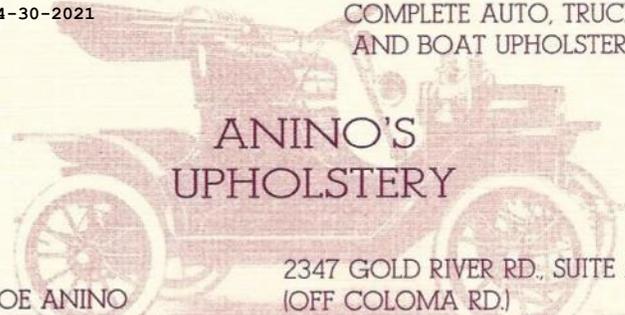
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