



Sidelights

The Official Newsletter of the
Santa Rosa Horseless Carriage Club of America
July/August 2024



Next Meetings: September 12th and October 10th at 5:30pm
All meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month at **Round Table Pizza, 2065 Occidental Rd, Santa Rosa**

Santa Rosa Horseless Carriage Club Meeting Minutes **July 11, 2024**

Attendees:

Stan Ramondo
John Pearson
Linda Eggleston
Bill Scales & Cinda Craven
Wayne & Kim Simoni
Guy & Michelle Smith & Dusty

President Stan Ramondo called the meeting to order at 5:55pm.

Treasurer's Report, Linda Eggleston:

Current balance: \$1,511.52
Linda Eggleston made a motion to be reimbursed for the Armstrong Woods entry fee of \$45. Motion approved
New balance: \$1,466.52

Old Business: The Linda-Linda Tour (Monday July 1) was fun! Kim will write it up for the Sidelights.

New Business: None

Tours, John Pearson:

- Simoni Tour is Sunday July 28: MYSTERY TOUR, Meet at 10am, 10:30 departure from Pacific Market in Sebastopol. More details coming in email
- Ferndale Tour: thus far only John & Linda, Bill & Cinda attending

Other: Simonis will be in Ohio for next SRHCCA meeting; Cinda has agreed to take notes.

Stan Ramondo closed the meeting at 6:27pm

Respectfully Submitted: Kimberley Simoni, SRHCC Secretary

Santa Rosa Horseless Carriage Club Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2024

Attendees:

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

Meeting called to order at 5:58pm by Vice President Guy Smtih.

Treasurer's Report, Linda Eggleston: Current balance is \$1466.52

Sunshine Report, Linda Pearson: Linda gave an update on Stan. Former member Steve Cavalli passed away in June. Bill Campbell Jr., son of longtime member Bill Campbell Sr., also has passed away. Linda Eggleston was given a copy of Bill Sr's. installation speech that references this club's early history. Linda will give it to Wayne to post on the website.

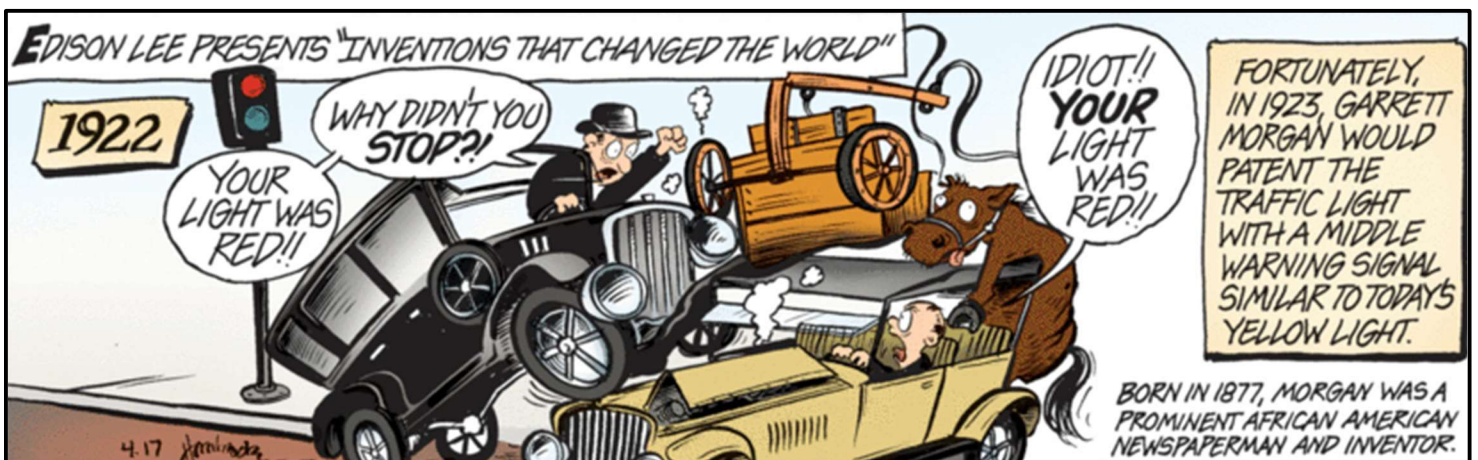
Tours, John Pearson:

Bill, Cinda and Linda gave a recap of the Ethic Cider Tour put on by the Simonis. August 23 tour will be led by the Johnson's. More details to come via email.

New Business: Vicky Porter made a motion to make Jim Flint an honorary member of the SRHHC. Linda Pearson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Congratulations Jim!

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm

Respectfully Submitted: Cinda Craven for Kimberley Simoni, SRHCC Secretary



July 1, 2024: “The Linda-Linda Tour”

Kim Simoni

A tour on a MONDAY?! Why? Because there’s a car show at Carr’s in Forestville and Armstrong Woods won’t be so crowded!

That’s what Linda Pearson and Linda Eggleston decided when putting their tour together. We met at Pacific Market in Sebastopol and were greeted with delicious homemade muffins (thank you Linda P!).

Weather was great and so was the morning’s conversations among:

**John & Linda Pearson, Don & Pam Johnson, Linda Eggleston, Wayne & Kim Simoni
Guy & Michelle Smith, Bill Scales & Cinda Craven**

Our first stop was to be Carr’s Drive-In in Forestville. Linda E knew that every Monday morning, old cars (and their drivers) meet at Carr’s for coffee/lunch so figured we would join them. However, we first had to navigate the detour (72-hour closure on Hwy 116 for bridge retrofitting). Other than struggling to get back onto River Road it only added 5.9 miles to the morning’s route!



Upon arriving at Carr’s, we parked in the lot and admired many cool cars. Our cars were much older than theirs (they drive mostly 50’s and 60’s hot rods), but car talk is car talk regardless, and it was fun to meet/chat with other internal combustion enthusiasts!

After about 45 minutes, we took off, heading out Hwy 116

to Guerneville and Armstrong Woods for lunch. By this time, it was HOT and entering the spectacular redwood forest was a blessed relief! We wound our way through the trees to picnic tables and planted ourselves in the shade. Everyone had packed their own lunch and a giant bowl of chilled watermelon was shared by all (thank you Pearsons).

By 1:30, everyone was ready to head home but agreed one more stop was in order – ice cream at the new shop in Forestville – Angela’s Organic Ice Cream. What a great way to end a fun, hot day! Thank you, Linda and Linda, for the 2nd annual (?) Linda-Linda Tour!



July 28, 2024: Simoni Mystery Tour

Cinda Craven



It was a cooler morning than usual when we met at on a Sunday at 10am at Pacific Market in Sebastopol for the Simoni Mystery Tour. Some of us hadn't put jeans on for a while. Others wore down jackets to stay warm in their open cars. We were three cars strong: Tour leaders Kim and Wayne in their 1931 Chrysler, Donna Jones in her 1914 Model T pickup, and Bill and Cinda in their 1928 Model A coupe. A mystery is always exciting, but it didn't stay a mystery long as we learned we were going on a cider tasting tour!

The tour started about 10:30am when we headed out on Covert Ln to Ragle Rd, and then across Bodega Hwy and onto backroads which eventually took us thru Bloomfield, Fallon, Tomales, Valley Ford, Freestone and Occidental. Here we took a short rest break as our first cider stop didn't open until noon. As usual, pictures of our cars were taken, and "tourists" were interested in talking to us about our cars.



Back on the road again, we took Occidental Rd to our first stop, Ethic Ciders. When we arrived, we were met by Linda Eggleston in her eye catching 1969 (I think) Toronado. We were also greeted by the founder and cider maker, Ned Lawton, and his friendly black lab mix. We headed to the tasting room where Kim and Wayne treated us to tastings and Ned

gave us an overview of the farm and his cider making process. He has several interesting varieties including Pepino, with cucumber, limequat and mint.

Part way thru the tasting, we retreated to picnic tables behind the cidery where we enjoyed our lunches with our cider. By this time, the sun had come out and it was a perfect temperature to eat al fresco. Kim and Wayne provided cookies from Sebastopol Cookie Company, which are

both huge and delicious. After lunch we went back inside and had our final tasting and some of us purchased a few cans to take home.



It was now almost 2pm, and Kim and Wayne continued to the next cidery, Horse & Plow, while the rest of us headed home. It was a lovely way to spend a beautiful Sunday. Thank you to Kim and Wayne for planning the tour and treating us to the tastings!

August 23, 2024: Johnson “Valley Ford Tour”

Cinda Craven

Pam and Don Johnson were our August tour leaders, and there had been a strong desire from the club to drive somewhere and **eat!** Dinucci’s in Valley Ford was suggested, but when Pam and Don investigated it, the restaurant wasn’t going to open until 4pm. Estero Café was picked as an alternative destination.

We met at Washoe House in Petaluma at around 10am on an overcast Friday morning. And what a great turn out we had! Pam and Don Johnson, Donna Jones, Linda and John Pearson,



Linda Eggleston, Vicky Porter, Guy Smith, and Bill and Cinda. 6 cars in all, which just goes to show we like to drive somewhere to eat! And speaking of eating, Pam and Don brought a delicious Twin Hill Ranch apple bread that we polished off in the Washoe House parking lot before the tour.



About 10:30am, we started the tour heading down Stony Point Rd to Mecham and Pepper Roads before turning onto Bodega Ave. From there we took Tomales Rd, and then Tomales Petaluma Rd, to Hwy 1 and into Valley Ford and the Estero Café.

We were able to find enough parking spots and seating outside for everyone. Burgers, eggs, sandwiches, and salads were ordered, and the waitress was kind enough to do separate checks and take a photo of us all.

After a leisurely lunch, Donna and Don and Pam headed back home to Petaluma, while the rest of us traveled north and into Occidental to enjoy some soft serve ice cream or beer at the Altamont General Store before heading home.

Thank you, Pam and Don, for our lovely tour and for the delicious pre-tour apple bread!



ABC Tour: June 9-13 2024 – Strasburg PA – The Simoni Perspective!

No doubt you will see a write-up on this tour in a forthcoming issue of the Horseless Carriage Gazette, however I figure that in light of the mostly empty SRHCCA Sidelights in spite of Cinda's best efforts, you the reader would enjoy an up-close-and-personal summary of the first annual ABC Tour – **A**wsome **B**rass **C**ars!



Home base for the tour was Strasburg PA, in the heart of Lancaster County. Very picturesque with horse + buggies, Amish and Mennonite lifestyle, LOTS of corn and soybeans, and lots of awesome brass cars – 45 to be exact! Lots of Model T's but also an interesting assortment of others, including a 1913 Oldsmobile Defender, 1912 Simplex Gentleman's Speed Car, 1911 Cadillac Model 30, 1910 Reo, 1912 Pullman and many, many others. Trees and I were driving our trusty 1911 Ford Model T Touring (and it ran beautifully the entire tour!)

Sunday evening June 9 we were off together on a quick 10-mile roundtrip "shake out" tour (to discover anything that might have rattled loose during trailering to the event!). At mile 5 we enjoyed a picnic buffet dinner outside under a tent at Olde Village Mill, a beautifully restored water mill. After dinner we took the route back to the hotel, we were treated to our first covered bridge of the week!

Monday morning June 10 we headed out to our first stop of the day, a coffee stop at Daniel Petersheim's upholstery shop. He is a talented Amish upholsterer of wagons, buggies and horseless carriages! After admiring much of his handiwork (and wondering at the effort involved without electricity!!) we headed to the Landis Valley Farm Museum for a boxed lunch and private tour of the facilities – a completely period perfect village & farm museum devoted to the history & culture of Pennsylvania's rural German community. From there we visited an AMAZING private automobile collection belonging to Jim Keener and Rob Shingle, car enthusiasts extraordinaire! And displayed in numerous pristine glamorous garages. After the obligatory ice cream stop we returned to the hotel. 75 miles of touring.

Tuesday June 11 leaving the hotel we drove along the Susquehanna River to the town of Columbia to explore. There are numerous shops, antique stores and the National Watch & Clock Museum! Trees and I were dumbfounded by the sheer VARIETY of watches and clocks. The Museum is one of a very few museums in the United States dedicated solely to horology, which is the history, science and art of timekeeping and timekeepers. The museum attempts to show the complete history of timekeepers from the first non-mechanical devices (sundials, hourglasses, fireclocks) to the atomic clock and mass-produced wristwatches of the present. The museum's collections include over 12,000 clocks and watches, with about 3,000 on display! Fascinating! After lunch on the shores of the Susquehanna River we were hosted at the home of Nel & David Deardorff (members of the local region HCCA). We consumed handmade ice cream and we got to tour their incredible collection of hit-or-miss and stationary engines (small, big, huge!). Heading back to the hotel we experienced 3 more covered bridges! 90 miles of touring.





Wednesday June 12, we went to a Paul B's Hardware Store in Lititz. A sight to behold – acres of store with every fastener and fitting known to man or beast. Like and Ikea for hardware on steroids! Leaving there we toured the Ephrata Cloisters, a religious community, established in 1732 by Johann Conrad Beissel. It was an exceedingly unique (odd? Creepy?) semi-monastic community (the Camp of the Solitary) with a convent (the Sister House) and a monastery (the Brother House). The members of the order were celibate. Members were required to sleep on



for pillows. They slept six hours per night, from 9 P.M. to midnight, and from 2 A.M. until 5 A.M., with a two-hour break to "watch" for the coming of Christ. They ate one small vegetarian meal a day. The only time the followers of Beissel were permitted to eat meat was during the celebration of communion when lamb was served. The members of the cloister spent much time at work or praying privately. Services every Saturday were led by Beissel, often being several hours long. Anyway, community petered out with the last member dying in 2008 (!). Trees and I were gob-smacked!



After a rejuvenating lunch (and a good beer) at Pour Man Brewing Company, we meandered to Mascot Roller Mills and learned the history of this historic grist mill complex. It was built in 1737 and is the oldest continuously operating grist mill in Lancaster County. After yet another ice cream stop, we returned to the hotel and enjoyed our closing banquet. It was held on this evening rather than tomorrow so tourists can depart after the relatively short tour day on Thursday! 65 miles of touring.

Final Day – Thursday June 13! What do they say about saving the best for last? Well, the previous days' events would be hard to better, but today we got to forge a creek – three times!! We followed Fishing Creek Road (a country lane, also known as a gravel/dirt road) for many bumpy miles, punctuated delightfully by three cement basin creek fordings! So much fun to roll right through! More covered bridges and then back to the hotel to pack up, tuck in our car in Lebanon and head to the Philadelphia Airport. 60 miles of touring.

This was a super fun and well planned and executed tour. If any of you EVER get a chance to attend an ABC Tour – **DO IT!!!**



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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



HCCA NATIONAL NEWS



Re: Hershey is Coming; Brass Nuts Advice; Last Call – Tire Survey!; Whats on the Calendar;

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Happy Labor Day!

- **Hershey is in 37 Days!** – Per the AACA Speedster: “The Hershey Region AACA invites you to make the pilgrimage to antique car Mecca this October. Come join the more than 250,000 visitors who come each year to experience Hershey. The Hershey show is considered the largest antique car show and flea market in the world boasting some 9,000 vendor spaces in its flea market, a car corral with 800+ antique cars for sale and culminates in a great car show with about 1,000 vintage cars on display.”
Judges Wanted: “Judges' registration for Hershey is open.” See the link to the last Judges Newsletter, which includes the Hershey Judges registration form. HURRY! The judges' registration deadline is Sept 15th. <https://aaca.org/> See Publications/ Judges Newsletter, for details.
- **The Brass Nuts advice** – From the Northern California Regional Group: “DON'T BE A ROAD HOG - Jeanne and I have been on many old car tours, and rarely have I heard the organizers ask participants to give consideration to modern traffic. At our daily driver's briefings, it was refreshing to hear Clay suggest that old cars look for opportunities to pull over and allow modern traffic to pass.” Courtesy can win friends for our slow Brass cars!
- **Last Call for Tire Survey!** – HCCA President Russell Holden has been working with tire suppliers for Brass Era vehicles, to persuade them to re-introduce obsolete tire sizes and make them available to the market. The HCCA Board has developed a Tire Survey, so that members can provide feedback on what tires you would like to see re-introduced, and to improve quality. Many of you have responded to the survey. Thank You! If you haven't responded, now is the time. The Tire Survey **deadline is September 15th!** Please fill out the survey at the link: <https://hcca.org/survey/> For details, see Page 9 of the July-August 2024 Gazette.
- **What's on the Calendar** – The Latest from the HCCA Gazette and Website:
 - **AACA Eastern Fall Meet** – Hershey, PA. October 8 – 11, 2024. Host: AACA Hershey Region. Chair: Kurt Froebel, fallmeet@hersheyaaca.org
 - **Hershey Hangover XIII Tour**, Morgantown, PA. October 11 – 14, 2024. Contact: Jeff Leshner, 610-639-1977. Email: Hersheyhangover@gmail.com
 - **Dixie SloRiders 1&2 Tour** – Crawfordville, FL. Oct 20 – 25, 2024. Contact: Steve Cook, 508-259-4053
 - **Toolin' 'Round Lakeland Florida**, Bartow, FL. Nov 7 – 10, 2024. Sponsor: Florida Region HCCA. Randy Hall. 724-996-4910. MargeHall53@gmail.com www.hcca-fl.org
 - **Laguna Seca Cars n' Coffee** – Monterey, CA. 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM, Dec 14, 2024. Sponsor: Salinas Valley Region HCCA. Weathertech Raceway Laguna Seca, off Hwy. 68, Monterey, CA.
 - **2025 HCCA National Convention & Tour** – Orange, VA. Apr 27 – May 3, 2025. Contact: Doug or Beverly Tomb, 703-967-5229. Make plans now! Email: pathwaysofpresidents@gmail.com

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Board Member – HCCA NN Editor ...

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Seniors: \$8

Children (6 - 12) & HSJ Members: \$5

Participants & Children Under 6: Free

Adjacent City Parking: \$10

Saturday, September 14, 2024

11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

History Park, 693 Phelan Ave.

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