

SIDE LIGHTS

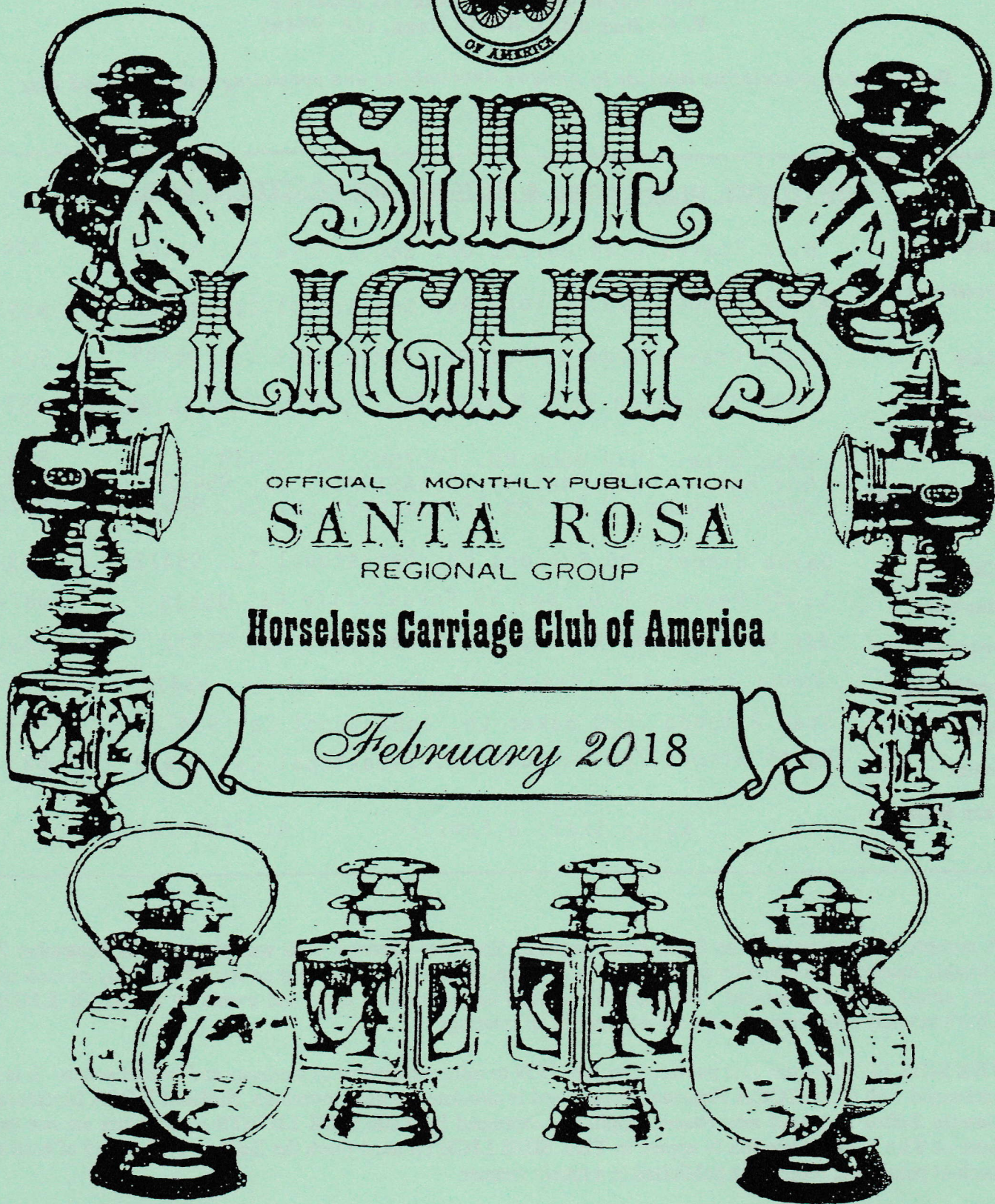
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SANTA ROSA

REGIONAL GROUP

Horseless Carriage Club of America

February 2018



**The Santa Rosa Regional Group
Of the
Horseless Carriage Club Of America
P. O. Box 3993, Santa Rosa, CA 95402**

Dedicated to stimulating interest in antique automobiles and promoting interclub good will

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A non-profit organization, The Santa Rosa Regional Horseless Carriage Club was chartered on September 23, 1955. Monthly meetings are currently held at members' homes or at a local restaurant on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. unless otherwise notified. Members are notified of the meeting dates and events by the **SIDE LIGHTS**, the Club's monthly newsletter. Guests are welcome at all meetings.

THE SIDE LIGHTS was first published in July 1959 to inform members of meetings and current events. It is mutually exchanged with other **HCCA Regional Groups** and is circulated to **paid members, National HCCA Directors, HCCA Gazette Editor** and **paid advertisers**. Opinions expressed by THE SIDE LIGHTS contributors are not necessarily those of The Club. Materials to appear in THE SIDE LIGHTS must reach the **Editor** by the third of each month as much as possible in order to be publicized in a timely manner.

- NOTES:** (1) **National HCCA membership is a mandatory pre-requisite to any Regional HCCA Group membership. However it is not necessary to own a pre-16 vehicle.**
 (2) **Other HCCA clubs may reprint any material contained herein for their use.**



Presidents Message



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Happy new year to all members and their families. I look forward to serving as president. John Pearson gave me the official SRHCCA briefcase today. Cinda and I missed the installation dinner because we were at the Turlock swap meet. There were few brass era goodies, and even model A and T parts were not as plentiful as in the past. I guess Bakersfield is the place to go for brass era stuff. Unfortunately, we will be absent for the February meeting due to a trip to Florida. Cinda and I look forward to the upcoming club tours and activities this year. If I don't get the Buick back together we will be in a Model A.

Regards,

Bill Scales



California voters oppose gas tax hike - California voters are overwhelming opposed to the gas tax hike that is set to take effect later this year, according a poll released by the UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies (IGS).

The results of the poll indicate 58 percent of California voters oppose SB 1, the gas tax law, while only 35 percent of voters support it.



Both large majorities of Republican and independent voters oppose the gas tax hike, according to the poll. Strongly liberal voters make up the only group in which a large majority supports the tax hike. Also, all major regions of the state, with the exception of the Bay Area, oppose SB 1. SB 1 increases gas taxes and vehicle registration fees in order to raise \$5.2 billion annually, or \$52 billion over the next decade, for road repairs and maintenance and other transportation-related projects. Starting in November, the tax on gas will increase 12 cents from 18

cents per gallon to 30 cents per gallon.

Taxes on diesel will increase even more. The excise tax on diesel will go up 20 cents from 16 cents a gallon to 36 cents per gallon, and the diesel sales tax will rise from 1.75 percent to 5.75 percent. The legislation also creates a new vehicle registration fee ranging from \$25 a year to \$175 annually. Assemblyman Travis Allen (R-Huntington Beach) filed an initiative calling for the repeal of SB 1. Allen is striving to place the initiative on the Nov. 2018 ballot. Backers of his initiative have 150 days to gather 365,880 signatures from registered California voters.

2018 SANTA ROSA H.C.C.A. ACTIVITY CALENDAR:

| DATE: | EVENT: | COMMENTS: |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| 2018: | NOTE: ALL MEETINGS WILL BE AT ROUND TABLE PIZZA. EAT 6:30 - MEETING AT 7:00PM, (OR AS NOTED IN OUR CALENDAR) | GUERNEVILLE ROAD @ 1791 MARLOW ROAD, SANTA ROSA. (SAFEWAY CENTER). |
| DEC. 2017 | NO MEETING | |
| SATURDAY JAN. 27, 2018 | INSTALLATION DINNER UNION HOTEL, OCCIDENTAL | TIME: 2:30 NO HOST BAR; 3:30 DINNER |
| FEB. 15 | MEETING AT ROUND TABLE PIZZA | |
| MARCH 15 | MEETING AT ROUND TABLE PIZZA | |
| MARCH 18 | TOUR DATE | |
| APRIL 8-11 | GRIZZLY BEAR TOUR, YOSEMITE | NATIONAL HCCA TOUR & CONVENTION |
| APRIL 1-14 | BAKERSFIELD TOUR AND SWAP MEET | HEADQUARTER: DOUBLE TREE HOTEL |
| APRIL 15 | PEARSON - FISHERMANS FESTIVAL | BODEGA BAY |
| APRIL 19 | MEETING AT ROUND TABLE PIZZA | |
| MAY 14-17 | WESTERN GASLIGHT 1 & 2 CYL. TOUR. | HEADQUARTERS: TULARE |
| MAY 17 | MEETING AT ROUND TABLE PIZZA | |
| MAY 20 | TOUR DATE | |
| JUNE 21 | MEETING AT ROUND TABLE PIZZA | |
| JUNE 24 | TOUR DATE | |
| JULY 19 | MEETING AT ROUND TABLE PIZZA | |
| JULY 22 | TOUR DATE | |
| AUGUST 16 | MEETING AT ROUND TABLE PIZZA | |
| AUGUST 19 | TOUR DATE | |
| SEPTEMBER 20 | MEETING AT ROUND TABLE PIZZA | |
| SEPTEMBER 23 | TOUR OR ANTIQUE AUTOS IN HISTORY PARK | 635 PHELAN AVE, SAN JOSE |
| OCTOBER 18 | MEETING AT ROUND TABLE PIZZA | |
| OCTOBER 21 | TOUR DATE | |
| NOVEMBER 15 | MEETING AT ROUND TABLE PIZZA | |
| DECEMBER | NO MEETING | |
| JAN. 2019 | INSTALLATION DINNER | |
| NOTES: | PLEASE ADD CORRECTIONS & OTHER CAR ACTIVITIES AND DATES AND GIVDE TO PEARSON | PLEASE SIGN UP FOR OPEN TOUR DATES DATE: 1/8/18 |

Santa Rosa Regional Group Wins at Rose Festival

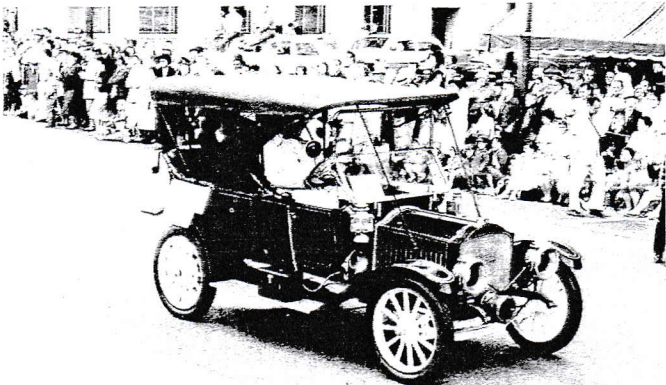
By Rosalee Lewis

PHOTOS BY KENNETH SCHROLL

"I Love a Parade," was a popular song a few decades ago and might now be chosen as one of the theme songs for the Santa Rosa, California Regional Group. It seems we have paraded more than anything else in recent months. Take this past May, for example. We had three major parade engagements within ten days: Healdsburg's Future Farmers of America; Santa Rosa's Rose Festival; Sebastopol's Gala Day (Memorial Day). But we were more an integral part of the Rose Festival parade than other usual parade events. Each year, in honor of Luther Burbank, world renowned plant breeder, who moved to Santa Rosa in 1875 and spent the rest of his life here, our city holds a giant three day Rose Festival. The Rose Parade, which is equal in pageantry to those held in Pasadena and Portland, Oregon, each year, is the Festival's main public event. Another note of interest is that Mrs. Elizabeth Burbank, Mr. Burbank's widow, who still resides here in the Burbank home, up until recently, rode in the parade too. This year, our club was invited by the Junior Chamber of Commerce to participate in a 'big way', indeed. Besides a Decorated Auto entry, the only competitive category open to our club, we also had a complete club unit and some members also drove the Division-lead cars which carried the dignitaries of the event to the reviewing stand.

A work-night was held the night before the parade, May 22nd. We all met in our Parade Chairman's (George Smith) garage where the UN-decorated auto was parked. George had 'donated' a 1915 Ford "for the cause." It had been stored in his shed for years and was completely un-restored and therefore there would be no concern over the process of decorating it. More than 19 of us were there from about 7:30 p.m. until past 2 a.m., assigned to different tasks. Some persons cut stems and prepared flowers for decorating; some glued flowers onto the car over the burlap, which had been fitted to the car previously that week; some worked on the National Horseless Carriage Seal, that went on the rear of the car and some prepared and served coffee to the crew. It was, beyond a doubt, the sweetest-scented horseless carriage we've ever worked on.

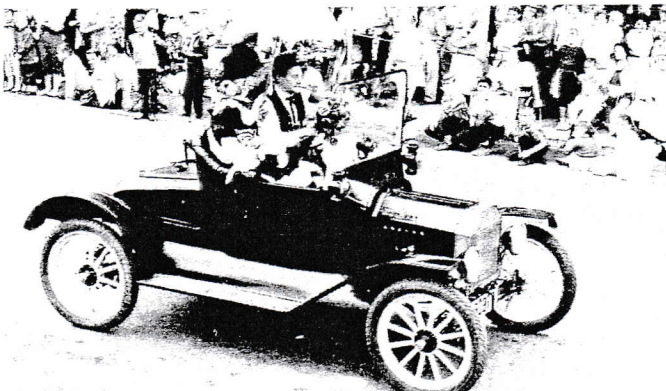
The next day, Saturday, May 23rd, our club unit and Decorated Auto waited in formation about two hours before getting into the route, which then took about one and one-half hours to complete. Each car, a shining example of the 'historical automobile,' carried its own individual sign. Francis McReynolds made the theme sign, American Beauty of 1915, for the Decorated Auto and Harley Crawford and



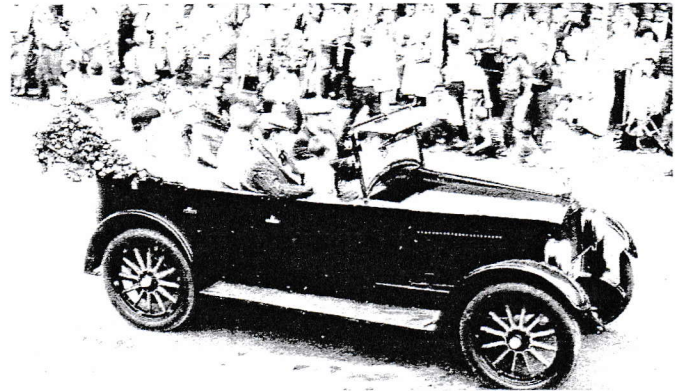
A fine 1911 Elmore driven by George Smith.



Glen Gulick's 1915 Ford; note the blanket of roses on the folded top.



Cal Purcell's 1915 Ford roadster.



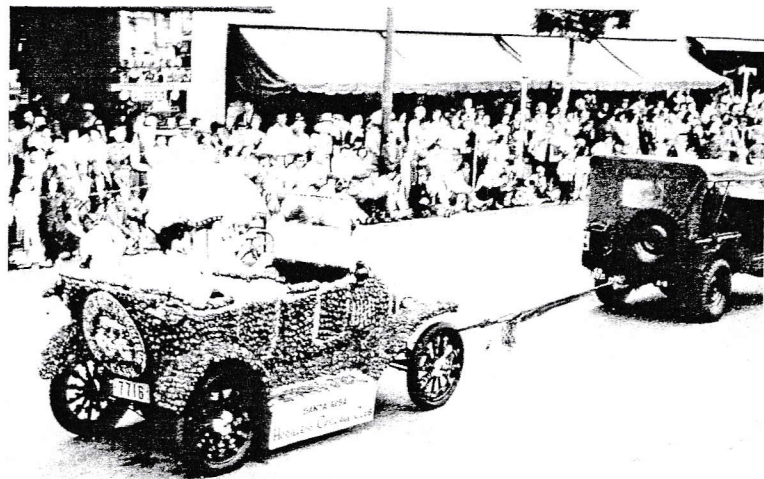
Tom Jewett's 1923 car of the same name.



This 1915 Ford won the top prize at Santa Rosa's Luther Burbank Rose Festival; Rosalee and Benjamin Lewis pictured with car, owned by George Smith.

Loring Folger made the others. Most of the Division-lead cars had already finished the route and now we started out with our entry and unit. One car, even at the start, had difficulty (1896 Peugeot) and was proceeding 'in tow'; before the end of the parade route, we were to have 'two in tow.' The Decorated Auto, due to various unforeseen 'problems' began to stall numerous times shortly after we were underway; it stalled completely just one and one half blocks before the judges' stand. Nothing would make it start again. It had begun to smoke about a block or so before this occurred and now the smoke was strong enough to bring acrid tears to the car's occupants. When our club President, Dr. Lewis, driver of the car, realized it could not go on, (even though this meant disqualifying our entry as far as the judging was concerned) he urged the club unit to proceed without him. Just as they were moving out in front, two parade guides, followed by an Army jeep, came roaring down from the judges' stand towards us. With a tow rope attached to the front axle of the Decorated Auto the Army jeep pulled it back into line. And, in this unceremonious fashion, our entry led our club unit past the judges. Some of us, at least those of us in the car, did not expect to win anything since we had had to be towed. What a wonderful surprise, when at the Awards' Luncheon that afternoon, our club received the FIRST place trophy plus a fifty dollar check.

Coincidentally, that night was our regular meeting night. After Dr. Lewis thanked everyone for their part, he presented the trophy to Emma Page, Chairman of the Decorated Auto Committee, to keep 'temporarily.' George Smith was ribbed



The Ford after it broke down on the parade route.



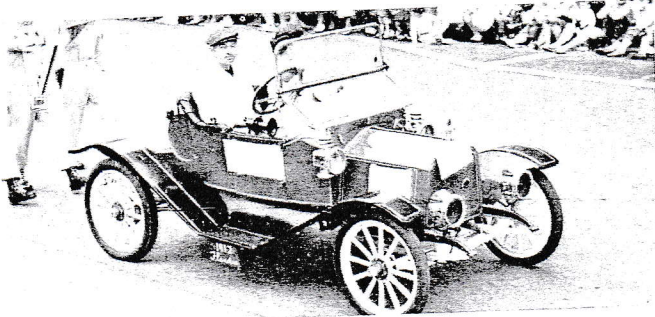
Decorating the Model T.

because it was discovered that the Decorated Auto had stalled mainly because it had run out of gas. Considering it was George's car and George owns a Service Station and he was Parade Chairman -- well . . . But, there is still another chapter to the story. Next day, while the car was being stripped down, it was noted that the floorboard had been burning underneath -- and, IF the car had NOT run out of gas when it did, there is a good possibility that it would have caught on fire. When I mentioned this to the 'President' later, he confessed he had known this too. For many reasons, however, he did not wish to reveal this during the parade. First of all, he felt obligated to the club to get the car at least to the judges' stand and also, he believed that if he had mentioned the smoke and what it could mean, those of us in the car and club unit might have become panicky. (There was no easy way out of the Decorated Auto, for example, since the doors had been sealed off to allow for the decoration-design.)

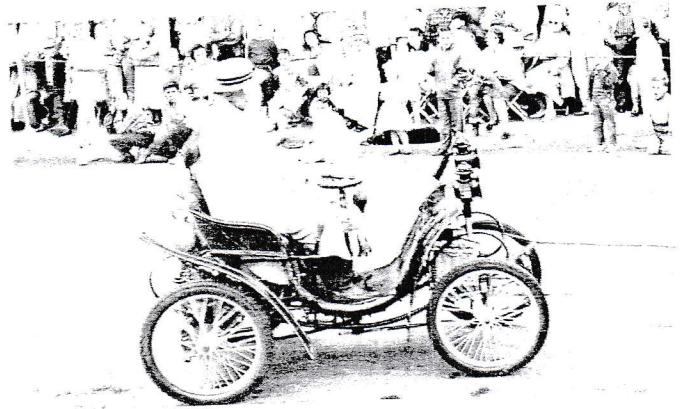
The main theme of the parade this year, from which our own theme was derived, was Roses Bring Memories. Some of those memories have been recorded for us by our members: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kimble, Hiram Wells and Harley Crawford, and Parade Photographer, Kenneth Schroll of Santa Rosa took pictures of all participants. There will also be memories in newspaper clippings from such local papers as The Press Democrat and the Santa Rosa News. These are the usual methods of memory-preservation. But for most of us, (considering all that transpired,) the mention of, the scent, sight and symbol of the flower, itself: the rose, will serve to conjure up the real memories of this event.

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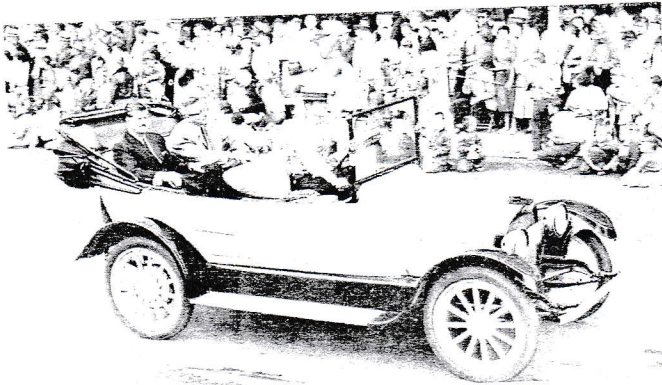
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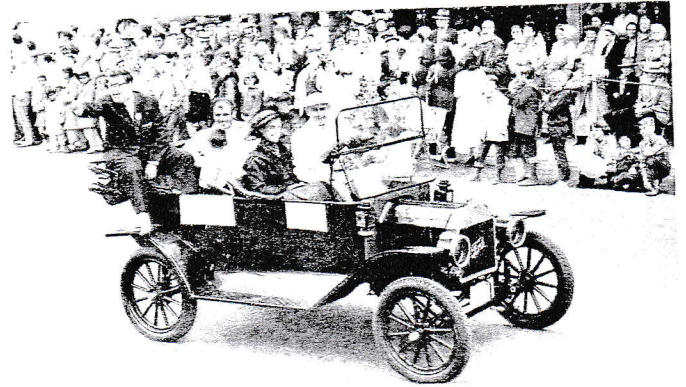
Myron Billigmeier driving his 1912 Flanders.



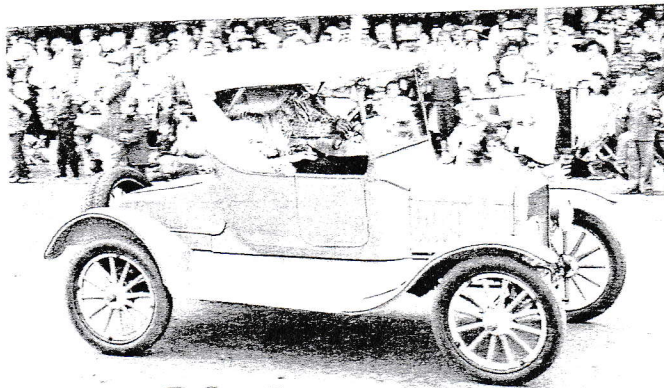
Al Carrion driving Al Helwig's 1896 French Peugeot.



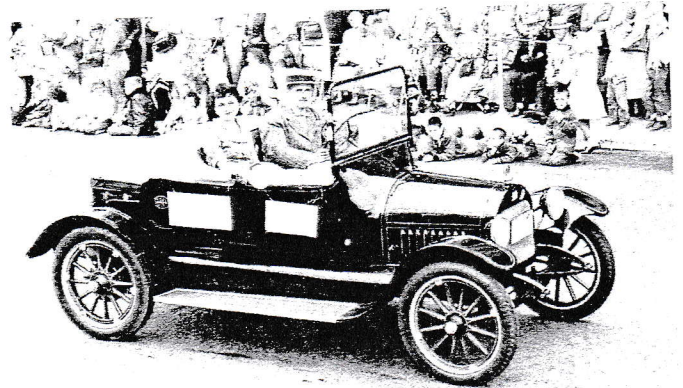
Marius Nelson driving Paul Binford's 1916 Reo.



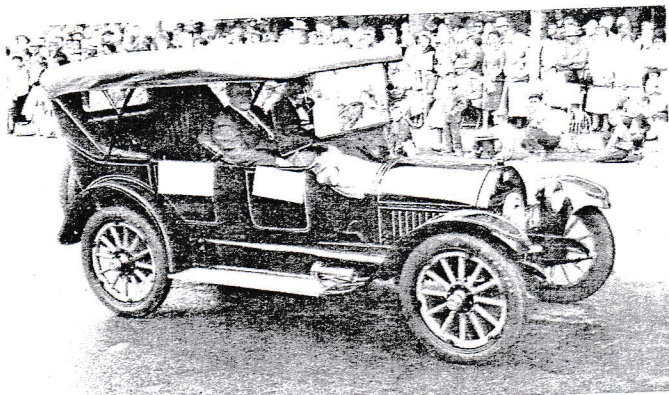
Clem Trent's 1914 Ford carried a shoeless TV performer.



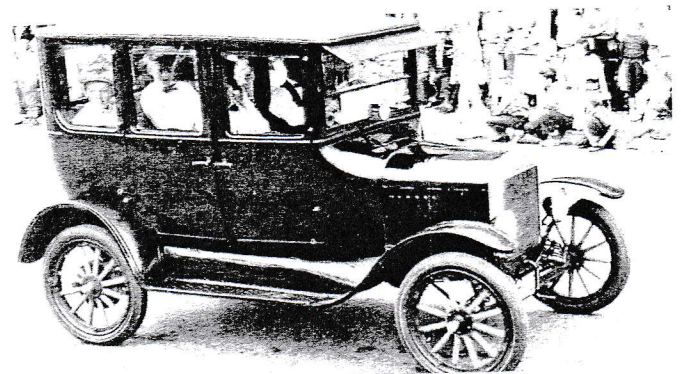
Walter Binggeli drove this clean '23 Ford.



William Small driving his 1915 Buick runabout.



Al Helwig's 1914 Buick touring car.



Note the "Clymer" spotlight in the windshield of Francis McReynolds' 1924 Ford Sedan.

HARVEST TOUR



Sunday September 23 – Friday September 28, 2018

PLYMOUTH, CA
GATEWAY TO THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY

This promises to be a great tour in the Sierra Foothills
We will be going to Silver lake, Coloma, Leonie Meadows, La Contenta

Return the attached registration form with a \$50.00 deposit
By June 1, 2018

Tour is limited to 50 Pre-1916 Cars

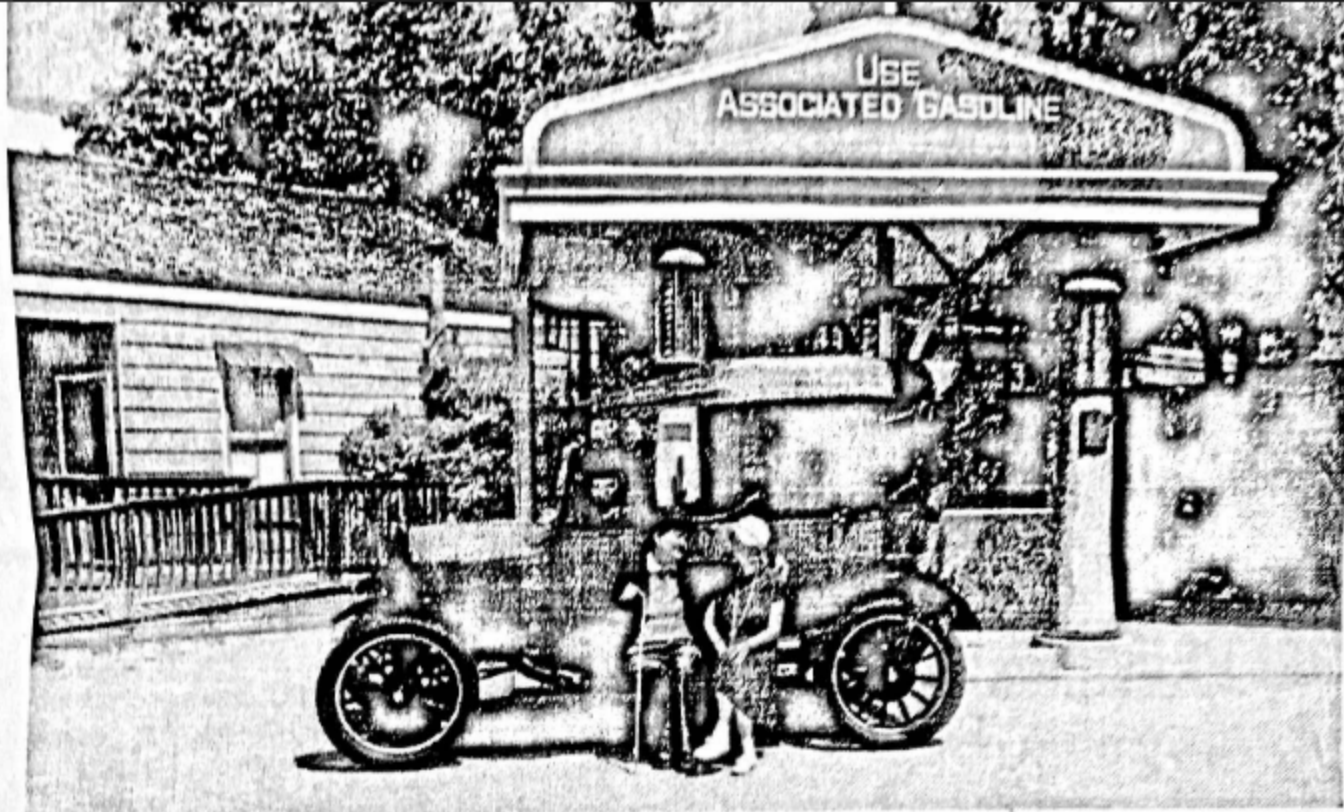
More information and details to follow.

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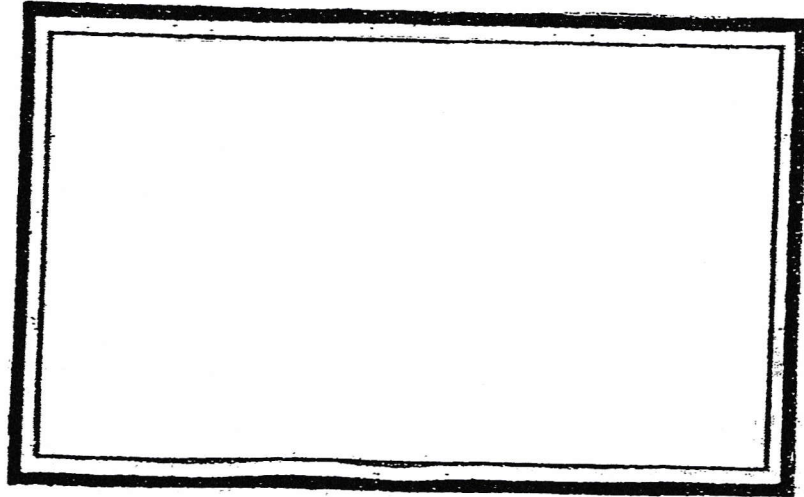
Greetings Antique Auto Enthusiast,

Save the date; Sunday, September 23, 2018 for the largest annual antique auto show in the West. And pass the date to your club members and friends.

The 18th annual Antique Autos in History Park (635 Phelan Ave., San Jose, CA. 95112), presented by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and History San José, welcomes all pre-1946 original or restored to original condition vehicles.

In addition to many antique vehicles, there will be participation by the Early Day Gas and Tractor Association, displays of Early Crafts and Antique Collectibles, a Dixieland Band, Dancers, Barbershop Quartet, Blacksmith Shop Demos, Trolley Rides, History San José Open Houses, Kids Activities, Food and more.

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Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY 17 MAURY NELSON
 FEBRUARY 21 JANET FILIPPINI

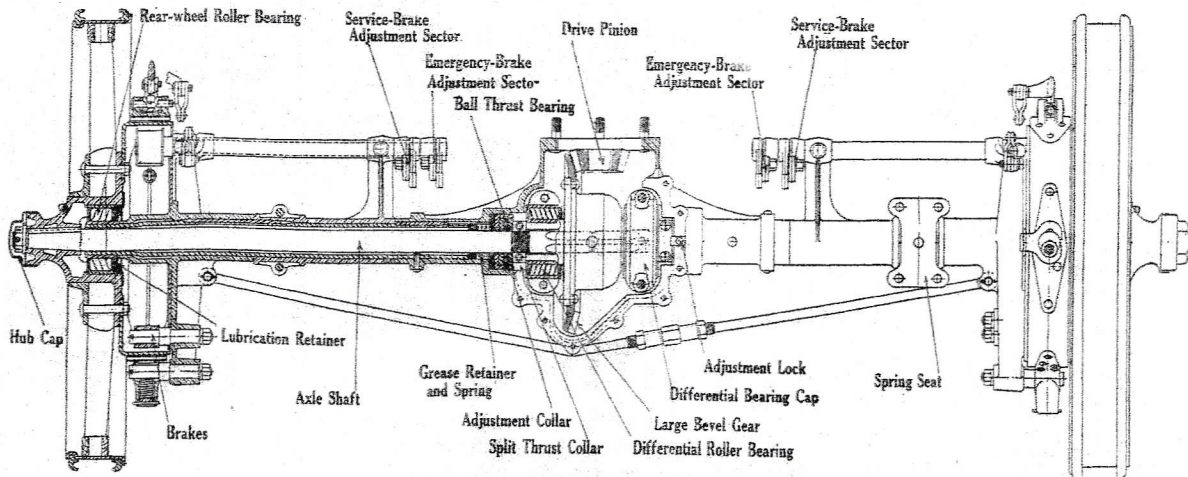


Happy Anniversary

FEBRUARY 13 WARREN & PHYLLIS WELSH
 FEBRUARY 14 WAYNE & KIM SIMONI

Instructions for the Operation of Overland Cars

Rear Axle Model 69



Three-quarter floating rear axle of Model 69