



Sidelights

The Official Newsletter of the
Santa Rosa Horseless Carriage Club of America
May/June 2024



Next Meetings: July 11th and August 9th at 5:30pm

All meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month at **Round Table Pizza, 2065 Occidental Rd, Santa Rosa**

July 1st Tour:

Meet at 9:45am in Sebastopol at Pacific Market. Leave at 10:15am for Carr's Drive-In in Forestville. Then to Armstrong Woods for a picnic lunch (bring your own lunch).

Any questions, call Linda Eggleston, 707-293-0493.

Santa Rosa Horseless Carriage Club Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2024

Attendees:

Stan Ramondo
Guy & Michelle Smith
Bill Scales & Cinda Craven
Don & Pam Johnson
Linda Eggleston
Vicky Porter
John & Linda Pearson
Wayne & Kim Simoni



President Stan Ramondo called the meeting to order at 5:45pm.

Secretary's Report, Kim Simoni: April meeting minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report, Linda Eggleston: \$1,611.52.

Sunshine Report, Linda Pearson: Vicky Porter had (successful) carpal tunnel surgery

Tours, John Pearson:

June 1: Forestville Parade. Meet at 9:30 at the church in Forestville

July Tour: Simonis signed up to host

September 13-15: Ferndale Concours de Elegance

Kim gave the highlights of the California Rendezvous in Paso Robles May 5-8

Bill & Cinda gave the highlights of the Lake County A's Spring Opener (it snowed!)

Guy & Michelle gave the highlights of the Historical National Truck Meet they attended at the fairgrounds in Plymouth

New Business: Our next meeting is June 13 and will be held at **Sebastopol's Hop Monk Tavern at 5:30pm**, 230 Petaluma Ave, Sebastopol

Stan Ramondo closed the meeting at 6:35pm

Respectfully Submitted: Kimberley Simoni, SRHCC Secretary

Santa Rosa Horseless Carriage Club Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2024

Attendees:

Stan Ramondo
Jim Flint
John & Linda Pearson
Linda Eggleston
Cinda Craven & Bill Scales
Guy & Michelle Smith



Meeting called to order at 6:21pm by President Stan Ramondo.

Treasurer's Report, Linda Eggleston:
\$1511.52 balance in bank.

Tours, John Pearson:



July1: Linda Eggleston to lead. Meet 9:45am at Pacific Market for a 10:15am departure to Carr's Drive-In. Picnic at Armstrong Redwoods to follow. Bring your lunch.

July: Simoni

August: Johnson

September 13-15: Fortuna/Ferndale Overnighter

John Pearson, friend Louie, Pat Stoll and Wayne Simoni participated in the Forestville

Parade on June 1. **New Business:** None.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted: Cinda Craven for Kimberley Simoni, SRHCC Secretary

Ruidoso, NM or Bust! And we did....

Cinda Craven

As we mentioned at the June meeting, Bill and I had plans to drive to the Model A Ford Club National Convention in Ruidoso, NM. This was to be about a three-week trip, leaving on Tuesday, June 18th. We woke early that day so we could get on the road early to avoid rush hour traffic on I-80 and I-50. As I checked my email at 5am that morning, I found a note from a fellow Sonoma Model A club member that fires had started around Ruidoso on Monday. The convention website was encouraging, saying the hotels and caterers were confident the fires would be put out quickly. Knowing we had to leave on Tuesday if we were to get to Ruidoso by Sunday, and because we had all our reservations made, we took off. I had plans to become a “blogger”, recording all our wonderful adventures along the way and documenting the trip with photos. Well, here’s the extent of my blog. One day to Fallon, NV. The convention was cancelled that night. The fires were not quickly put out and the town was evacuated.

Day 1: Santa Rosa to Fallon 287 miles

Left Santa Rosa at 5:15am and arrived in Fallon at 2pm. Engine died in rush hour traffic on I80 in Sacramento. Made it to the side of the freeway. We have no idea what the issue was. Started it up and it ran. It was impossible to troubleshoot with the loud highway noise. We continued until it overheated on the hill up to Pollack Pines. Bill re-timed the engine and that helped. Alternator was just rebuilt and wouldn’t stop charging. After calling ACE in RP (who rebuilt it), we checked the alternator voltage and it measured 7.3V. With that looking good, we went to O’Reilly and had them test our battery. They said it was okay, but Bill didn’t 100% trust the guy or his tester. Bought a new \$134 battery and we think that was the issue. Along with these issues, the car is running loud. We think the muffler may be bad. We sound like a Harley. Carburetor may be bad or need adjustment as we are only getting about 16.4 mpg. We are used to getting mileage closer to 20mpg. And we are driving toward large, uncontrolled fires. What could possibly go wrong? But the beer at lunch in Carson City at Great Basin Brewery was cold!



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(LDNP) Local Dues Not Paid		Webmaster: Wayne Simoni

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

Michelle Smith, July 31
Don Johnson, August 20



Lost and Found!

Diener's 1913 Model 40 Buick File photo

While attending the recent Bakersfield Swap Meet, Jim & Donna Diener's truck, trailer & Buick disappeared from the motel parking lot. The truck was recovered a few days later in poor condition. The trailer and Buick were found abandoned about a week later. The rare Buick was reported to be in good condition.

HCCA NATIONAL NEWS



Re: Golden Quill Award; Tire Survey; Committee Assignments – Who To Call;
Issue: 2024-05-01 #05

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!

- **Old Cars Weekly 2023 Awards** – In early April, Old Cars Weekly announced their 2023 Golden Quill Awards. Awards in the National Luxury Size category included: The Horseless Carriage Gazette, Tracy Leshner, Horseless Carriage Club of America. **Congratulations to Tracy!**

- **HCCA Survey - Tires** – 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. Let us know what you need! Please fill out the survey at the link: <https://hcca.org/survey/> Your Brass car needs your participation for this important effort! Do it today!

- **HCCA 2024 Committee Assignments** – Committee Chair – Russell Holden

Executive Committee-

Mike Reid - Chairman of the Board
Russell Holden – President
Doug Tomb – Vice President
Jim Skillicorn – Secretary
Kim Simoni – Treasurer
Don Plumb – Member at Large
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Russell Holden - Chair
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Questions or comments? The HCCA committees want to hear from you.

Doug Tomb / Douglas.tomb@verizon.net

Board Member – HCCA NN Editor ...

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

online at www.museumofthehorselesscarriage.org

for the
Celebration of Brass IV

FEATURED CARS

Stoddard-Dayton & Pre-1916 Race Cars and Speedsters



July 18th - 20th, 2024

Thursday welcome reception, Friday & Saturday car show & pre-WWII swap meet, car games, demonstrations, vehicle pass in review, Saturday vintage fashion review, activities & more!
Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, Michigan

and/or for the
HCCA National Car Tour

sponsored by the
Museum of the Horseless Carriage Touring Club

July 21st - July 23rd

Sunday - 1/2 day on Tuesday

Featuring: Leila Arboretum, a private collection with cars, motorcycles & model trains, an arts & crafts show, a woodworking company that does custom design & fabrication, Tillers International where historical farming skills are taught, Duncan Aviation, & enjoy lunches at Cornwell's Turkeyville and an Amish farm.

Sunday's highlight is the Galesburg Speedway where we have the option to drive on the track!

YOU CAN SIGN UP TO TOUR ON SUNDAY ONLY AND/OR JUST FOR THE DRIVING EXPERIENCE ON THE TRACK.

**ALL NEW
VENUES &
ROUTES!**

24th 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 14, 2024

11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

History Park, 693 Phelan Ave.

San José, CA

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

•Vintage Clothing •Historic Buildings

•Trolley Rides •Children's Activities •And More

Featured Event:

Model T Put Together



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Food and Ice Cream are Available



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Allan Greenberg