



Sidelights

The Official Newsletter of the
Santa Rosa Horseless Carriage Club of America
July/August 2025



Next Meetings: September 11th and October 9th, 5:30pm

Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Round Table Pizza, 2065 Occidental Rd, Santa Rosa

SRHCCA Monthly Meeting – July 10, 2025

Attendees:

Guy & Michelle Smith
Bill Scales & Cinda Craven
Don & Pam Johnson
Linda Eggleston
John Pearson

Call to Order by President Guy Smith @ 6pm

Treasurer's Report: \$1633.07 is the current club account balance.

Sunshine: Linda Pearson is doing well. She just got her infusion treatment yesterday.

Tours: **July 26th:** Kim and Wayne to lead the tour. Details to come following their return from vacation.

July 13th: Model T club has invited us to join them on a tour to the Penngrove Power-Up. Meet at Washoe house at 8:30am for a 9am departure.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

General: Don and Pam Johnson will be going to see their son in Tahoe next week. They are hoping to meet up with the Amalgamated Order of Motor Campers (who on their Facebook page describe themselves as a group of like-minded individuals devoted to the preservation and recreation of Early 20th Century Motor Camping). You can find YouTube videos online about their Tahoe camping adventures. Here are a couple of links: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1WjP-wf3ZQg>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F4dhea89ssc>

Call to Close by President Guy Smith @ 6:45pm

Respectfully Submitted: Cinda Craven for Kimberly Simoni, SRHCCA Secretary



SRHCCA Monthly Meeting – August 14, 2025

Attendees:

Guy Smith
Don Johnson
Bill Scales and Cinda
Craven
Wayne and Kim Simoni

5:26PM: Meeting called to Order,
Guy Smith, President

Sunshine: Linda Pearson is in the hospital still. Cinda Craven to send her a “get well” card.

Treasurer: Linda Eggleston was not present, but we have the same balance as last month (\$1,633.07).

Tours: John Pearson et al

- NO TOUR IN AUGUST
- September tour TBD (Guy & Michelle?)

Old Business: None

New Business:

Kim Simoni has been in touch with Eric Larson (Bay Area Club) about their Nickel Era Tour planned for Aug 3-7, 2026. Host hotel is Sheraton in Petaluma
Eric has asked if the SRHCCA would “host” one of the tour days.

SRHCCA agreed to host. We brainstormed a number of stops/activities/destinations:

- Lombardi’s (box lunches)?
- Georgetown
- Armstrong Redwoods (with pre-pay admission)
- Korbel car collection (Heck Estates)
- Silverball Ranch
- Iron Horse Vineyards
- Steve & Cece DePaoli’s collection
- Balletto wine tasting
- Fish Hatchery @ Lake Sonoma

We’ll get a proposal to Eric Larson for “our day” by mid-November.

6:02PM: Meeting called to close, Guy Smith

Respectfully submitted: Kimberly Simoni, SRHCCA Secretary





Donna Jones, September 23
 Linda Eggleston, October 11
 Guy Smith, October 16
 Bill Scales, October 20
 Jim Flint, October ??



Dates to Remember 2025

September 13: Cars in the Park

San Jose

September 27: Ironstone

Concours d'Elegance

Murphy's, CA: ironstoneconcours.org

October 7-10: Hershey Swap Meet

Hershey, PA: Hershey.aaca.com

May 6-10: 2026 HCCA National Tour

Friant, CA: John & Dianna Skillicorn 831-455-5150



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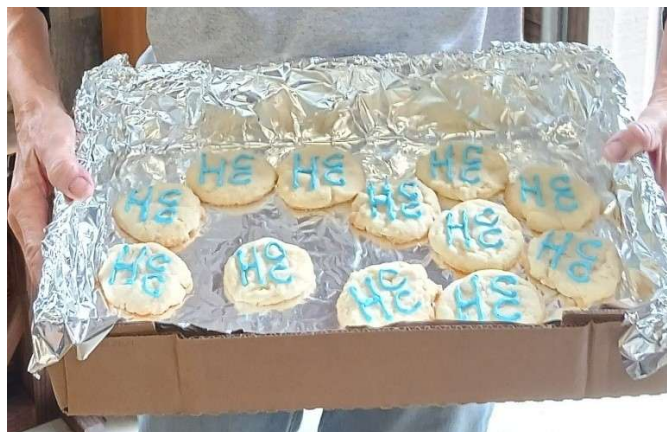
July 26th Monthly Tour

Kim Simoni

The Santa Rosa Regional Group of the Horseless Carriage Club hosted a small local tour in July 2025. We visited the home and “collection” of new HCCA member, Steve DePaoli and his wife Cece.



Steve & Cece’s place is indescribable but I’ll do my best. Upon arrival on a foggy Saturday morning, we were greeted at The Fairlane Farm Barn by Steve, Cece and their neighbor



Carrie. Much to our delightful surprise, we were welcomed with hot coffee and homemade cookies emblazoned with “HCC” on them!

Steve (not Cece!) has been collecting early Ford and various other ephemera for over 50 years. He credits countless family members, friends, estate sales, flea markets and eBay for his success! Fairlane Farm is 2+ beautiful acres of old Golden Delicious apple trees and 50+ olive trees and home to 2 miniature donkeys and numerous goats and chickens (Cece’s collectables). But Steve’s collectables needed a home too. They already had the barn/workshop, but they decided to build a special vintage-feel life-size Ford diorama! Over



many years they created an early-1900's village with every building's nooks and crannies filled with early Ford and many other types of memorabilia – way beyond the standard Ford accessories and signs. He has a 1950's era Ford tractor in addition to dishes and flatware from the Ford cafeteria, and countless O, HO, N and G gauge model railroad cars and locomotives, all bearing the Ford logo.

After an enthralling visit, we departed, promising to visit again. We headed north through the Russian River Valley to Healdsburg for lunch at Healdsburger, home of enormous extraordinary burgers.



By now the weather was warm and we headed for home over the winding roads of the "wine country" we live in, thankful for a truly unique day enabled by this wonderful hobby.



HCCA NATIONAL NEWS



Re: Celebration of Brass V; What's on the Calendar;

Issue: 2025-07-01 #07

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

- **Celebration of Brass V** – You don't want to miss what has become THE premier event for Brass Era cars in the Midwest, the Celebration of Brass V, and HCCA National Tour! This year taking place July 14th thru 19th, 2025. Plan to come take a look!
The Gilmore Car Museum at Hickory Corners, Michigan, will again be the place to be this summer for pre-1916 automobile, truck, motorcycle, and bicycle enthusiasts. Plan to join in, with or without a Brass Era vehicle, for the Tour, Car Show, Pre-WWII Swap Meet, with steam car seminars & demonstrations, Vintage Fashion Review, on-site activities, and social events.
Help to make the dream of the Museum of the Horseless Carriage, to be built at the beautiful Gilmore Car Museum campus, become a reality.
To register for the Celebration of Brass V: <https://www.museumofthehorselesscarriage.org/event/> Contact: Kyle Blake, Event Chairman, at 443-564-7268.
- **What's on the Calendar** – The Latest from the HCCA Gazette and Website:
 - **Celebration of Brass V**, Hickory Corners, MI. July 14 – 19, 2025. Sponsor: Museum of the Horseless Carriage. Contact: Kyle Blake, 443-564-7268. HCCA Tour, Show, & Pre-WWII Swap Meet.
 - **Snappers Summer Tour Horseheads** – Elmira-Corning, NY. July 27 – Aug 1, 2025. Contact: Bruce & Fran Hoffman 570-423-1119, thehill@epix.net
 - **The Old Car Festival (OCF)** – Dearborn, MI, Sept 6 – 7, 2025. Contact: Michael Hoegl, 705-774-8736
michael.hoegl@live.ca
 - **67th HCCA Regional Midwest Tour**, Menomonie, WI, Sept 7 – 11, 2025. Hosts: Sioux Falls Regional Group. Contact: Todd & Lana Vetter, 605-310-7251 vettertodd84@gmail.com or Lana – lane.vetter84@gmail.com
 - **Autumn At The Oregon Garden**, Silverton, OR. Sept 22 – 25, 2025. Hosts: Portland Regional Group. Contact: Garie Zordich
graygoosefarm@comcast.net
 - **2025 Hershey Eastern Fall Meet**, Hershey, PA. October 7 – 10, 2025. Hosts: Hershey Region AACA. Fall Meet Chairman, Vance Wolfe, 717-566-7720. Website: aaca.org
 - **Hershey Hangover XIV Tour**, Morgantown, PA. October 10 – 13, 2025. Hosts: Susquehanna Valley Region HCCA and Snappers Touring Region AACA. Contact: Jeff Leshner, 610-639-1977.
hersheyhangover@gmail.com
 - **The Last Roundup Tour**, Fallbrook, CA, October 16 – 19, 2025. Hosts: The Cattle Drivers of the Model T Ford Club of San Diego. Pala Mesa Resort, 760-728-5881. Send registration form to Ron Lambrecht. www.mtfcfsd.org
 - **Dixie SloRiders 1 & 2 Cylinder Tour**, Nashville, GA. October 19 – 24, 2025. Hosts: Ed Prince 229-327-1765 or Russ Boyle 727-379-3072.

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HCCA NATIONAL NEWS



Re: 2026 Convention & Tour; 2025 Hershey Show; Hershey Tent Help! What's on the Calendar; ...
Issue: 2025-08-01 #08

- **2026 HCCA National Convention & Tour** Announcing - The 2026 National Convention & Tour, aka California Rendezvous 5. Save the Dates: May 6 – 10, 2026.
Location: Table Mountain Casino and Resort, Friant, California.
Nestled in the foothills of the Southern Sierra Nevada Mountains, Friant, CA serves as the ideal gateway to breathtaking natural wonders and rich historic landmarks.
California Rendezvous 5 is the HCCA National Tour and is planned and hosted through a collaboration of several HCCA Regional Groups.
To book your hotel reservations, here is a direct link for the HCCA block of rooms: <https://reservations.travelclick.com/115164?groupID=4770652>
Contact: Jim Skillicorn 831-455-5105 Email: jimskillicorn@comcast.net or Rob Caldeira 408-930-9052 Em: rob@robertcaldeira.com
Make your plans Now!
- **Hershey Deadline** – An important reminder from the AACA that registration for Hershey events closes AUGUST 15!! Yes, the deadline has been extended in the last couple of years, but for several reasons, it will NOT be extended this year.
AACA needs you to participate. **Help us keep Hershey strong!** We have commitments to continue the show in future years, but we need YOU to also make the commitment to be here for the Flea Market, Car Corral, and Car Show.
You can register online at members.aaca.org for the Car Show, and pay with a credit card.
If you would like registration materials sent to you, please send an email with your name and member # to Sue at seitnier@aaca.org.
This year Hershey is the week of October 7 – 10, 2025.
Don't put it off! REGISTER NOW!
- **Hershey Tent Help Needed!** – Ever wonder who sets up that Great Big Wonderful HCCA Tent at Hershey every year? Again this year, it will be Vince Altieri and his HCCA volunteer crew (YOU AND ME!).
Curious about what it takes to get it all set up? Easy, and you can find out this Fall! All you have to do is **Volunteer to Help!**
The Hershey Tent is our presence at this most important Swap Meet, that attracts HCCA and other activities during the week. Volunteers, please contact Vince at: Cars47@comcast.net **Do it Today!**
- **What's on the Calendar** – The Latest from the HCCA Gazette and Website:
 - Lansing to Dearborn Run, Dearborn, MI. Sept 4–5, 2025. Sponsor: Midwest Brass and Gas Regional Group. Contact: John Grace, 734-467-7802. Email: jfgrace@peoplepc.com
 - 72nd Annual Red Carpet Tour, Bellingham, WA. Sept 4-7, 2025. Cont: Andrew Fuller 360-961-1706 Email: a64f@hotmail.com
 - 67th HCCA Regional Midwest Tour, Menomonie, WI. Sept 7 – 11, 2025. Todd & Lana Vetter, 605-310-7251. Lana.vetter84@gmail.com
 - Midwest Brass and Gas Fall Tour, VanWert, OH. Sept 17–20, 2025. Dave & Candy Staadt, 260-403-3619 (Dave).
 - Portland Regional Group Annual Tour, Willamette Valley, OR. Sept 22-25, 2025. Hosts: Jim & Garie Zordich, graygoosefarm@comcast.net

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MUSEUM of the HORSELESS CARRIAGE

IT ALL STARTS HERE...

August 2025 Newsletter *Abridged Edition*



Countdown: more than \$1 million now raised in gifts and pledges

\$2.9 million to go to 2026 ground breaking!

Step inside... and be transported back to the dawn of a motoring revolution -- a time when visionaries defied convention and risked everything to propel people and ideas forward. As hobbyists, collectors, mechanics, and drivers, we revel in the mechanical marvels of a bygone era and the innovations which illuminate the human spirit: the sleepless nights spent perfecting engines, the spirited debates over design, and the relentless determination to defy the odds.

The Museum of the Horseless Carriage preserves this legacy.



One of many pre-1916 cars on display at Celebration of Brass V in July

Naming Opportunities for Major Gifts Announced

Following a day-long strategic planning session held last month, plans for the new building and naming rights revved ahead with details emerging for recognition at the following gift levels: *Contact Whitney for details.*

For information, please reach out to our friendliest Fundraising Committee Member:

West Coast
Whitney Haist - (925) 899-4912
haist2@comcast.net



HCCA Tour and Celebration of Brass V

Celebration of Brass (our fifth!) was fantastic as were the tours that preceded it. Not often does one see such a gathering of pre-16 automobiles as what came together for this amazing event: steam cars, rides in Brass Era cars, steam and other demonstrations -- and even a little fun with the crank start challenge and an epic race between an 1885 Covington 3-wheel bicycle and the 1886 Benz patent motor wagon. We do have to report the bicycle was champion both Friday and Saturday!



The race is on as 3-wheel bicycle battles Benz!



Save the date for next year's Celebration of Brass VI on July 17 - 18, 2026, featuring vehicles with either less than 16 or more than 46 horsepower. As always, all Brass Era cars are welcome -- the more the merrier!

"Just the Mechanic"

Note from the Chair

As many of you know, I'm the resident mechanic at Gilmore, and now I'm also getting a chance to look under the hood of the MHC in my new role as Board Chair.

What I've found is a great team of folks you can trust to steward your gifts and your ideas right up until we break ground next year and beyond. I've also been impressed with the infrastructure my predecessor, Matt Goist, helped build, capped off just recently with a report of "excellent" financial health from our CPA firm, James & Springgate. My gracious thanks to Matt for his hard work and determination to get our museum built, to outgoing communications chair, Karen Sigler, for her work on our new branding and soon-to-be-unveiled website, and to outgoing treasurer, Derek Moore. Welcome, too, to new board members Jay Follis, James Skillicorn, and incoming treasurer Paul Sloan.

Regarding our goal...

...Those paying attention likely noticed we increased our building goal. We did this for two reasons: 1) we discovered building costs are much higher today than they were in 2020 when the initial budget was created, and 2) in a recent strategic planning session, we realized that if we increased our square footage slightly, not only could we better fulfill our mission, but we also could offer enough named space options to cover the increase in construction costs.

So, as the masthead says, "It All Starts Here!" The clock is ticking to get those last few million in so we can get to the fun part: building the museum. If you'd like to donate, large or small, please give me a call today at (269) 339-1024 or email me at jhart@museumofthehorselesscarriage.org

I look forward to talking to you soon!

Jim Hart

Museum of the Horseless Carriage, Board Chair

25th Annual

"The largest annual antique & classic auto show in the West"
A Living History Day

Cars in the Park - Antiques & Classics



Entrance Fees:

- Adults: \$10
- Seniors: \$8
- Children (6 - 12) & HSJ Members: \$5
- Participants & Children Under 6: Free
- Adjacent City Parking: \$10

Saturday, September 13, 2025
11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

History Park, 693 Phelan Ave.
San José, CA 95112

*Presented by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club
&
History San José*

Period-Correct Vehicles and Motorcycles through 1949

- Antique Bicycles •Antique Fire Equipment •Early Day Gas Engines
- Handcraft Demos •Antique Collectibles •Dixieland Band
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