



# Sidelights

The Official Newsletter of the  
Santa Rosa Horseless Carriage Club of America  
May/June 2025



**Next Meetings:** July 10<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm

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

## SRHCCA Monthly Meeting – May 8, 2025

### Attendees:

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

Call to Order by President Guy Smith @ 5:51pm



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

**Sunshine:** Linda Pearson continues treatment and is doing well but not much energy. Michelle is doing well after suffering a heart attack and spending 5 days in the hospital getting 2 stents. She got to ride to SF in an ambulance with a doctor, nurse, EMT and a fireman. Must have been cramped but she said they had a “fun time”! Linda sent a card. Guy will be speaking at Stan’s memorial. Guy was 7 or 8 when he first met Stan, who at the time was one of the youngest members of our club. Stan knew where every old car in the county was!

**Tours:** **May 17<sup>th</sup>:** Joining REMTC tour to Sturgeon’s Mill. Meet 9am at Washoe House for 8:30am departure. Johnson’s to lead.  
**June 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Linda Eggleston and Vicky Porter will lead the June tour. Meet at Larkfield at 10am for a 10:30am departure. Take Chalk Hill Rd to Geyserville and Catelli’s for lunch.

**Membership:** Pat Stoll is a possible new member. He recently purchased a 1915T that John bought and trailered back from the Bakersfield tour.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Will discuss a new venue for our meetings when all members are present.

**Next Meeting:** June 12, 5:30 at Round Table, Occidental Road

Call to Close by President Guy Smith @ 6:35pm

Respectfully Submitted: Cinda Craven for Kimberly Simoni, SRHCCA Secretary

## SRHCCA Monthly Meeting – June 12, 2025

### Attendees:

Kim & Wayne Simoni

John Pearson

Linda Eggleston

Guy & Michelle Smith

Donna Jones

Don & Pam Johnson

Guests:

Bob Smith (Guy & Michelle's son)

Steve Chase



5:40PM: Meeting called to Order, Guy Smith, President

### Sunshine:

- Linda Pearson is continuing with cancer treatments. Starts a set of special treatments at UCSF on July 4.
- Kim's dad Stu is continuing to do fine.
- Donna's dog is now 16 years old! 😊

**Treasurer:** Linda Eggleston reports \$1,633.07. It's time for a party!

### Tours: John Pearson et al

- June 22 Tour: Meet at Larkfield Shopping Center at 10am. Depart 10:30. Chalk Hill to Geyserville with a bathroom stop at Jimtown Store (now open again). Lunch at Catelli's in Geyserville
- Kim & Trees are taking the July tour spot – Saturday July 26, more details to come
- Graeagle Tour in August (Ken Ryan)
- Model T Club will be inviting SRHCCA on their tours
- Eric Larson is organizing a nickel-era tour for Aug 2026 based out of Sheraton in Petaluma; ideas bounced around for stops, activities

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

6:30PM: Meeting called to close, Guy Smith

Respectfully submitted: Kimberly Simoni, SRHCCA Secretary



Michelle Smith, July 31  
Don Johnson, August 20



### Dates to Remember 2025

**July 14-19: Celebration of Brass V**

Hickory Corners, MI: [museumofthehorselesscarriage.org](http://museumofthehorselesscarriage.org)

**July 30-August 3: Ryan Ramble 2025**

Graeagle, CA: Kathy Ryan 916-296-6129

**August 17: Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance**

Pebble Beach, CA: [www.pebblebeachconcours.net](http://www.pebblebeachconcours.net)

**September 27: Ironstone Concours d'Elegance**

Murphy's, CA: [ironstoneconcours.org](http://ironstoneconcours.org)

**October 7-10: Hershey Swap Meet**

Hershey, PA: [Hershey.aaca.com](http://Hershey.aaca.com)

**May 6-10: 2026 HCCA National Tour**

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

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# Richard Albert Winterhalder

October 10, 1929 - March 11, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Richard Albert Winterhalder, who departed this life in Santa Rosa on March 11, 2025 at the age of 95. Born on October 10, 1929 in San Francisco, he lived a life rooted in compassion, hard work and unwavering devotion to those he held dear. He spent the majority of his life in Sonoma County where he was an entrepreneur, small business owner and active community member.

Throughout his life he was involved with various organizations and charities. Most rewarding was his 55 year membership in Rotary International, where he held several leadership positions, including president.

Richard touched many with his generosity, humility and steadfast character. He was an avid reader and enjoyed travel, music, genealogy and antique automobiles. He



loved working on cars and was a judge for the Sports Car Club of America for many years.

He is survived by Anne-Marie, his wife of 27 years; children: Craig, Megan Davis, Brett, Erik Oehm; daughters-in-law: Kathy, Gina, Heather; nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren. A private Celebration of Life will be held in July. Richard's legacy will live on in the lives he shaped and the hearts he filled.



## June 22<sup>nd</sup> Geyserville Tour

*Cinda Craven*

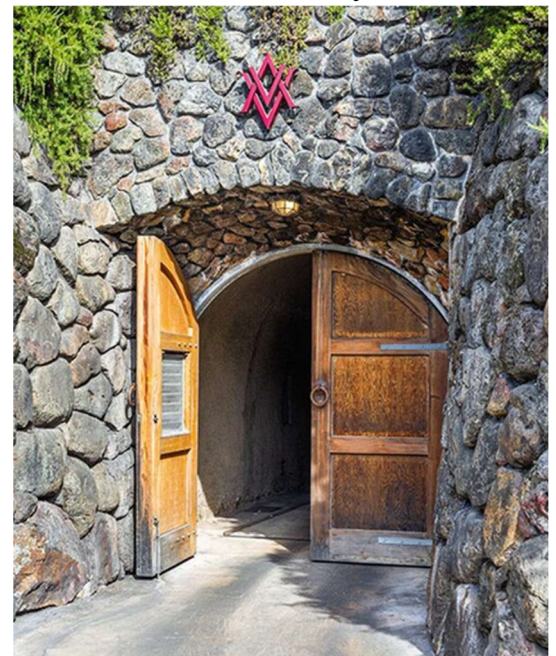
Linda Eggleston and Vicky Porter organized our June tour. They certainly could not have ordered a more beautiful day for a drive through Sonoma County wine country or ordered lighter car and bike traffic on the backroads we traveled! I think every time we drive through Alexander Valley we express our gratitude for living in such a lovely area that others must pay through the nose to visit.

We met at Larkfield shopping center at 10am for a 10:30am departure. It looked like it was going to be an all-green car tour, but Guy and Michelle Smith showed up in their new (to them) black 1915 Model T, the only true brass era car on tour (although Kim and Wayne tried!). Linda Eggleston led in her Chevrolet with Linda Pearson as a passenger. Vicky Porter hitched a ride with John Pearson in his Chrysler. Kim and Wayne also brought a Chrysler. Bill and I brought our 1967 Mustang, the oldest car that we had running that morning.



After being treated to muffins, brownies, and orange juice, we took off and headed north on Old Redwood Hwy to Faught Rd., Chalk Hill Rd., and then Hwy 128. Other than one or two cars in a hurry, we pretty much had the roads to ourselves. Linda had scheduled a “technical break” at Alexander Valley Vineyards, but as we had time to kill before our lunch reservation in Geyserville, we decided to do some tasting. Serving us was a very nice young man named Lucas, whose

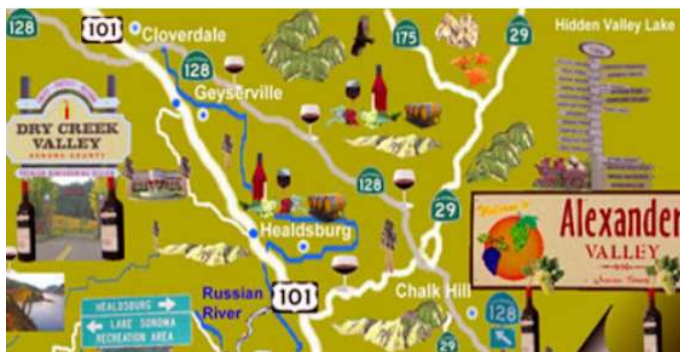
hair was longer than Kim’s! We were amazed that the tasting fee was reasonable at \$20, with the fee waived if two bottles or more were purchased. And even more amazing was the fact that they had some affordable wines (\$16-\$24) that tasted quite good! Most of us bought a few bottles, and I think we all agreed this could be a great place to return to for a picnic on a future tour.



After making our purchases, we continued down the road, taking Hwy 128 all the way into Geyserville to our lunch stop at Catelli's. Linda had made reservations for us to eat outside, and we were seated in a lovely patio area under umbrellas. The food was very good, but a mental note was made to not order the way too hot truffle fries in the future! The waiter was kind enough to give separate checks, even though he seemed to be the only waiter serving too many people. As we were leaving, we discussed stopping in Forestville for ice cream, but the consensus was we all wanted to head home.



Another great tour on a lovely Sunday afternoon! We missed Pam and Don Johnson, and Donna Jones. Hopefully they can join us on our next adventure. A big thank you to Linda Eggleston and Vicky Porter for planning and executing a wonderful tour!



## Jay Leno's Mystery Car

*Cinda Craven*

A month or so ago, a friend sent a few of us a photo his son took while driving in Burbank. It was easy to see that it was a photo of a man driving a vintage car. And it was easy to see that the man was Jay Leno. But what kind of car was he driving? Can you identify it?

We couldn't. But after a little research by another recipient of the photo (by browsing Jay Leno's Garage videos on YouTube), it was determined to be a 1922 Wills Sainte Claire. A little more research uncovered some interesting information about the inventor of this car and his connection with Henry Ford and his contributions to Ford Motor Co.





Childe Harold Wills was a brilliant metallurgist and one of Henry Ford's first engineers. Hired in 1905, he pioneered the use of vanadium steel in the Ford Model T and even crafted Ford's iconic Blue Oval script. Despite his invaluable contributions to Ford, Wills' relationship with Henry Ford became strained, leading him to leave the company in 1919. Ford's management style, which emphasized mass production over

meticulous engineering, didn't sit well with Wills, who was more of a perfectionist. Leaving Ford with a \$1.5 M+ severance, a huge sum of money at the time, Wills set up his own factory by the St. Clair River—hence the brand name “Wills Saint Clair,” later spelled with extra “e” to evoke a French elegance.

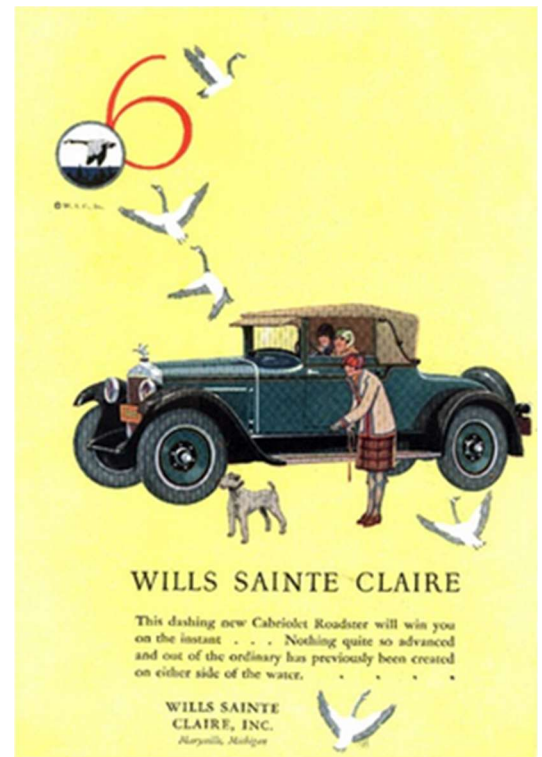
First production began in 1921, with models featuring overhead-cam V8 engines, overhead-cam inline-6s, four-wheel hydraulic brakes, balloon tires, backup lights, and some aluminum components—all cutting-edge for the early 1920s. Wills insisted on using molybdenum steel in castings for greater strength—though his perfectionism would repeatedly halt production to refine processes. Cars were built on 121" or 127" wheelbases and offered in various body styles: two- and four-passenger roadsters, coupes, touring cars, broughams, town cars, and luxury “Imperial” sedans—all branded “Gray Goose” to reflect Wills' admiration for the Canada goose.

However, despite the incredible advancements, Wills Sainte Claire never gained the mass-market success it sought. The company struggled financially, and by 1927,

Wills Sainte Claire had shut its doors,

producing just over 12,000 cars in total. Only about 80 cars exist today, including the one my friend's son saw Jay driving. The Wills Sainte Claire Auto Museum in Marysville, Michigan, houses the world's largest collection of these vehicles with about 10 restored cars and several unrestored ones.

If you want to watch the YouTube video where Jay talks about his 1922 Wills Sainte Claire, you can find it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NOACRzMDN1k>



## Wills Sainte Claire Auto Museum



# HCCA NATIONAL NEWS



Re: Marian Welch Award! Art Twohy Award! Joyce Chase Award! 2025 Officers; Newsletter Awards;  
Issue: 2025-05-01 #05

## HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!

- **Marian Welch Award** – The Marian Welch Service Award is the Horseless Carriage Club's most prestigious Honor, awarded to a member whose dedication and service to the HCCA has had a huge impact on our Club and our hobby. The 2024 Marian Welch Award recipient is:

. . . . **Steven Cook** . . . .

Congratulations to Steve!

- **Art Twohy Award** – The Art Twohy Service Award is the Horseless Carriage Club's Regional Honor, awarded to an individual whose dedication and service to their HCCA Region has had a significant impact on our Club at the Regional level.

The HCCA Regions are the foundation of our club, and it was from that Los Angeles local founding that the Club has grown into the international club it is today.

This award is intended to recognize exceptional dedication to the Club at the vital Regional level, which keeps our club strong at its foundation, the Regional Group.

The 2024 Art Twohy Service Award recipients are:

. . . . **Shawn & Erin Achtel** . . . .

Congratulations to Shawn & Erin!

- **Joyce Chase Award** – The Joyce Chase Award is to celebrate a woman who brings the same spirit and energy that Joyce brought to every tour. This includes: Active HCCA member or spouse; Her efforts to promote HCCA values; Helps/mentors/ inspires others; Brings enthusiasm to others in the hobby.

The First Joyce Chase Award recipient is:

. . . . **Christine Brewer** . . . .

Congratulations to Chris!

- **2025 HCCA Club Officers** – At the HCCA Convention in Orange, VA, the following officers were installed:

- **Chairman:** Russell Holden
- **President:** Doug Tomb
- **Vice President:** Jim Skillicorn
- **Treasurer:** Kim Simoni
- **Secretary:** Rusty Berg

- **2025 Newsletter Awards** – By Alex Huppe. **Highest Honors:**

Chris Gorman, *Coilbox Courier*,  
Southern California Regional Group . . . .

Candace Parry, *The Spark Plug*,  
Wichita Regional Group . . . .

Rosebud, *The Gearbox Chatter*,  
West Michigan Regional Group . . . .

Diana Squire, *The Brass Nuts*,  
Northern California Regional Group . . . .

Geoff King, *The Early Ford Registry Newsletter*,  
The Early Ford Registry . . . .

Ed Grace, *Rambler and Jeffrey Register Newsletter*,  
Rambler & Jeffrey Register . . . .

Diane MacPherson, *The Brass Facts*,  
San Diego Regional Group . . . .

Mark Cerruti, *Gaslight Gazette*,  
Bay Area Regional Group . . . .

Cinda Dorholt, *The Horseless Page*,  
Twin Cities Regional Group . . . .

Boyd T. Goddard, *Cap Sheet*,  
La Jolla Regional Group . . . .

Phil Jamieson, *Sassy Brass*,  
Susquehanna Valley Regional Group . . . .

Mark Schneider, *The Commutator*,  
Southern Ontario Regional Group.

- **2024 Website Awards** – By Alex Huppe.

**Honors Website:**

Thomas Roush, NCRGHCCA.COM  
Northern California Regional Group . . . .

Congratulations to All!

*Doug Tomb* / [Douglas.tomb@verizon.net](mailto:Douglas.tomb@verizon.net)

Board Member – HCCA NN Editor ...

# HCCA NATIONAL NEWS



Re: **Committee Assignments – Who To Call; What's on the Calendar; ....**  
Issue: **2025-06-01 #06**

- **HCCA 2025 Committee Assignments –**  
Committee Assignments – Doug Tomb

## **Executive Committee-**

Russell Holden - Chairman of the Board  
Doug Tomb – President  
Jim Skillicorn – Vice President  
Rusty Berg – Secretary  
Kim Simoni – Treasurer  
Don Plumb – Member at Large  
Jeff Leshner – Member at Large

**Activities** - Vince Altieri - Chair  
Peter Jakab, Kim Simoni

**Finance** - Kim Simoni - Chair  
Jeff Leshner, Doug Tomb

**Regional Groups & Registries –**  
Jim Skillicorn - Chair  
Don Azavedo, Rusty Berg, Jamie Holmes, Terry  
Cole, Alex Huppe\*, Rob Caldeira\*

**Communication –** Danny Case - Chair  
Jim Diener, Don Plumb, Keene Brewer\*, Tracy  
Lasher\*, Lindsey Jackson\*

**Strategic Planning –** Russell Holden - Chair  
Jeff Leshner, Don Plumb, Kim Simoni, Jim  
Skillicorn, Doug Tomb

**National News** - Doug Tomb

**Education Committee –** Peter Jakab - Chair  
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John Smith\*

**International Club Relations –**  
Jamie Holmes - Chair  
Russell Holden, Don Plumb, Mitch Gross-  
VCC/GB\*, Chris Stephen-VCC/NZ\*

**International Postage Committee –**  
Jamie Holmes - Chair  
Russell Holden, Tracy Leshner\*

**By-Laws & Governance** - Jeff Leshner - Chair  
Jeff Chattin, Peter Jakab

**2025 Board Nominations –** Russell Holden -  
Chair  
Jim Skillicorn, Doug Tomb

**Horseless Carriage Gazette-**Kim Simoni-Chair  
Thomas & Joyce Edfors, Gil Fitzhugh, Sharon  
Gooding, Howard Hodson, Peter Jakab, Bill &  
Anne Ottemann, Chris Paulson, Eadi Popick,  
Anne Russell Kemp, Leo Short, Wayne Simoni,  
Bruce Spainhower

**Web & Gazette Advertising Committee -**  
Doug Tomb - Chair  
Kyle Blake, Don Plumb, Peter Gariepy\*, Tracy  
Leshner\*  
Questions or comments?

- **What's on the Calendar –** The Latest from  
the HCCA Gazette and Website:
  - New England Brass and Gas, Rockland,  
ME. June 23 – 27, 2025. Sponsor:  
Autoneers Regional Group. Host: Karen  
Tomko, 203-247-7906.
  - Tales and Trails Tour in Prince Edward  
County, Ontario, Prince Edward County,  
Ontario. July 6 – 10, 2025. Southern  
Ontario Regional Group. Hosts: Ken &  
Linda Coombes, 905-570-5129 (Ken),  
905-570-3267 (Linda)
  - 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, & Swap Meet.

*Doug Tomb* / [Douglas.tomb@verizon.net](mailto:Douglas.tomb@verizon.net)

Board Member – HCCA NN Editor ...



MUSEUM of the  
HORSELESS  
CARRIAGE

HCCA NATIONAL TOUR &

Celebration of  
*Registration Open*

**Brass V**

*Featuring  
Steam  
Cars!*



#### **HCCA NATIONAL TOUR**

Monday, July 14 - a half day Thursday, July 17, 2025  
Registration MONDAY, JULY 14  
Touring TUESDAY, JULY 15 - a half day THURSDAY, JULY 17

#### **THE CELEBRATION OF BRASS V**

Thursday, July 17 - Saturday, July 19, 2025  
Registration & Ice Cream Social THURSDAY, JULY 17  
Car Show/WWII Swap Meet FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JULY 18 & 19  
The Gilmore Car Museum, 6865 W Hickory Road, Hickory Corners, MI

17<sup>th</sup> Annual **Ryan Ramble 2025**



**Graeagle, CA – July 30 - August 3, 2024**

- Touring Thursday, Friday, and Saturday with short tour/brunch on Sunday. Visit historic towns and sights in the Sierras: Gold Lakes – Truckee – Loyalton – Portola – Genese – Taylorsville
- Tour registration and hospitality Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at River Pines Resort, 2-6 pm.
- Hospitality at River Pines Resort each afternoon after touring.
- Pre-tour mailer to participants will follow in mid-July.
- **June 30, 2025 DEADLINE** to register for this tour. Last date for refund **July 15, 2025**.

**River Pines Resort** (host lodging)  
**530-836-2552**, 8296 CA-89, Graeagle

**Call and reference “Ryan Ramble” for your room.**  
 Currently, some rooms do not have AC, but may be installed by tour date – no guarantee. Resort has a pool, spa, hot tub, large lounge area, and library. Check in 3:00 p.m.

River Pines has limited rooms and cannot accommodate our entire group (15 rooms). Graeagle has several vacation rental homes that you can seek out on your own, and other lodging is about 5 miles away.

**Movin’ West RV Park 530-836-2614**  
**Reservations online: [movinwestrvpark.com](http://movinwestrvpark.com)**  
 305 Graeagle Johnsville Rd, Graeagle  
 They also have 2 camping cabins with a queen bed.

**Reserving your spot on the tour DOES NOT reserve your lodging, and reserving your lodging DOES NOT reserve your spot on the tour, so *BE SURE* to do both.**

We will email receipt of your tour registration within 10 days. If you do not hear from us, please call!

Send in this reservation form w/check by **June 30, 2025**.

Staying at  River Pines Resort  RV park  Other

Driver’s Name \_\_\_\_\_ Additional passengers and/or child name(s) and ages(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Cell phone to be used on tour \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Registered owner of car \_\_\_\_\_ Club affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Registered year of car \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Body \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Carrier \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Tour Fees:** Adults: # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$160 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children under 12 years: # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 60 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: NCRG-HCCA** Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration form and check to: Kathy Ryan, :

In acceptance of attending NCRG HCCA scheduled activities, I/we hereby indemnify both the National HCCA and the NCRG-HCCA and its officers thereof from any injury, damage or loss resulting from my/our participation in said event. This waiver of liability also applies to any and all guests or participants I/we bring to said event.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Call Kathy Ryan 916-296-6129

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