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**REGIONAL GROUP**  
Horseless Carriage Club of America

# President's Message (Not)

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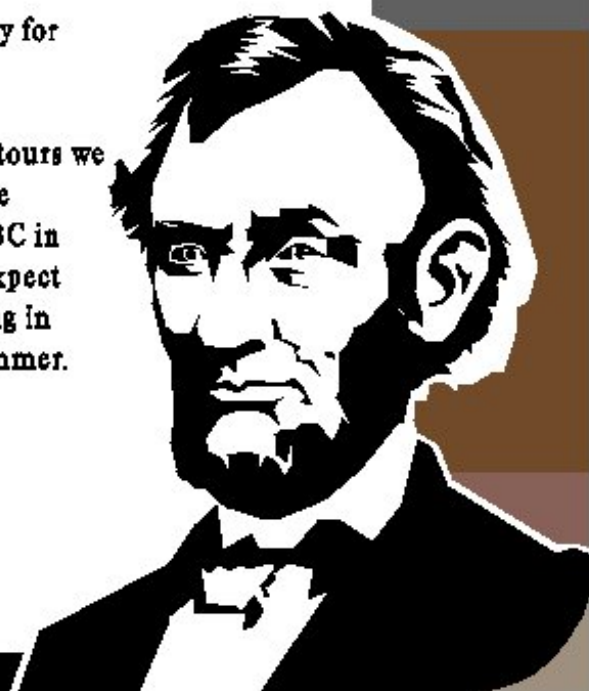
**Board members for 2021:** John Pearson tells me the current members have agreed to remain in place for one more year.

**Dues:** They are typically due at the beginning of the year. There was a suggestion that we don't pay dues this year due to inactivity. The dues are cheap and It is my opinion/proposal that we should all send a check to the Treasurer, Linda Eggleston. Maybe we will have enough in our account to do something fun on the next overnighter.

**Birthdays/anniversaries:** I could not find any for January.

**Editors message:** The three major brass-era tours we due in the east (plus the Hershey meet) were canceled last year and so far at least one, BBC in May, is canceled for this year. I hope and expect our local HCCA chapter will be back meeting in person and doing monthly tours by mid-summer. No one knows for sure but let's hope so.

I hope to see a lot of brass in 2021...



# HCCA NATIONAL NEWS



Re: Elected Directors, New HCCA Website, Planning for 2021, Marian Welch Award, ....

Issue: 2021-01-01 #01

Wishing Everyone A Happy and Healthy New Year!

- **HCCA 2021 Elected Directors** – On December 30, 2020, Club Secretary Andy Wallace announced that the following members were newly elected, or re-elected:

- **Russell Holden, NSW AUS**
- **Jeff Leshner, PA**
- **Mike Reid, AB CAN**
- **Kim Simoni, CA**
- **Andy Wallace, NJ**

Congratulations to the newly elected directors, and a Special Thank You to the other Club members who stepped forward to be placed in nomination. It is the participation of these members, and others, that make this a great club.

- **THE NEW HCCA Web Site is Here!** – The NEW HCCA Website will launch in early January. The HCCA Office will send you an email invitation once the site is launched.

The New Website will now have two different levels of access: **General Public and Members Only**. The new “For Members Only” area of the site will be accessible only to members, and you will need to log in to access the information in this area.

You will receive a **Welcome to the New HCCA Website** email, providing you with individual access information to the new site. You can visit the newly designed site ([www.hcca.org](http://www.hcca.org)) and, once you receive your email, you can log in to access the Members Only area. We are ALL excited, but Please Patiently await your email.

- **Planning for 2021** – As we start the New Year, a reminder to members to finalize planning for the upcoming season (We Hope). Here are the 2021 Tours and Events on the HCCA Website so far: . . . . .

- 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet, Chickasha, OK, March 19-20, 2021
- HCCA National Convention, San Diego, CA, April 11-14, 2021
- Gilmore Car Museum Tour & Show, MI, May 14-15, 2021(Check the dates)

- New England Brass & Gas Tour, Rutland, VT, June 20-25, 2021
- 1<sup>st</sup> Annual “Celebration of the Brass Car”, Hickory Corners, MI, July 16-20, 2021
- 54<sup>th</sup> New London to New Brighton Run, New London, MN, August 14, 2021
- 61<sup>st</sup> Air Capital Tour, Junction City, KS, Sept ??, 2021
- Lansing to Dearborn Run, Lansing, MI, September 9-10, 2021
- Old Car Festival At The Henry Ford, Dearborn, MI, September 11-12, 2021
- 1- and 2- Cylinder Tour, Lancaster, PA, September 19-24, 2021
- AACA National Fall Meet, Hershey, PA, October 5-9, 2021
- Hershey Hangover Tour, Hershey, PA, October 9-12, 2021

For details, contact information, and tour specifics, check the HCCA Gazette and the HCCA Website, as plans may change. Also, to see any additional tours and activities.

Being optimists, we hope that all of these carefully planned events are able to come off as originally planned. Please understand that sometimes due to Health, Scheduling, Legal Mandates, and logistical considerations, some events may be delayed or cancelled.

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

Members are reminded that they can submit to the HCCA Office, on or before January 31, 2021, recommendations of candidate(s) to be considered by the Board of Directors.

If you choose to submit your nomination by email, compose the nomination and supporting information in a document, which is then attached to the email. Send the email to: [office@hcca.org](mailto:office@hcca.org)

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Board Member – HCCA NN Editor ...

# Your Auto I. Q.

Of the 2,200 automobiles once made, only a few remain in our memories, and a mere handful are still manufactured today. The memory quiz below is essentially for the "old-timers" among us, those who grew up with the industry and like to be reminded of the early horseless-carriage days.

1. What eight cars were named after United States presidents?
2. What car borrowed the name of an American flower?
3. List five cars that were named after animals.
4. Eight cars, all defunct today, once had the names of states. What were they?
5. What three cars had the names of pictures on playing cards?
6. What car had the same name as a garden shrub?
7. What car borrowed the name of a heavy firearm?
8. What car had the name of a chirping insect?
9. What two cars had the names of birds?
10. What car had the name of a Victorian synonym for couch?
11. What car had the name of an imaginary reptile?
12. The car did not have fins, but it was named after a water creature. What was it?
13. What car had the name (slightly misspelled) of a man who clips hedges?
14. What two cars were named after breeds of dogs?
15. What two cars were named after United States generals, both of whom became presidents?
16. What car had the name of a very long race?
17. An English statesman and an Australian city had a car named after them. What was it?
18. What car had the name of the winner of the Battle of Austerlitz?
19. What car had the name of an American aviator and auto racer?
20. What car was named after the title given 96 of our elected representatives?
21. What car had the name of a famous Dutch painter and a type of beard?
22. What car had the name of a bed on wheels (and tracks)?
23. What three cars had the names of famous universities?
24. What car name was a synonym for windstorm?
25. What four cars had names that were the same as state nicknames?
26. What car was named after the head of an Indian tribe?

27. What car had the name of a tree about which Robert Frost wrote a poem?
28. What car had the name of a breed of small chickens?
29. What nationally famous St. Louis brewing company once built an automobile bearing its name?
30. What car was known as "Old Porcupine" and why?
31. What early and prominent make of steam automobile was designed and manufactured by twin brothers?
32. What make of car won the first Indianapolis 500-mile race?
33. What car has the same name as a rock famous in American history?
34. When was the first Model A Ford car built?
35. What car was named after an Indian tribe in New York State?
36. What car had the name of the southernmost of the Great Lakes?
37. What car had the name of a famous detective in fiction?
38. What car had the name of a term of endearment?
39. What car had the name of a waterfall many people have seen on their honeymoon?
40. What car had the name of a kind of cracker?
41. What car had the name of a large American steel town and also a famous town in Palestine?
42. What car had the same name as a famous newspaper editor who ran for the presidency of the United States in 1872?
43. What car had the name of a New England poet and essayist, one of the Transcendentalists?
44. What cars had the names of two of our best-known wartime Secretaries of the Navy?
45. What car had the name of the second largest city in Pennsylvania?
46. What car had the same name as a best-selling novel by Lloyd C. Douglas?
47. What car had the name of an extinct bird? (Hint: the word is used today to describe someone who is not quite right in the head.)
48. What was the first name of the General Motors building in Detroit?

ANSWERS TO AUTO I.Q.

1. Washington, Monroe, Lincoln, Grant, Jackson, Johnson, Harding, Roosevelt.
2. American Beauty.
3. Badger, Panther, Buffalo, Colt, Lion.
4. Ohio, Indiana, California, Texas, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois.
5. King, Queen, Jacks.
6. Bush.
7. Cannon.
8. Cricket.
9. Crow, Eagle.
10. Davenport.
11. Dragon.
12. Fish.
13. Gardner.
14. Greyhound, Whippet.
15. Grant, Washington.
16. Marathon.
17. Melbourne.
18. Napoleon.
19. Rickenbacker.
20. Senator.
21. Van Dyke.
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Pullman. 23. Harvard, Columbia, Oxford. 24. Gale. 25. Keystone, Empire, Bay State, Lone Star. 26. Chief. 27. Birch. 28. Bantam. 29. Anheuser-Busch in St. Louis in 1905. 30. The Waterless Knox, because it had hundreds of small projections extending from the cylinder casing to radiate the heat (it was air-cooled). 31. Stanley Steamer, by the Stanley twins. 32. Marmon. 33. Plymouth. 34. 1903. 35. Iroquois. 36. Michigan. 37. Holmes (air-cooled). 38. Darling. 39. Niagara. 40. Graham. 41. Bethlehem. 42. Greeley. 43. Emerson. 44. Daniels and Knox. 45. Pittsburgh. 46. The Robe. 47. Dodo. 48. Durant. The letter "D" was on many of the doorknobs when Durant lost control of General Motors while the building was still under construction.

MY AUTO WITHOUT THEE,  
IN MONEY I WOULD BE

My auto, 'tis of thee,  
Short cut to poverty—  
Of thee I chant.  
I blew a pile of dough  
On you three years ago,  
Now you refuse to go—  
Or won't or can't.

Through town and countryside  
I drove thee full of pride;  
No charm you lacked.  
I loved your gaudy hue,  
Your tires round and new—  
Now I feel mighty blue,  
The way you act.

To thee, old rattlebox,  
Came many bumps and knocks;  
For thee I grieve.  
Badly thy top is torn;  
Frayed are thy seats and worn;  
The croup affects thy horn,  
I do believe.

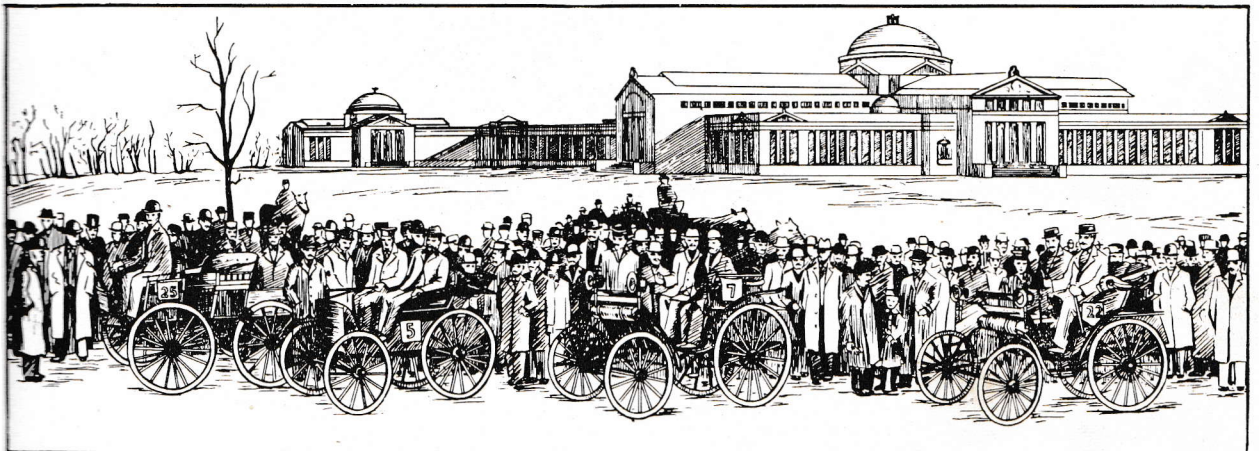
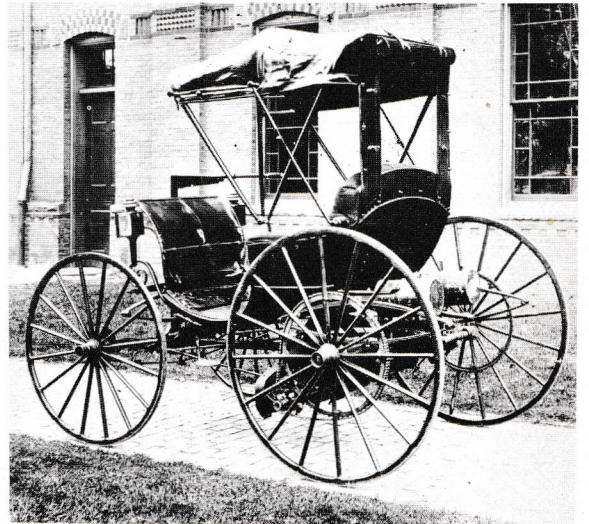
Thy perfume swells the breeze,  
While good folks cough and sneeze,  
As we pass by.  
I paid for thee a price,  
'Twould buy a mansion twice;  
Now everyone yells "Ice"—  
I wonder why.

Thy motor has the grip;  
Thy spark plug has the pip,  
And woe is thine.  
I, too, have suffered chills,  
Fatigue and kindred ills,  
Trying to pay the bills  
Since thou were mine.

Gone is my bankroll now;  
No more 'twould choke a cow,  
As once before.  
Yet if I had the yen,  
So help me John—Amen!  
I'd buy a car again  
And speed some more.

Americans remember the turn of the century in terms of Dewey at Manila Bay and his famous order to the captain of the *Olympia*, "You may fire when ready, Gridley." No one begrudges the admiral his immortality, but humbler men—the Duryea brothers for instance—made even more spectacular contributions to American life and remain more or less unheralded by our history books. Charles and Frank Duryea built their first car in 1892, which, according to the advertisements, "actually operated under its own propulsion." A Duryea car won the first automobile race held in America, on Thanksgiving Day, 1895, from Chicago to Evanston, Illinois, and return. The start of that race is pictured below. The average speed was 5.05 miles per hour for the 52-mile run. One driver in the race had to drop out from sheer exhaustion.

The Smithsonian Institution now exhibits the 1893 Duryea (right, middle) and recognizes it as the "first marketable automobile in America." At the top, Charles Duryea—he was the super-salesman with the idea while his brother Frank was the mechanic—sits behind the steering lever of the 1895 Duryea.





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**ARTHUR C. EDDY, Treasurer**

**Skene American Automobile Company**

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# Jan Birthdays



We don't got nno stinkin' Jan Birthdays.  
If we do and I don't know about it please inform me.

