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SANTA ROSA REGIONAL GROUP

Horseless Carriage Club of America



SRHCCA Monthly Meeting – June 14.2023

Attendees:

Stan Ramondo
Donna Jones
Vicky Porter
John & Linda Pearson
Linda Eggleston
Gut & Michelle Smith
Wayne & Kim Simoni

President Stan Ramondo called the meeting to order at 6:18PM

May Meeting minutes approved as submitted

Treasurer's Report: Linda Eggleston; \$1,192.61
Vicky Porter & Jim Flint owe 2023 dues

Old Business: NONE

Tours:

Packard National Meet, June 26-30, Rohnert Park
<https://www.packardclub.org/html/national-meet.htm>

Golden Gate Tour attended by Donna, Stan, John P, Jim F and Guy. Jim & Guy got lost but still had a good time.

Simoni Tour: WEDNESDAY JUNE 28
Meet at Pacific Market Sebastopol, 9:30AM, Depart 10:00AM
We will stop for Lunch (to be purchased)

Sunshine:

Vicky is now in good shape; no one else is falling!

New Business:

Guy has purchased Jay Whited's 1919 Dodge Touring
Guy is selling Jay Whited's "made up" speedster, asking \$14K

Proposal: July Monthly Meeting will be on 2nd THURSDAY (July 13) held at Stormy's Bloomfield Tavern (dutch treat; everyone pays own meal). Please email kim@brassauto.com to RSVP

Stan Ramondo called meeting to close: 6:55PM

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly Simoni, Secretary

August 20	Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance	Pebble Beach, CA	pebblebeachconcours.net
September 9	Antique Autos in History Park	San Jose, CA	Allan Greenberg allangreenb01@gmail.com
September 10	Gatsby Summer Afternoon	Oakland, CA	gatsbysummeraftersnoon.com
September 23	Ironstone Concours	Murphys, CA	ironstoneconcours.org
September 25 - 30	Nickel Era Tour	St George, UT	John Manifor Manifor@aol.com
October 1	Concours at Serrano	Eldorado Hills, CA	theconcours.net
October 2 - 6	Hershey Swap Meet	Hershey, PA	hershey.aaca.com
October 11 - 15	Ryan Ramble	Cayucos, CA	Kathy Ryan (916) 296-6129
December 31	Holiday Motor Excursion	Arcadia, CA	socalhcca.com



HCCA NATIONAL NEWS



Re: **Selden Patent Plate Question; 2024 International Tour; HCCA Calendar;**
Issue: **2023-07-01 #07**

Happy Fourth of July!

- **Selden Plate Car Owners** – Peter Wood in London, UK, is researching early Selden patent plates. His request: “I have transcribed all of the surviving Selden data, from the Cadillac records. But the Selden data was only recorded in Cadillac factory records from Selden number 6400 onwards, which equates to April 1904.
I have yet to see a LOWER number than 6400, but I am hoping someone reading this has.” Well time to check the garage. Let Peter know at:
EarlyCadillacGroup@groups.io
- **2024 8th International Tour** – The 8th HCCA International Tour is all planned, and will be hosted in Australia in 2024. Tour planners are currently requesting Expressions of Interest (EOI) from members, so they can send you Newsletter No 1 about the tour. Go to the link, and express your interest: <https://hccasea.org/> And, by the way, the Tour will be held May 26 thru June 1, 2024. Make your reservations Now!
- **What’s on the Calendar** – The Latest from the HCCA Gazette and Website:
 - **Celebration of Brass III, Show, Swap Meet, and HCCA Tour**, Hickory Corners, MI. July 13–18, 2023. Sponsor: The Museum of the Horseless Carriage. Contact: Paul Sloan, 313-702-5555 email: paul.james.sloan@outlook.com Website: www.museumofthehorselesscarriage.org/events
 - **La Belle Province Tour**, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec, Canada. July 16 – 21, 2023. Sponsor: Southern Ontario Regional Group. Contacts: Andre De Montigny, 450-822-9152 or Jean-Rene Laganiere, 418-325-5146, Email: celdemhouse@hotmail.com (Andre), jrlt15@hotmail.com (Jean-Rene)
 - **Thomas Flyer Week - Buffalo Transportation Pierce-Arrow Museum**, Buffalo, NY. July 24–30, 2023. Contact: Jim Sandoro, 716-853-0084. Website: www.thomasflyer.com
 - **37th New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run**, New London, MN. August 9 - 12, 2023. Contact: Bruce Van Sloun, 612-963-7586 Website: www.antiquecarrun.org
 - **Air Capital Tour**, Hoisington, KS. Sept 7 – 10, 2023. Sponsor: Wichita Regional Group. Contact: Augustus Anders, 785-200-5252. Email: gusaanders@gmail.com.
 - **Midwest Tour Black Hills South Dakota**, Custer, SD. Sept 11 – 14, 2023. Sponsor: Sioux Falls Regional Group. Contact: Glyndon Knutson, 605-660-0492, Larry Snuttjer, 605-351-5385. Email: knutgm45@gmail.com (Glyndon), larrysnuttjer@sio.midco.net (Larry).
 - **Cars, Cows, and Combines, One and Two Cylinder Tour**, Lancaster County, PA. Sept 17-22, 2023. Sponsor: Old Time Touring Club RG. Contact: Keith Billet, 717-870-8022. Email: cowscombinescars@gmail.com

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Board Member – HCCA NN Editor ...

Linda-Linda-Vicky Tour August 19, 2023

What a spectacular adventure!

At 1:00PM, we all met in the Lucky Shopping Center at the north end of Sebastopol:

Bill Scales and Cinda Craven

Don & Pam Johnson

Guy & Michelle Smith

Donna Jones

Wayne & Kim Simoni plus passenger Vicky Porter

Linda Eggleston plus passenger Linda Pearson

...and Jim Flint came to see us off!



The “reason” for the Saturday date and the afternoon start for this month’s tour was to accommodate a dinner dining destination at Stormy’s Bloomfield Tavern, which doesn’t open until 4PM and only on Friday, Saturday and Sundays!

Linda P, Linda E and Vicky were our August tour “hostesses” and they outdid themselves!

Linda Pearson made scrumptious chocolate chip

pecan cookies to get us rolling! Linda Eggleston handed out our tour directions and we were off!

We headed out Mill Station to Cherry Ridge and Grandview (with a spectacular view!) and then up Sexton to Burnside to Watertrough to Sanders to Kennedy to Blucher Valley Rd and Bloomfield Road to Canfield Road. Our afternoon stop was to check out Gold Ridge Organic Farm, producers of very nice Extra Virgin Olive Oil and also a wide variety of apples including honey crisp and pink pear!! They had recently completed construction on their new tasting room – a glorious stone structure reminiscent of old Italy. They are open Friday – Sunday 10am to 4pm. If you haven’t visited, I highly recommend it!

<https://www.goldridgeorganicfarms.com/> . Many of us purchased olive oil and vinegars!

About 3:30 we departed Gold Ridge, and while Bill & Cinda peeled off for a Santa Rosa obligation, the rest of us took a lovely and circuitous route to Stormy’s Bloomfield Tavern, ensuring we parked out in front at 4:02PM! Roger, Carolyn and Taylor were waiting for us! We stuffed ourselves full of their signature clam chowder, salad, steaks and prime rib. Everyone rolled out of there about 6:20, home long before dark!



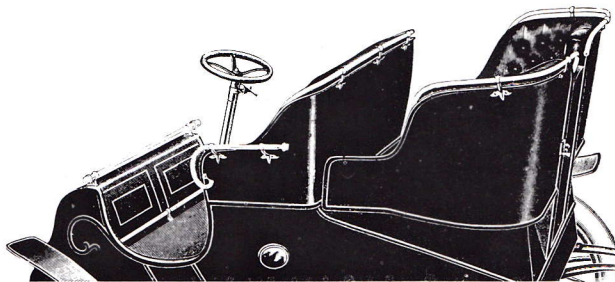
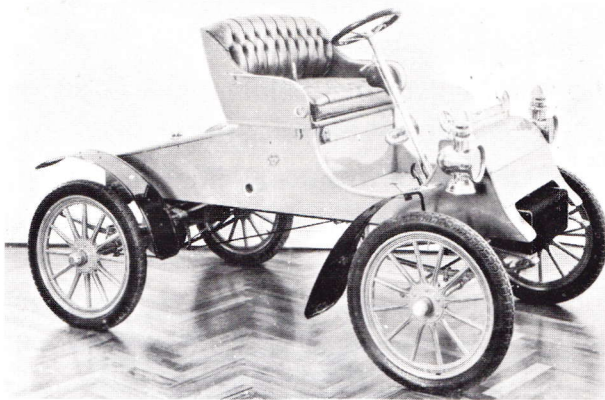
GREAT day, marvelous meal and wonderful friends. Thank you Linda, Linda and Vicky!!

"No Smell, No Noise, No Jolt," 1903

In 1895 the automobile was practically unknown. Ten years later it was the product of a hundred-million-dollar business. In 1895 the factory was a barn with a drill press, a lathe, and a mechanic. Ten years later auto pioneers were faced with a public clamoring for their product. The cows were driven out of the barn, and assembly lines took their place.

The shrewd manufacturer outdid his competitor in new features, advertising stunts, and tricky slogans. Into the field came safety guards (the forerunners of bumpers), front guards, some of which resembled locomotive cowcatchers, and the tilting steering wheel "to aid stout people getting in and out of the driver's seat."

In 1903 Ford put out his first Model A, a two-cylinder job (top, right) which cranked on the side, had two speeds forward and one reverse, and was stylishly appointed with plush leather seats and gleaming metal headlights. "Polished brass rails" are advertised for the fashionable car (right, middle), and the \$850 Fordmobile (right, bottom) boasts absolutely no "smell, noise, or jolt." Below are three more 1903 advertisements.



BOSS OF THE ROAD
THE LATEST AND BEST

\$850

THIS new light touring car fills the demand for an automobile between a runabout and a heavy touring car. It is positively the most perfect machine on the market, having overcome all drawbacks such as smell, noise, jolt, etc., common to all other makes of Auto Carriages. It is so simple that a boy of 15 can run it.

The **FORDMOBILE** with detachable tonneau

For beauty of finish it is unequalled, and we promise **IMMEDIATE DELIVERY**. We haven't space enough to enter into its mechanical detail, but if you are interested in the **NEWEST** and **MOST ADVANCED** AUTO manufactured to-day write us for particulars.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY
691 MACK AVENUE, DETROIT, MICH.

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Easiest Rider built. 7 Horse Power, \$750 complete

Our car has been thoroughly tested for two years before being placed on the market. Fully guaranteed. We are placing agencies fast. Write at once. Send for catalogue.

THE CLARKMOBILE CO., Lansing, Mich.

The "EVINRUDE MOTORS"

are High-class, Up-to-date in Design, Workmanship and Finish, and are built for service

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THE NEW SEARCHMONT
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140 East 57th Street, NEW YORK CITY
JOHN WANAMAKER

HCCA NATIONAL NEWS



Re: Marian Welch Award; Hershey Tent Help Needed!! What's on the Calendar
Issue: 2023-08-01 #08

- **Marian Welch Award Nominations** – The Marian Welch Service Award is the Horseless Carriage Club's most prestigious Honor, awarded to members whose dedication and service to the HCCA has had a huge impact on our club and the hobby. Members are now asked to submit to the HCCA office, on or before October 31, 2023, recommendations of candidate(s) to be considered by the Board of Directors. The Qualifications are:
HCCA Member for minimum of 10 years;
Active involvement at the Local and National levels;
Different **Leadership Positions** held;
Demonstrated **Outstanding Service;**
Dedication, and Consistent and Continuing Service shown.
Since this is the highest honor that the HCCA can give to a member, nominations should include the following information: Membership length; Leadership positions held; Activities performed; Types of Service at the Local and National levels; Efforts to promote Club values; and the Helping and Mentoring of others.
Please send member nominations to:
Awards Committee Chair, Andy Wallace,
c/o HCCA Office
3109 Fish Canyon Road
Duarte, CA 91010-1506
The Marian Welch Award nominations can be submitted by email as well. The nomination and supporting documents should be in a document attached to the email. Please send the email to: office@hcca.org Subject Line: c/o Andy Wallace, Awards Committee Chair.
See the September - October 2023 Gazette for further details.
- **Hershey Tent Help Needed!** – Ever wonder who sets up that Great Big Beautiful Tent at Hershey every year? This year it will be Andy Wallace and his HCCA volunteer crew.

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 very important to the Club. This is our presence at this most important Swap Meet, that attracts International attention, and houses many HCCA and other activities during the week. Volunteers, please contact Andy at: andyauto@hotmail.com **Do it Today!**

- **What's on the Calendar** – The Latest from the HCCA Gazette and Website:
 - **Cars, Cows, and Combines, One and Two Cylinder Tour**, Lancaster County, PA. Sept 17-22, 2023. Sponsor: Old Time Touring Club RG. Contact: Keith Billet, cowscombinescars@gmail.com
 - **Midwest Brass and Gas Regional Group Fall Tour**, Traverse City, MI. Sept 18-21, 2023. Contact: Tim, Pat and Andy Ainslie, 248-505-4922.
 - **UTNET Tour**, St. George, UT. Sept 25-30, 2023. Sponsor: Nickel Era Touring Registry. Hosts: Bryce and Diana Taylor, 435-773-3126.
 - **Red Flag Motor Tour**, Mount Pleasant, IA. Sept 27-30, 2023. Contact: George Chapman, gachap@gmail.com
 - **ACA National Fall Meet, Hershey, PA.** Oct 3-6, 2023. HCCA Tent, Red Field RWO 30, Barbecue Thursday at Noon!
 - **Hershey Hangover XII**, Morgantown, PA. Oct 6-9, 2023. Hosts: Jeff Leshner & John McAnlis, 610-639-1977 (Jeff). hersheyhangover@gmail.com
 - **See the Gazette and Website for updates.**

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Board Member – HCCA NN Editor ...

In 1879 George B. Selden, whose pioneer horseless carriage is pictured on page 1, applied for a patent which seemed to cover any self-propelled gasoline-powered vehicle. For years most American automobile manufacturers honored this patent and paid royalties to the Association of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers which controlled the Selden Patent. It was common practice for the Association to warn and threaten automobile makers and users not licensed under the Selden Patent that they would be prosecuted.

One of the first automobile manufacturers to contest the validity of the Selden Patent was Henry Ford. In many early advertisements (below), sometimes printed side by side, Ford would personally guarantee protection to every Ford dealer and Ford owner against damages resulting from any patent suit, while the Association of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers charged that “no other manufacturers or importers (except those working under the Selden Patent) are authorized to make or sell gasoline automobiles.”

Ford’s spirited and persistent defense in the Selden Patent suit saved the automobile industry a great deal of trouble. A decision against Ford and upholding the Patent was reached in 1909, but in 1911 the decision was reversed in a Court of Appeals.

NOTICE

To Manufacturers, Dealers, Importers, Agents and Users of

Gasoline Automobiles

United States Letters Patent No. 549,160, granted to George B. Selden, November 5th, 1895, controls broadly all gasoline automobiles which are accepted as commercially practical. Licenses under this patent have been secured from the owners by the following named manufacturers and importers

Electric Vehicle Co.	Pope Motor Car Co.
The Winton Motor Carriage Co.	The J. Stevens Arms and Tool Co.
Packard Motor Car Co.	H. H. Franklin Mfg. Co.
Olds Motor Works.	Charron, Girardot & Voigt
Knox Automobile Co.	Company of America.
The Haynes-Apperson Co.	(Smith & Mabley)
The Autocar Co.	The Commercial Motor Co.
The George N. Pierce Co.	Berg Automobile Co.
Apperson Bros. Automobile Co.	Cadillac Automobile Co.
Searchmont Automobile Co.	Northern Manufacturing Co.
Locomobile Company of America.	Pope-Robinson Co.
The Peerless Motor Car Co.	The Kirk Manufacturing Co.
U. S. Long Distance Auto. Co.	Elmore Mfg. Co.
Waltham Manufacturing Co.	E. R. Thomas Motor Co.
Buffalo Gasolene Motor Co.	The F. B. Stearns Company.

These manufacturers are pioneers in this industry, and have commercialized the gasoline vehicle by many years of development, and at a great cost. They are the owners of upwards of four hundred United States Patents, covering many of the most important improvements and details of manufacture. Both the basic Selden patent and all other patents owned as aforesaid will be enforced against all infringers.

No other manufacturers or importers are authorized to make or sell gasoline automobiles, and any person making, selling or using such machines made or sold by any unlicensed manufacturers or importers will be liable to prosecution for infringement.

**Association of Licensed
Automobile Manufacturers**
No. 7 EAST 42nd STREET, NEW YORK

NOTICE

To Dealers, Importers, Agents and Users of Our

Gasoline Automobiles

WE will protect you against any prosecution for alleged infringements of patents. Regarding alleged infringement of the Selden patent we beg to quote the well-known Patent Attorneys, Messrs. Parker and Burton: “The Selden patent is not a broad one, and if it was it is anticipated. It does not cover a practicable machine, no practicable machine can be made from it and never was so far as we can ascertain. It relates to that form of carriage called a FORE CARRIAGE. None of that type has ever been in use, all have been failures. No court in the United States has ever decided in favor of the patent on the merits of the case, all it has ever done was to record a prior agreement between parties.”

We are pioneers of the GASOLINE AUTOMOBILE. Our Mr. Ford made the first Gasoline Automobile in Detroit and the third in the United States. His machine made in 1893 (two years previous to the granting of the Selden patent, Nov. 5, 1895) is still in use. Our Mr. Ford also built the famous “999” Gasoline Automobile, which was driven by Barney Oldfield in New York on July 25th, 1903, a mile in 55 4-5 seconds on a circular track, which is the world’s record.

Mr. Ford, driving his own machine, beat Mr. Winton at Grrosse Pointe track in 1901. We have always been winners

Write for Catalogue.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY
688-692 Mack Avenue, - - - DETROIT, MICH.

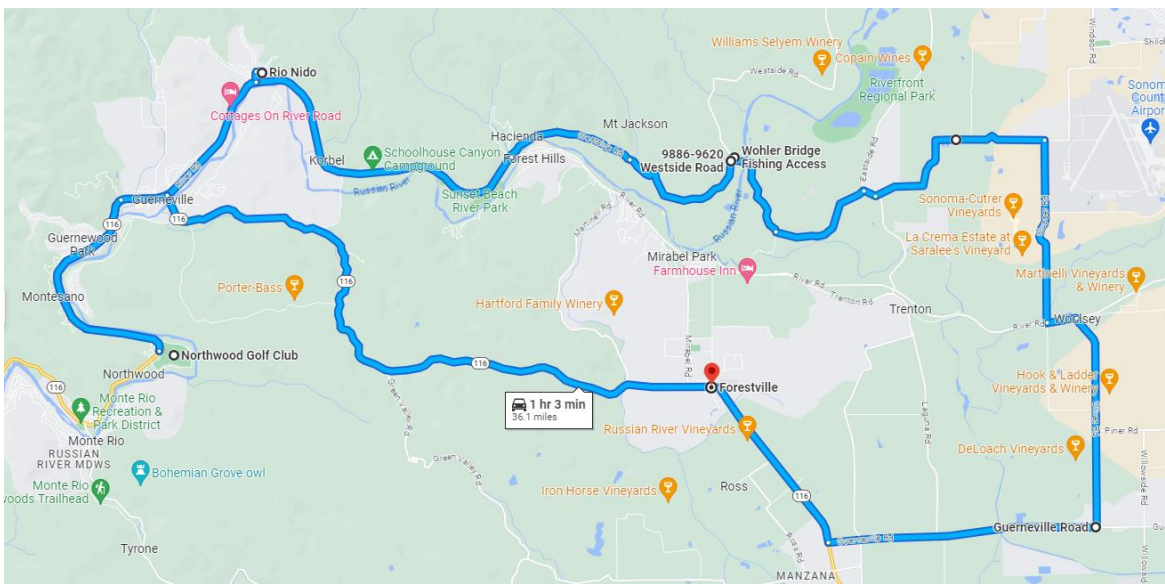
Santa Rosa Horseless Carriage Club – July Tour – Wednesday July 26, 2023

A beautiful morning greeted this month's tour participants:

Bill Scales and Cinda Craven – HOSTS
John & Linda Pearson
Wayne & Kim Simoni
Linda Eggleston

We might be few, but we are mighty! We met at Forestville Park next to Sunshine Roasters. Cinda provided massive and delicious oatmeal home-baked cookies to get us rolling.

We headed west, meandering backroads – Olivet, Slusser, Mark West Station, Wohler Bridge to Westside Road, merging onto River Road at the Hacienda Bridge.



Destination:
Northwood Golf Course and Restaurant for lunch! We sat on the patio and enjoyed a tasty lunch and a fine selection of beers! Early afternoon we departed Northwood, heading east through

Guerneville and back to Forestville via Highway 116. Those that weren't already full from lunch (!) stopped for ice cream in Forestville before heading home.

Everyone reading this that wasn't there, you missed a great day, fun drive and camaraderie all around!

Thanks Bill & Cinda!



Santa Rosa Horseless Carriage Club Monthly Meeting Minutes: July 12, 2023

Attendees:

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

Call to Order: Stan Ramondo at 6:24PM

Treasurer's Report: N/A (Linda Eggleston not present)

Sunshine: Linda Person to send a "speedy recovery" card to Steve Cavalli (cancer surgery)

Old Business:

NONE

New Business:

- Meeting minutes will now be sent out after the monthly meeting via email, and will continue to be included in the Sidelights

Tours:

July 26 (Wednesday) Tour will be hosted by Bill & Cinda. Details coming via email
Aug 23 Tour: Vicky Porter and Linda Eggleston

Round Table:

AUGUST SRHCCA MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE SATURDAY JULY 19 at STORMY'S BLOOMFIELD TAVERN @ 5PM. DRIVE YOUR OLD CAR. PLEASE RSVP TO Kim Simoni @ kim@brassauto.com or call 707 823 1637

American Pickers visit to Model A Club member's home in Schellville airs on the History Channel on July 19 at 9:00PM

Meeting Adjourned: Stan Ramondo at 6:57PM

Respectfully submitted: Kimberly Simoni, SRHCCA Secretary

NOTE: If you would like to caravan to Stormy's, meet at our house, in an old car, at about 4:00.
Trees

SRHCCA June 28 2023 – Simoni Tour

Upon arriving at Pacific Market in Sebastopol on Wednesday morning June 28 at 9:30, two cars and four tourers were already there:

- Guy Smith and (very tall!) grandson Dusty in Guy's blue Model A
- Steve Cavalli and guest Alan Foust in Steve's 1925 Model A

Shortly thereafter, John Pearson arrived in his 1931 Chrysler and then Bill Scales & Cinda Craven in their red Model A panel truck. Trees and I were in our 1910 Packard Model 18 Gentleman's Roadster! We had quorum!

After some morning nibbles, we departed at 10am. It was a beautiful morning with the sun just breaking through the morning overcast. We headed west of Sebastopol for an easy 20-mile loop, up Watertrough, over the top of Burnside and down the other side to intersect Bloomfield Road. What should have been a stupendous view of the Mayacamas Mountains was not to be; still too much coastal fog rolling over the hills. We continued out Blucher Valley Road onto Kennedy and then back onto Bloomfield Rd, ending up at Highway 116 on the south side of Sebastopol. Most of this loop consisted of the worst maintained roads in Sonoma County!

Why this big circuitous loop just to almost return to where we started?! Because it was beautiful countryside and we needed to not arrive at Balletto Vineyards until 11:00am for our special reserve tasting, of course! Linda Eggleston joined us there in her green 30's Chevy Coupe and we enjoyed some really fine Balletto Wines. If you haven't visited this winery, you should: lovely people, interesting history and great wine!

About noon we departed Balletto and once again headed west, this time out through Graton and onto Green Valley Road (all newly paved!) through towering redwood and sparkling vineyards, all the way to the t-intersection at Highway 116 west of Forestville. After a short stint west on Highway 116, we turned onto Mays Canyon Road for a very bumpy but beautiful drive into Guerneville. Actually, today's tour could have been titled "The Best & Worst Roads of Sonoma County"!

Once on River Road heading east, the road becomes smooth as silk, Trees was delighted, since numerous times during today's route he mumbled, "this car didn't used to be a rattletrap!" Shortly after passing Korbel, we turned into The Russian River Pub, our lunch stop.

This funky pub boasts great eats, 12 beers on tap and was one of the first Sonoma County eateries featured on Guy Fieri's Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives. I'll just say they get kudos for their food and reasonable prices, but we waited almost 1 ½ hours for our meals!! The wait staff was extremely



apologetic, but that didn't speed anything up, and it wasn't even very busy!

Guy and Dusty departed for a 2:30pm commitment in Kenwood and the rest of us made our own ways home. Fun day, great weather, wonderful people and backroads with little/no traffic! It doesn't get better than that!

Kim Simoni