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President's Message

Here we are at the start of a New Year with great expectations for a great tour season. I hope everyone enjoyed our installation dinner. The good laughs, plans for the year and the friendships start the beginning of a new year.

I am looking forward to the upcoming National Convention at Lake Tahoe in April. I am encouraged that our club will be well represented. If anyone needs more information, please contact me or John Pearson.

Anyone with questions, comments or ideas, please feel to call.

Happy Valentine's Day.

President Stan



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb 21 – Janet Filippini

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Warren & Phillis Welsh
Wayne & Kim Simoni

2020 SRHCCA INSTALLATION DINNER

Once again, a great turnout for the 2020 SRHCCA Installation Dinner at The Union Hotel on January 19. Barbara Gonnella ensured the meals were perfect and of course we had our FAVORITE waitress Sue to see to our every need.



Sixteen people attended:

Kim & Wayne Simoni
John & Linda Pearson
Linda Eggleston
Jim Flint
Bill Scales & Cinda Craven
Dick & Ann-Marie Winterhalder
Don & Pam Johnson
Guy & Michelle Smith
Stan & Kathleen

We heard a rumor we might have a Gail Shaw sighting, but it proved false. Too Bad; Gail we missed you!

See dinner photo; sorry I lopped off the faces of some of the people!!

Kim

HCCA NATIONAL NEWS



Re: Chickasha Swap Meet, More Planning, 2020 HCCA National Convention, Reliability Tour, etc
Issue: 2020-02-01 #02

- **Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet Update -**

From a recent email: “The Ersland Family has just announced that the [Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet](#) will continue! The upcoming 30th Annual Chickasha Swap Meet will be held, as scheduled, on March 20-21, 2020.....but it won’t be the last! The tradition will continue. The Ersland family members have decided that it will continue.....hopefully far into the future. Come join the fun in Chickasha OK, just a 40 minute drive from OKC airport.”

- **Planning for 2020** – One month into the New Year 2020, here is the latest Tours listing from the HCCA Website:

- 30th Annual Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet. Host – Mike & Susie Ersland.
 - Bakersfield Swap Meet 2020. Sponsors – National HCCA and Kern County Model “T” Ford Club.
 - HCCA National Convention, Stateline, NV. Host – Don Plumb
 - IDNET 2020 – Nickel Era Tour, Moscow, ID. Hosts – Jim & Susan Stutzman.
 - 64th Annual HCCA Regional Midwest Tour, Norfolk, NE. Host – Don and Marlene Ohnstad.
 - Board of Directors’ Meeting, Columbia, MO, Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center . . .
 - 2020 HCCA National Tour, Circle Missouri Progressive Tour. Host – Chris Paulson
 - “Downeast and Beyond” 2020 North Jersey/Southern Ontario Tour, Belfast, Maine. Host – Fran & Bruce Hoffman.
 - 2020 Midwest Steam Car Tour, Cedar Rapids, IA. Host – Mark Culver
- Check the Gazette, as well as the Club Web site, to see dates, and the latest updates.

- **2020 HCCA National Convention Registration Reminder – Harrah’s Last Hurrah** --

Dates: April 19 thru 23, 2020
Location: Harrah’s Lake Tahoe in Stateline, Nevada
Commemorating Bill Harrah’s legendary Reno tours with special recognition to attendees who toured with Mr. Harrah and Mr. Harrah’s cars.

The tour will include a trip to the National Auto Museum and Virginia City.
For more information contact Don Plumb at plumbline@comcast.net or 503-720-0020.

- **AACA / HCCA Reliability Tour** – The annual AACA Reliability Tour is opening participation to HCCA members. If you are an HCCA members, you can participate without being an AACA member.

- Eligible vehicles: 1915 and earlier.
- Tour Schedule: July 19 – 24, 2020
- Tour Location: Lock Haven-Wellsboro, PA
- Chairman: Bob Giles – 814-266-2780
- Registration: Judy Fischer, 56 Smith Road, Somerset, NJ - 732-873-3094.

- **HCCA Tour Publicity Food For Thought**

A local club Car Show planner was wondering how to give a tour a bit of added interest. Last year they added a “Century Class Parade” to their event, highlighting 100 year old vehicles. It was a big hit, so this year, they decided to add a new twist, since 2020 is the 100th anniversary of passage of the Nineteenth Amendment, women’s suffrage. The women tourists in period garb in their cars will be Suffragette’s. Now their parade will be history in action. That will really bring their historic vehicles alive. What better way to present our early cars, than as part of the interesting national history, of which they were a significant part!

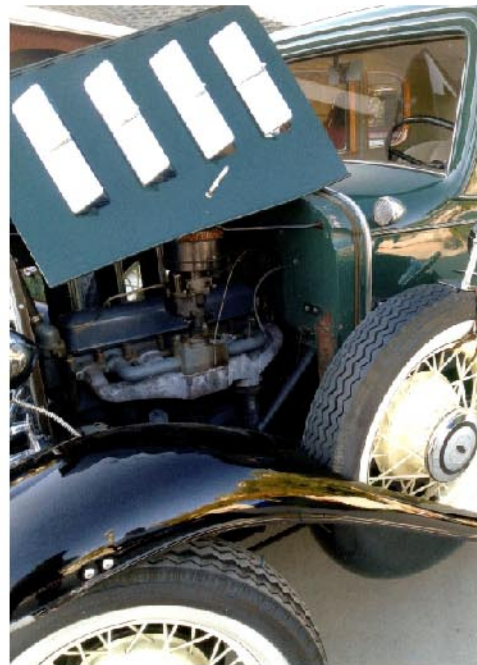
- **Helping to Share The HCCA News** – The National News Editor is always looking for some good HCCA news. This is where you all come in. How does the Editor get all the news to share? Well, some will come from Board members, some from the Regional and Affiliate Registries, but I also need to hear from YOU. If I don’t know it, then I can’t share it, so

Send me an email at:

Doug Tomb / Douglas.tomb@verizon.net

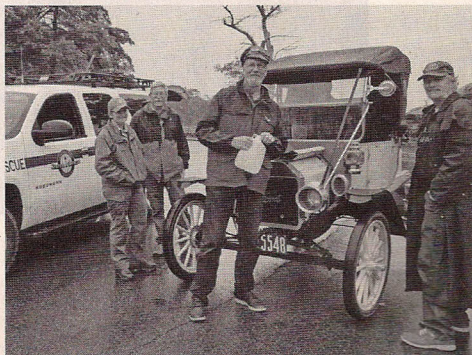
Board Member – HCCA NN Editor ...

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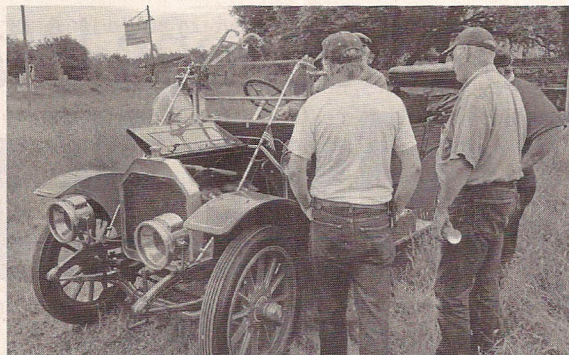


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LEFT: At the top the Shenandoah National Park's Skyline Drive, the 1912 Model T needed a stop for water.



RIGHT: Tour participants try to determine why the 1910 Buick stalled at a busy intersection.

ahead of us. At one point, we pulled over our own 1912 Ford Model T torpedo roadster to let it cool off after a long slow climb and realized we were not carrying water, although it was in abundant supply from the skies. Thank heavens for Shenandoah Park's search and rescue team!

When the tour arrived in Staunton, everyone was very cold and very wet. The destination hotel was the Stonewall Jackson Hotel, a lovingly restored brick manse in downtown complete with underground parking. However, some cars had to have their tops put down to make it inside. Before heading off to explore Staunton with umbrellas in hand, the tour visited Bruce Elders' car collection and salesroom for a \$5 tour. This was another odd collection of not-for-sale and for-sale cars of which only a few were from the brass era; most dated to the 1940s or newer. The building housing the collection was originally a Ford dealership and still has a functioning 100-year-old Otis elevator to move cars from floor to floor.

Tuesday, Sept. 11, was again wet and rainy, and at this point, we could no longer ignore the dire warnings to get out of Dodge. Hurricane Florence was truly unleashing her fury and would continue to do so for quite some days to come. Sadly, we agreed to conclude our tour early and head back to Orange and our trucks and trailers rather than proceeding on to Lynchburg, Natural Bridge, Appomattox, Farmville, Zion Crossroads and Syria in stormy, windy weather with threats of flooding.

We departed the hotel after a flurry of hotel cancellations under gray skies, but no rain. About three miles out, a 1910 Buick in the tour stalled at a busy intersection and refused to restart. All the best minds could not resolve it, and again it started raining. Thank heavens for AAA!

We arrived back in Orange and loaded all the tour cars except the 1912 Packard, just in case it was needed to ferry some of the group into town for dinner. The storm had stopped for the time being, so the capper of the evening was being chauffeured to and from dinner in a massive brass car – seven people in a seven-passenger Packard, driven by the youngest tour participant who was not even 30 years old! It was delightful.

All in all, it was a disappointing series of bad weather days. However, the group plans to try completing the Circle Tour Virginia again in 2020. Fortunately, it will require no additional planning!

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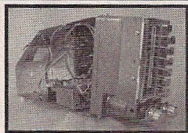
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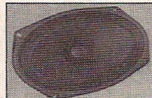
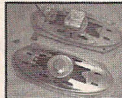
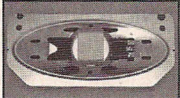
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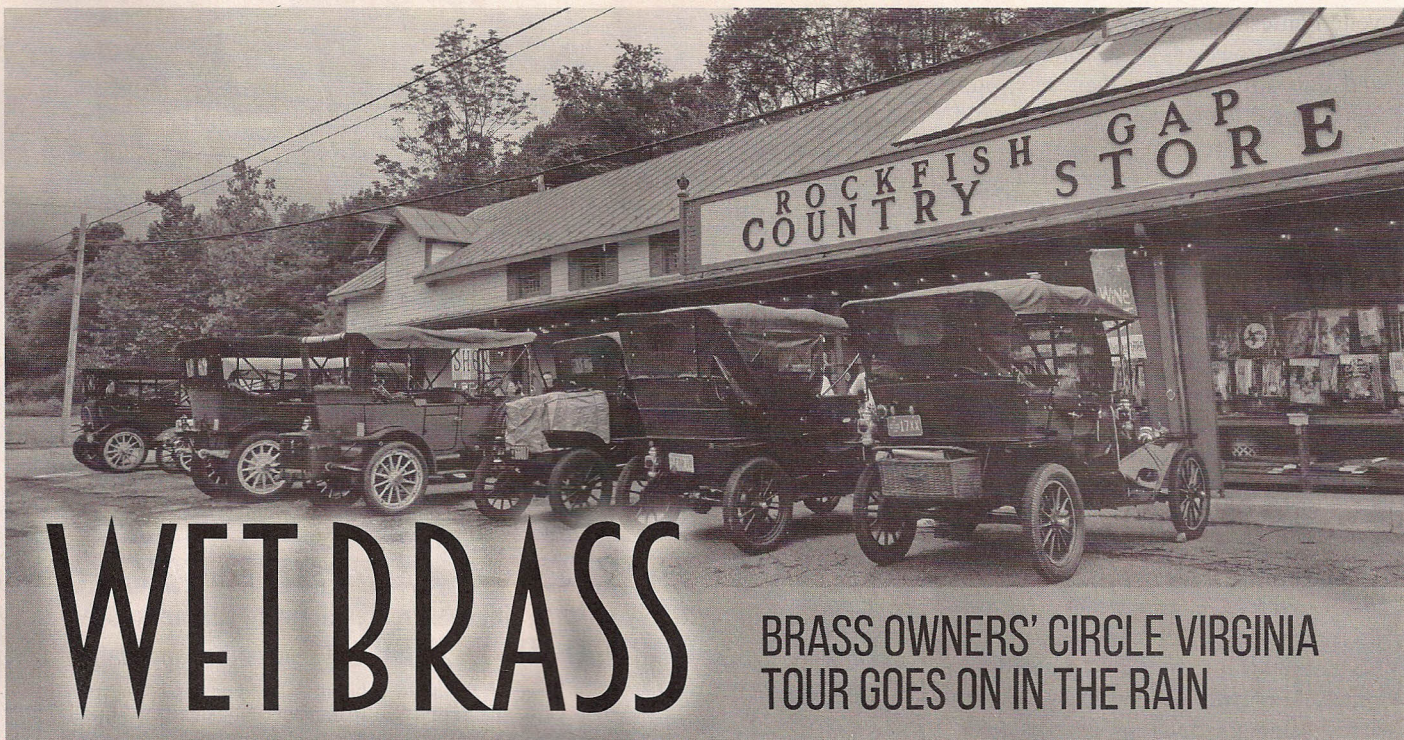
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WET BRASS

BRASS OWNERS' CIRCLE VIRGINIA TOUR GOES ON IN THE RAIN

■ By Kimberly Simoni

Twelve brass-era cars and 24 tourers converged in Orange, Va., on a rainy Saturday, Sept. 8, for the start of the Virginia Circle Tour and spirits were high despite the weather. Every two years, our adventuresome group gets together at the selected area for a progressive tour, thus the “circle tour” moniker. Two years in the planning, 2018 was the year for circling Virginia from Sept. 9-21.

While Sunday, Sept. 9, remained wet and rainy for the first day of our tour, drivers put up the tops and affixed their brass cars’ side curtains to head for Luray Caverns 60 miles away where at least participants would be underneath the earth’s surface.

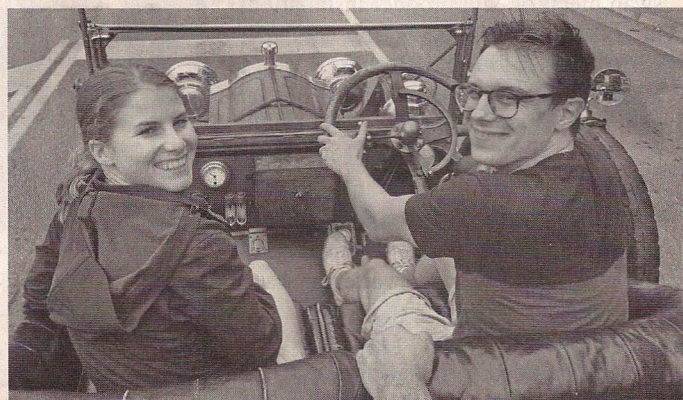
The roads were beautiful albeit wet, and rocky mountain brakes were much appreciated by those few that had them. Luray Caverns did not disappoint. The guide took us down 70 steps and once fully underground, we were awestruck by the sheer size of the stalagmites and stalactites in the expansive chamber. The tour lasted an hour and around every turn was something extraordinary to behold. The underground lakes were so serene that the mirror image of the ceiling was reflected upon the water surface making it difficult to determine what was real and what was a reflection.

After visiting the Car & Carriage Caravan Museum, an eclectic collection of diverse and unique automobiles next to Luray Caverns, our tour headed to its destination, the Mimslyn Inn. At this glorious and elegant period hotel, we enjoyed beverages on the wide veranda, a dinner in the downstairs pub and live music by a local three-piece band.

The rain continued on Monday, Sept. 10, and participants began to take the Hurricane Florence reports a bit more seriously. Over the next week, the path of the hurricane and tour would be converging. While car owners briefly cogitated on whether to cancel the rest of the tour, one group member made hasty repairs to his car after having had it towed to the inn the previous evening. It turns out that with all the rain, the contacts on his car’s coil box were shorting out and were still wet. Parked under the hotel’s *port cochere*, a hotel hair dryer came in quite handy to

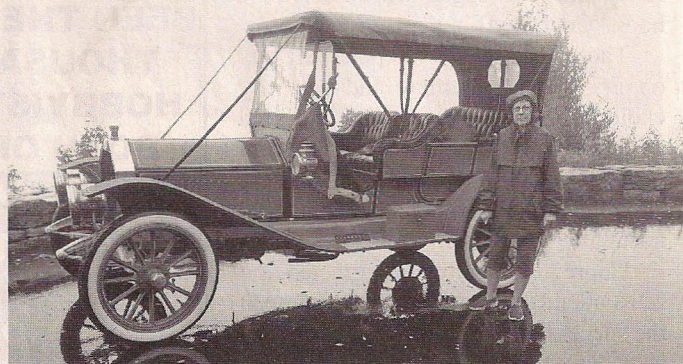
completely dry out everything and he was back on the road.

A collective agreement was reached: The tour would proceed to Staunton, via the world-famous Shenandoah National Park and 75 miles of its Skyline Drive. There were overlooks every few miles and breathtaking views; the only problem was that we brass-car owners were driving in socked-in fog and could see nothing but short expanses of the ascending and descending road



ABOVE: Going for a ride in a 1912 Packard during a break in the rain.

BELOW: A rainy scene followed tour participants throughout the Virginia Circle Tour.



Who opened the first drive-in gas station?



A: Gulf opened the first station in Pittsburgh in 1913.

Q: What city was the first to use parking meters



A: Oklahoma City, on July 16, 1935.

Q: True or False? The 1953 Corvette came in white, red and black.



A: False. The 1953 'Vett's were available in one color, Polo White.

Q: What was Ford's answer to the Chevy Corvette, and Other legal street racers of the 1960's?



A: Carroll Shelby's Mustang GT350.

Q: What was the first car fitted with an alternator, rather than a direct current dynamo?



A: The 1960 Plymouth Valiant

Q: What was the first car fitted with a replaceable cartridge oil filter?



A: The 1924 Chrysler

Q: What car first referred to itself as a convertible?



A: The 1904 Thomas Flyer, which had a removable hard top.

Q: What car was the first to have its radio antenna embedded in the windshield?



A: The 1969 Pontiac Grand Prix.

Q: What car used the first successful series-production hydraulic valve lifters?



A: The 1930 Cadillac 452, the first production V16

Q: Where was the World's first three-color traffic lights installed?



**A: Detroit, Michigan in 1919.
Two years later they experimented with synchronized lights.**

Q: What type of car had the distinction of being GM's 100 millionth car built in the U.S.?



A: March 16, 1966 saw an Olds Tornado rollout of Lansing, Michigan with that honor.

Q: Where was the first drive-in movie theater opened, and when?



A: Camden, NJ in 1933

Q: What autos were the first to use a standardized production key-start system?



A: The 1949 Chryslers

Q: What did the Olds designation 4-4-2 stand for?



A: 4 barrel carburetor, 4 speed transmission, and dual exhaust

Q: What car was the first to place the horn button in the center of the steering wheel?



**A: The 1915 Scripps-Booth Model C. The car also was
The first with electric door latches.**

Q: What U.S. Production car had the quickest 0-60 mph time?



A: The 1962 Chevrolet Impala SS 409.

Q: What's the only car to appear simultaneously on the covers of Time and Newsweek?



A: The Mustang