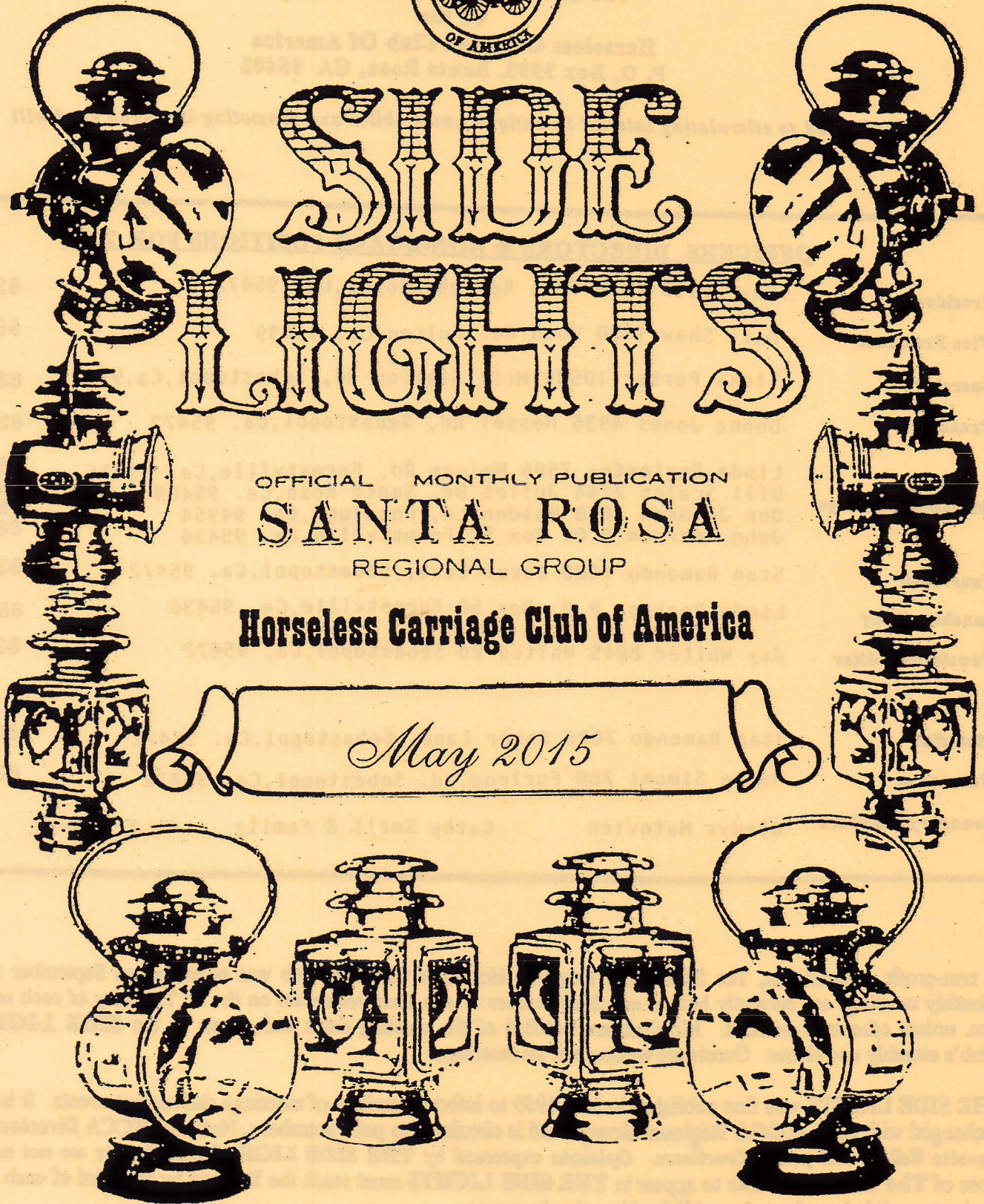


SIDE LIGHTS

OFFICIAL MONTHLY PUBLICATION
SANTA ROSA
REGIONAL GROUP

Horseless Carriage Club of America

May 2015



**The Santa Rosa Regional Group
Of the
Horseless Carriage Club Of America
P. O. Box 3993, Santa Rosa, CA 95402**

Dedicated to stimulating interest in antique automobiles and promoting interclub good will

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A non-profit organization, The Santa Rosa Regional Horseless Carriage Club was chartered on September 23, 1955. Monthly meetings are currently held at members' homes or at a local restaurant on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. unless otherwise notified. Members are notified of the meeting dates and events by the **SIDE LIGHTS**, the Club's monthly newsletter. Guests are welcome at all meetings.

THE SIDE LIGHTS was first published in July 1959 to inform members of meetings and current events. It is mutually exchanged with other HCCA Regional Groups and is circulated to paid members, National HCCA Directors, HCCA Gazette Editor and paid advertisers. Opinions expressed by **THE SIDE LIGHTS** contributors are not necessarily those of The Club. Materials to appear in **THE SIDE LIGHTS** must reach the Editor by the third of each month as much as possible in order to be publicized in a timely manner.

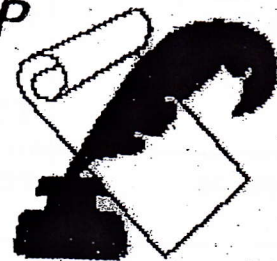
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President's Message

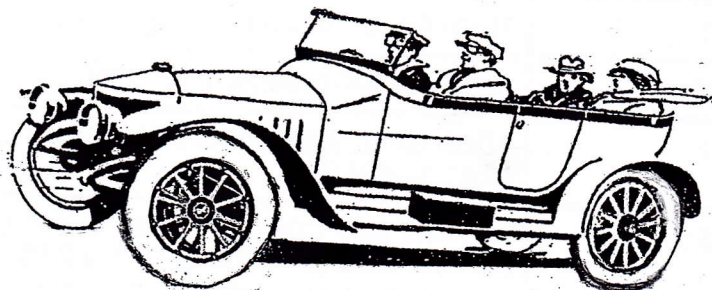
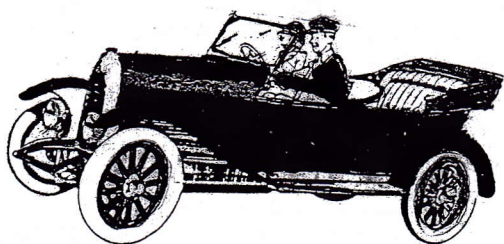


THE PREZ SEZ:

Spring is here and it didn't exactly sneak up on us. While our fellow car buffs in the mid west and the east are looking forward to thawing out, we in the west have already pulled some cars out.

We have a lot to look forward to this touring season, new places to experience and old places to remind us of good memories and the people we experienced them with. Sunday April 12th was our first tour of the year, the weather couldn't have been more perfect as we slowly motored our way out to the Bodega Bay Fishermans Festival, stopping at Korbel along the way. Once again our presence was appreciated by the festival crowd.

Michelle and I were grateful to have the use of the Pearsons 1914 Buick, formerly owned by the Helwigs, a car that I have known since the 1950's. What an honor to finally drive it..



Thank you
Guy Smith
President

P.S. Vicky you're a great passenger.

2015 SANTA ROSA H.C.C.A. ACTIVITY CALENDAR:

| DATE: | EVENT: | COMMENTS: |
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| APRIL 10 - 11 | BAKERSFIELD SWAP MEET | |
| APRIL 12 | TOUR - FISHERMAN'S FESTIVAL WE ARE STILL DOING THIS TOUR | TOUR LEADER - PEARSON. MEET AT 9 AM. @ GUERNEVILLE & FULTON ROADS; LEAVE AT 9:30 |
| APRIL 16 | MEETING AT WELSH'S 7 P.M. | 5050 HALL ROAD, SANTA ROSA PH: 545-9544 |
| MAY 21 | MEETING AT VICKY PORTER'S | 10509 MILL STATION RD., SEBASTOPOL PH: 827-3437 |
| MAY 24 | TOUR DATE - NEED LEADER | PLEASE SIGN UP |
| JUNE 18 | MEETING AT PEARSON'S 7 PM | 7325 MALONE ROAD, FORESTVILLE PH.: 887-1866 |
| JUNE 21 | TOUR - LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED | TOUR LEADER - SIMONI |
| JUNE 28 - JULY 2 | EL DORADO HCCA HARVEST TOUR | MINDEN, NV. |
| JULY 16 | MEETING AT SIMONI'S 7 P.M. | 789 FURLONG RD., SEBASTOPOL PH: 823-1637 |
| JULY 19 | TOUR - LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED | TOUR LEADER - WELSH'S |
| AUG. 20 | MEETING AT STAN RAMOND'OS AT 7 PM | 7020 BAKER LANE, SEBASTOPOL PH: 823-3594 |
| AUG 23 | TOUR DATE - LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED | TOUR LEADER - STAN RAMONDO |
| | OUT OF AREA TOUR | |
| SEPT. 17 | MEETING AT GAIL SHAW'S AT 7 PM | 1980 WOOD ROAD, SANTA ROSA PH: 495-6393 |
| SEPT. 20 | TOUR DATE - LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED | TOUR LEADER - GAIL SHAW |
| AUG 25-27 | AACA TOURING SANTA ROSA AREA | THIS WILL BE UPDATED |
| OCT. 15 | MEETING DATE; NEED LOCATION | PLEASE SIGN UP |
| OCT 18 | TOUR DATE - NEED LEADER | PLEASE SIGN UP |
| NOV. 19 | MEETING DATE; NEED LOCATION | PLEASE SIGN UP |
| NOV 22 | TOUR DATE, WEATHER PERMITTING- NEED LEADER | PLEASE SIGN UP |
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Horseless Carriage Club of America

2015 National Convention



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John Dolan and his 1909 Pierce Arrow from Huntington, New York make their way up and over the hills just south of Kerrville towards Medina.



Larry Priest and his gang from Bullard, Texas climbed the hill with ease in his 1915 Dodge Brothers. The car appears race prepared and very capable.



(Left) Ken Robert from Wills Point, Texas in his 1915 Ford Model T Runabout.

“Hardcore” is a good way to describe the folks of the Horseless Carriage Club of America (HCCA). They came in from all corners of the United States, making the Y.O. Ranch Hotel in Kerrville their home for a week in March for their national convention. South Texas winter wasn’t quite ready to let go for that week, but these motorists did not let that hold them up too much as they headed out every day for a cruise to surrounding towns for shopping, eating, and sightseeing. Light rain and chilly temperatures were the norm, but that didn’t deter the group as many were escaping from still snowed-in places like New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, Colorado, and Washington State, among others. A car hauler brought in seven cars from the Connecticut area and there was even a car from Hawaii! A total of 45 cars and 150 people were registered at the 2015 HCCA Convention.

The HCCA has defined the Horseless Carriage as any pioneer gas, steam and electric motor vehicle built or manufactured prior to January 1, 1916. These vintage vehicle owners are mechanics and generally all work on their own cars. They know them inside and out. Almost no breakdowns occurred the whole week, which speaks volumes about the rugged reliability that was engineered into these 100+ year old cars as well as the



The gang took over the town, just like in the movie classic, "The Wild Bunch"!



All the old cars looked right at home parked in front of The Core Coffee House in downtown Medina.

mechanical abilities of the group. Karl Darby, President of The Horseless Carriage Club of America, reflects, "Up here in the Northeast, we don't use a Vulture Truck (or chase truck) on our

says. "Some people tell us we're crazy for taking these cars out in that kind of weather, but that was what they were made for!" A lot of modern Rain-X was used on the windshields over the week, though.

These antique machines cruised the ranch roads around the Kerrville area as a loose group at speeds averaging

Karl adds.

Monday, March 2, and Texas Independence Day was Day One of touring and the weather was drizzly, with fog and temperatures in the mid 30s, but onward the caravan went. First stop was a visit to the Mo-Ranch Conference Center that is a very scenic ride along the Guadalupe River, beyond

cruises. So when I started to set the tour up for the Hill Country, everybody from Texas asked "Don't you have a Vulture truck? Don't you have somebody following you?" and I said, "No! We don't ever do that, and really we don't need it," Karl adds. "The cars are fairly simple and either they run or they don't run. You'll know that in the morning."

While some of the cars have side-curtains to keep the rain out, many more only have a top to keep the weather out. Karl notes, "Back in the old days, these cars were driven by former horse-and-buggy types and they knew how to keep dry. Unless the rain is blowing sideways, you really don't get wet in these things," Karl



From Friendswood, Texas, Tom Timmons and passenger looked very sporty in their 1915 Scripps-Booth.

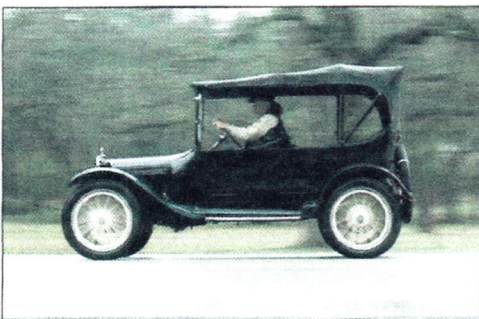
between 40 and 45mph. Some of the slower cars maybe went 35mph. Karl says, "You really don't want to go much faster, because you don't see anything," and after all, this is not a race, "but they do alright on the road and can get out of their own way,"

Hunt, Texas. Heading back through Ingram, the group toured the Heart of the Hills Fisheries Science Center that is run by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Then it was back to the Y.O. for a nice "Texas-style" dinner that evening.

The weather didn't improve much on Day Two. It was as drizzly, foggy, and chilly as the day before. This time HCCA participants headed east towards Comfort and Boerne. First stop was the Mooney

Aviation Company outside Kerrville for a tour of the facility. The manufacturer of small private planes recently went back into production after being all but shut down for the last six years. The company was founded in 1929

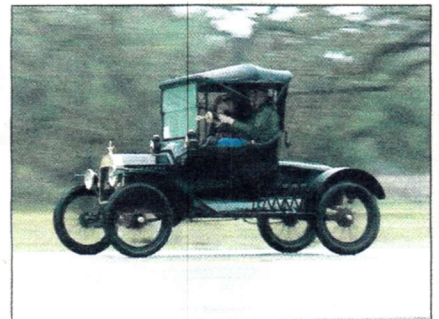
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At speed with Jerry Howard from Oak Leaf, Texas in his 1915 Dodge Brothers.



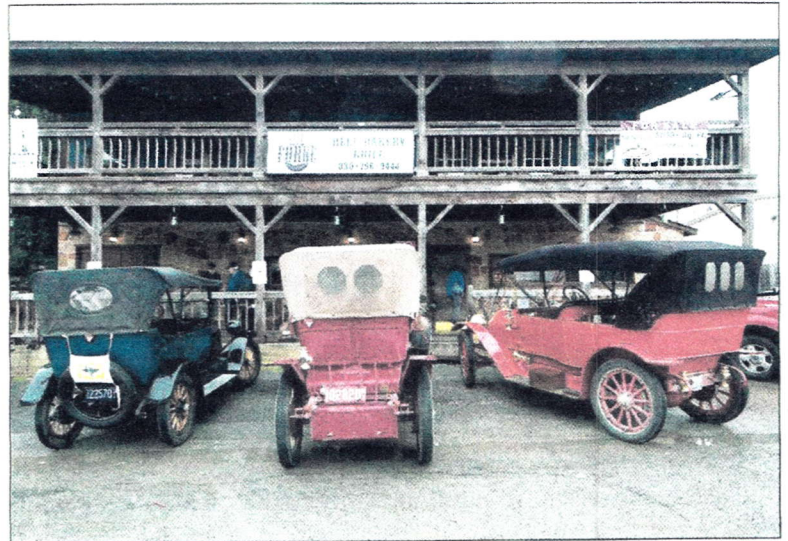
John Sanders' 1915 Studebaker from Red Oak, Texas looking very sturdy.



1915 Ford T Runabout of Ken Roberts.



(Above) Karl Darby's 1912 Mitchell is just another car in Bandera traffic. (Right) A stop for lunch was made at Olde Forge Deli, Bakery and Grill in Bandera. Parked out front is John Sanders' 1915 Studebaker, John Dolan's 1909 Pierce Arrow, and Robert Troendly's 1921 Abbott-Detroit. (Right, below) Donna Jones from Sebastopol, California and her 1914 Ford Model T Pickup.

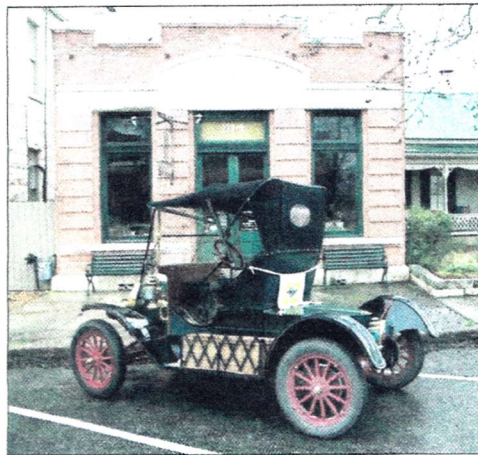


Continued from preceding page and the plant has had a presence in Kerrville since 1946. Onward the tour went to Comfort for some more sight-seeing and antiquing.

"Comfort is a jewel!" states Karl and the cars looked right at home parked in front of all the buildings downtown that are the same age of the cars. Next stop was Boerne, Texas which has always been very accommodating to all sorts of car groups.

Unfortunately, the Hill Country experienced a late season cold front on top of

the already poor weather conditions, which even for these winter weather experienced drivers was not something they wanted to get their old cars out in.



Andy Wallace's 1910 Ford T from Branchville, New Jersey.



1911 Ford Touring T at the curb of Comfort Pizza.



From just down the road in Boerne, Steve Mergele and his 1911 Kissel Kar.



Parked in front of the recently renovated Mercantile building in downtown Comfort is Tom Timmon's 1915 Scripps-Booth, Mike Yeakel's 1910 Buick from Bellingham, Washington, and Newell Booth's 1906 Buick from San Diego, Ca.



Coming back into Kerrville across the bridge over the Guadalupe River on Francisco Limos street.

While Day Three turned out to be a pretty nice day later, it started out icy. "That's a deal breaker right there," Karl said, although Mr. Dolan did make the drive up in his big 1906 Pierce Arrow. The day was not a wash, though, as their modern cars were put into service for a day of shopping, eating and a trip to the National Museum of the Pacific War and the Pioneer Museum in Fredericksburg.

The group caught a break on their last day, Day Five, as the weather cleared and there were sunny clear blues skies to cruise around the Kerrville area. A visit to the James Avery Craftsmen, Inc. corporate headquarters was a highlight, but the City of Kerrville really laid out the red carpet. In the heart of old down-



From Stockton, New Jersey, Karl and Laura Darby in their 1912 Mitchell.

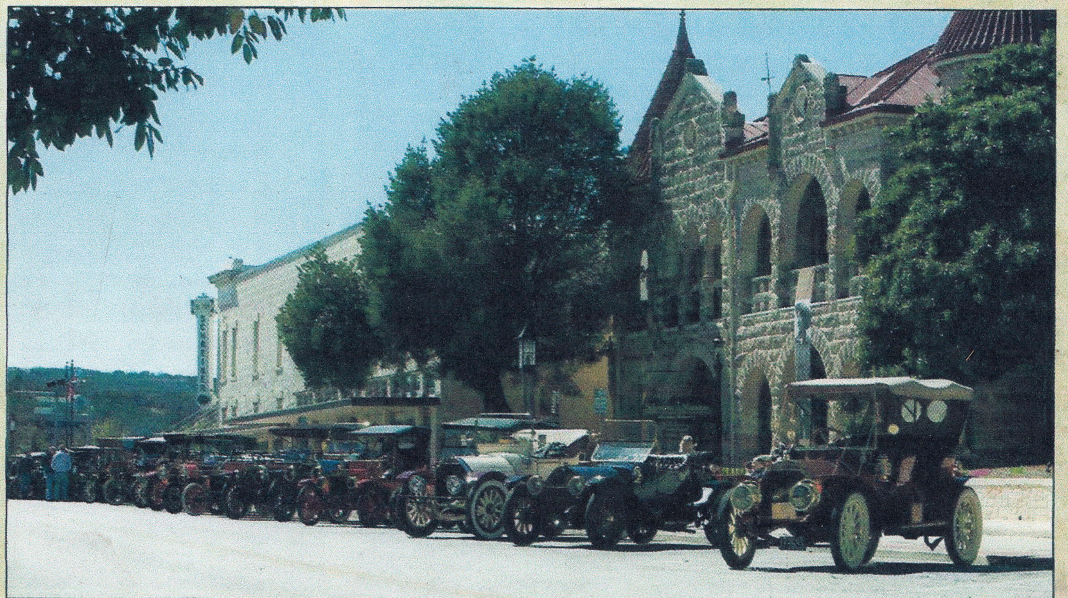
town Kerrville, the city saved ALL the parking for the group's arrival from the day's cruise and they filled it up! Visits to Kerr Arts & Cultural Center and the Hill Country Museum housed in the old Schreiner Mansion were on the agenda. Several great restaurants downtown were enjoyed, too.

Everybody involved in this memorable week wants to thank the City of Kerrville and the Kerrville Convention and Visitors Bureau for all of their help setting up a really fun and interesting visit. "They really bent over backwards to welcome us," reports Karl. Y'all come back now!

Downtown Kerrville really rolled out the red carpet for the Horseless Carriage Club of America, barricading off an entire downtown street in anticipation of their arrival from the day's cruise. The last dose of South Texas winter weather gave the group a break and beautiful day for their final day of their National Convention and Tour. Perfect Chamber of Commerce weather!



Keene Brewer from Yakima, Washington parked his 1912 Abbott in front of the Schreiner Mansion Museum in Kerrville.




HCCA NATIONAL NEWS



To: Regional Groups (RG) and Affiliated Registries (AR) Contacts and Others
Re: HCCA Calendar, Board Nominations, Insurance, Members in Action, New Registries ...
Issue: 2015-05-04 #05

- **HCCA Calendar (Tours and Swap meets)** – One of the problems for tourists planning a tour is to not conflict with others. So to try and prevent conflicts, the calendar on the HCCA web site is NOT limited to HCCA National tours and swap meets. If you know of an antique car tour or swap meet, make sure it is listed on the HCCA calendar of events. If the event is not posted, send the event details to the HCCA Office ... Help HCCA become an event planning tool for antique vehicle Tourists.
- **Board Member Nominees Encouraged** – Remember that the success of any organization is only as good as the leaders. HCCA is continually looking for members that want to make a difference and pay back the club for past efforts. To get involved, contact Skip Carpenter, scarp265@townisp.com.
- **Insurance Notes** – Your membership with HCCA allows the organization to purchase group liability insurance to protect Directors, Officers and leaders of the Regional Groups and Affiliated Registries. The coverage is for tours and events in the US and Canada, but does not cover any events on “water” in a non-commercial vessel. Make sure all your local club members join the Horseless Carriage Club of America.
- **Members In Action** – On the HCCA web site there is a page where you can easily show others what we are doing with our historical vehicles. Help us update this page with photos of your car and tell us about it. Send your pictures and information to Brad Balduff, brad@HCCA.org or to 14807 Aetna Street #D, Van Nuys, CA 91411.
- **Member Roster** – With the inventory of the old HCCA Rosters at zero, there is heightened action to create a new HCCA roster book this year. The piece that is still being worked on is the solicitation of commercial advertising to help fund the project. Updates will be issued to advise the members of the project progress...
- **Formation of New Registries and a Name Change** – HCCA is growing with the formation

of two new Affiliated Registers - The Chalmers / Chalmers- Detroit Affiliated Register (Bob Ladd) and the Great Plains Brass Touring Register (Chris Paulsen) ... A regional group in PA has decided to change their name to better reflect their organization ... The Old Tyme Car Club will change their name to The Old Time Touring Club.

- **Annual Meeting and Convention** – In March the HCCA board started to make a change in the By-laws that requires the Annual meeting be held in the first 3 months of the year. Because of weather and travel issues over the past years, the decision was made to expand the period to 4 months to allow the Annual meeting to be held with the start of the touring season in CA and other warm locations around the US.
- **Premier Century Plaque Program** - *Century Plaque Web Page ... HCCA.org / “Calendar & Cars” / “Century Plaque Program”*- For over 13 years, the Century Plaque program has collected information of vehicles worldwide that have survived 100 years. To honor all of the centurion vehicles, we have created a web page that describes the program and honors the vehicles. New honor vehicles are only added once a year after the Century article appears in the Horseless Carriage Gazette.

- **“How a Ford Model T Got a Widow Back on Her Feet”** – On 2/26/2015 an article appeared in the Wall Street Journal about a HCCA Board member (Kathie Conrad) who for years had enjoyed with her husband driving fast cars. Though they had for years also ridden in the back seat of vintage cars, her husband died shortly after the purchase of a Model T. It was her memories of their goal and the help of her son that she turned to HCCA members for help. The message is the antique car hobby is not just for men.

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HCCA National Vice President

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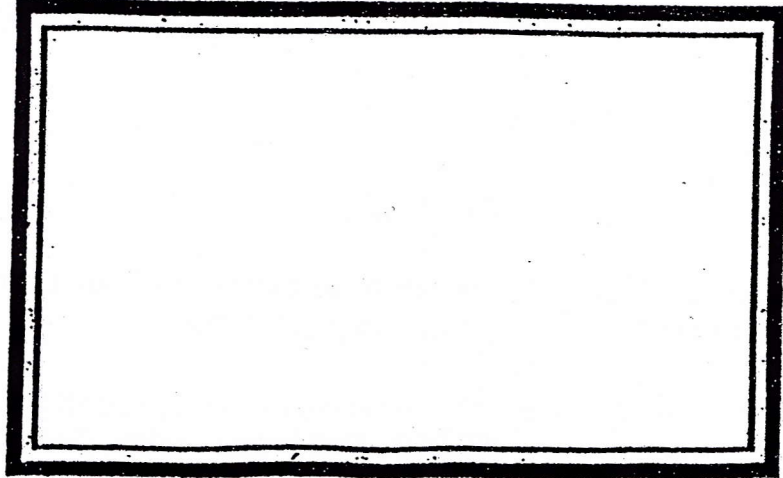
Catalog of 1909 Cars by Floyd Clymer's, copyrighted & published in 1958. In mint condition. \$25 or best offer. Call Kris Freiermuth at: 503 255 7685 or contact via e-mail lkfreiermuth@comcast.net

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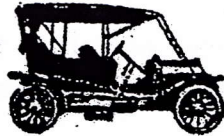
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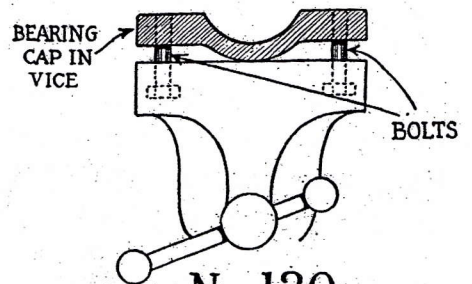
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