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SANTA ROSA
REGIONAL GROUP
Horseless Carriage Club of America

Explore California in Brass

2023 National Convention & Tour

April 16-19 in Beautiful Visalia, California



3 Days of Touring!

General Membership Meeting - Monday

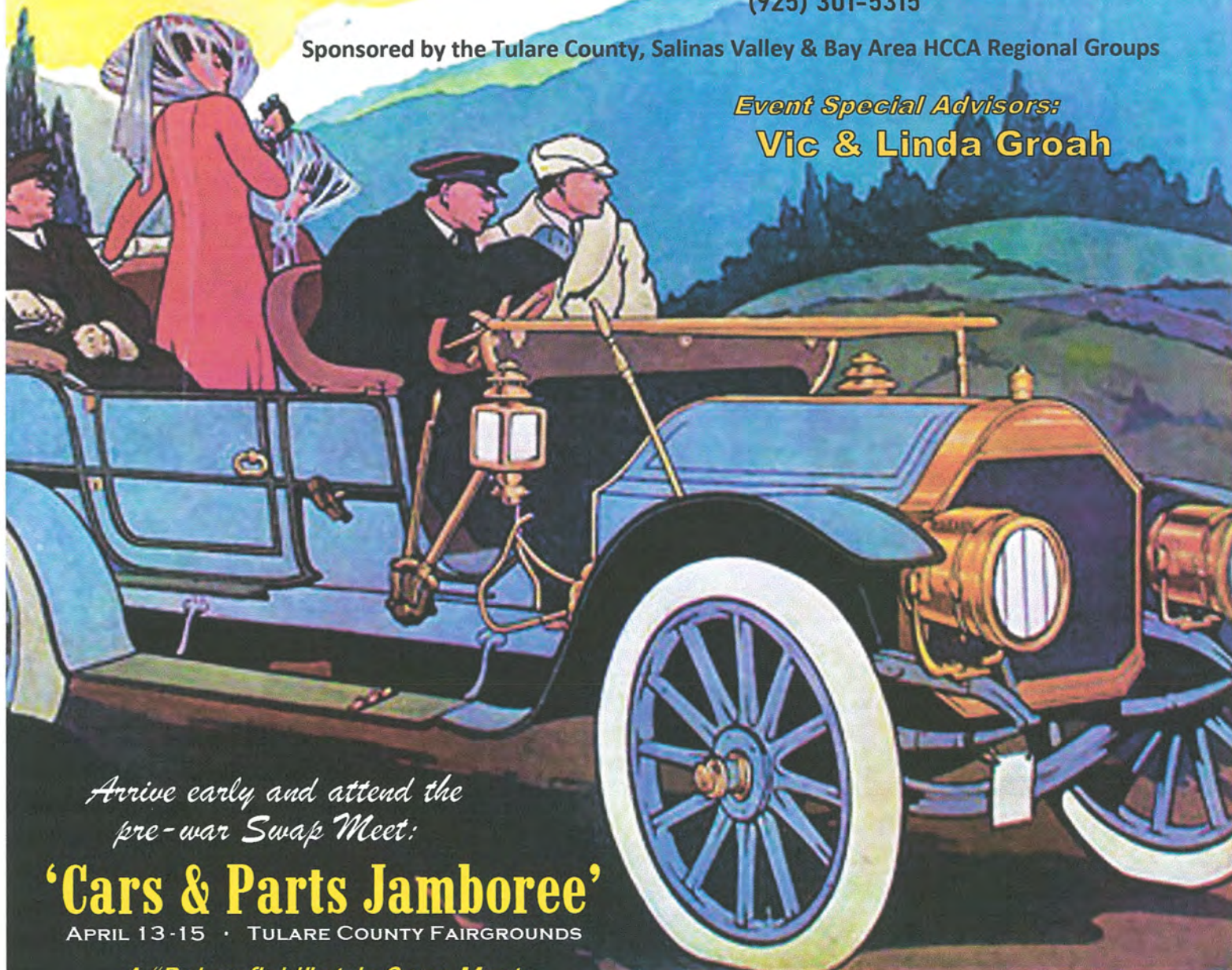
For more information and registration visit hcca.org or contact Don Azevedo:

**2023hccanationaltour@gmail.com
(925) 301-5315**

Sponsored by the Tulare County, Salinas Valley & Bay Area HCCA Regional Groups

Event Special Advisors:

Vic & Linda Groah



Arrive early and attend the pre-war Swap Meet:

'Cars & Parts Jamboree'

APRIL 13-15 • TULARE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

A "Bakersfield" style Swap Meet with fun for the whole family!

For Swap Meet info & registration contact
Bill Bennett: (559) 967-0112

Santa Rosa Horseless Carriage Club Monthly Meeting – November 9, 2022

Attendees:

Stan Ramondo
John Pearson
Kim & Trees Simoni; guest Shelley Abruzzini (Kim's sister)
Don Johnson (Pam still recovering from a knee replacement)
Vicky Porter
Dick & AnnMarie Winterhalder
Guy & Michelle Smith

Meeting called to order by president Stan Ramondo @ 6:32PM

Secretary Report – Kim Simoni, October meeting minutes approved as written (Thank you Cinda!)

Treasurer's Report (same as last month, no Treasurer present)

Tour Report – John Pearson

- Propose a tour, weather permitting, Wednesday Nov 23, to Northwood Lodge for lunch, then home. Please let John know if you plan to participate
- Trees will send reminder a couple days ahead of time

New Business:

- Graveside Service for Jay Whited, Nov 19, 11:00AM, Pleasant Hill Cemetery
- Executor of Whited assets is working towards Jay's property being deeded to City of Sebastopo

Installation/Officers for 2023:

- Carryover officers from 2022; except Guy Smith to become VP (Trees will continue as Sidelights Editor and webmaster)
- John to ask Linda Eggleston if she'll continue as Treasurer
- Mark your calendars: Installation Dinner at Union Hotel, January 29, 3PM no-host bar, 4PM dinner. Kim negotiating with Barbara Gonnella on menu and price. Stay tuned. Stan R to let Jim Flint know!

Open Floor:

- Sturgeon's Mill Sawmill Days were a roaring success; over 700 people attended on Saturday alone!
- Guy Smith has donated an antique truck to the sawmill

Meeting Adjourned by Stan Ramondo at 7:15PM

Respectfully submitted: Kimberly Simoni, Secretary

1905

Space helmet
—old style.



COURTESY BROWN BROTHERS

During the first five years of the twentieth

century the automobile began to lose its just-out-of-the-eggshell look. Tillers were giving way to steering wheels, engines had moved up front, but the driver's seat on most cars was still on the right. Nearly all cars were open to the sun and sky—and also to rain and cold. The hardy pioneers who rode in them had to wear long waterproof clothing, furs, goggles, masks, veils, and gloves. These special costumes made their wearers look like tarpaulin-covered haystacks, bank robbers, or hairy beasts.

In 1905, automobiles were expensive, and most of them were owned only by rich people. Tires alone cost \$50 per 1,000 miles of use. Foreign cars were popular, and France then led the world in production. In the United States, automobiles were being manufactured in more than eight states with Michigan leading Ohio by a narrow margin. In 1905, 24,250 motor vehicles were turned out, and the total in use in the U.S. increased to 77,400. They were fast enough to attract huge crowds when the first Vanderbilt Cup Race was run in the fall of 1904.

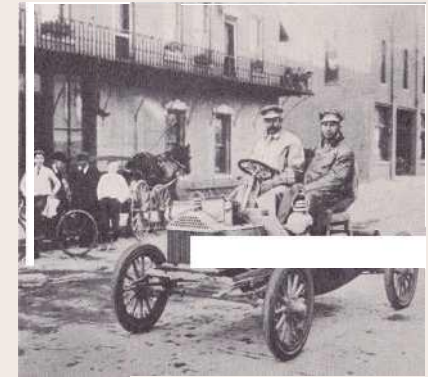
The automobile was changing rapidly, but the placid world around it was changing hardly at all. Roads were still miserable and better traversed by a horse-drawn vehicle than a motorized one. Most people lived in the country where electricity, telephones, bathrooms, and central heating had made little headway. But there had been progress at Kitty Hawk, N. C., on December 17, 1903, when the Wright Brothers made the world's first successful airplane flights. Yellow fever was being conquered, X rays were in use, radioactivity was being investigated, and a whole new era of invention and improvement was just ahead.



Buick, organized in Detroit in 1902, produced the basic design for the famous valve-in-head engine. It was July 1903, before the first Buick rolled out of the little shop in Detroit. Later that year, Buick moved to Flint, Michigan. Foundations for Buick's first big assembly plant were laid in Flint in 1905.

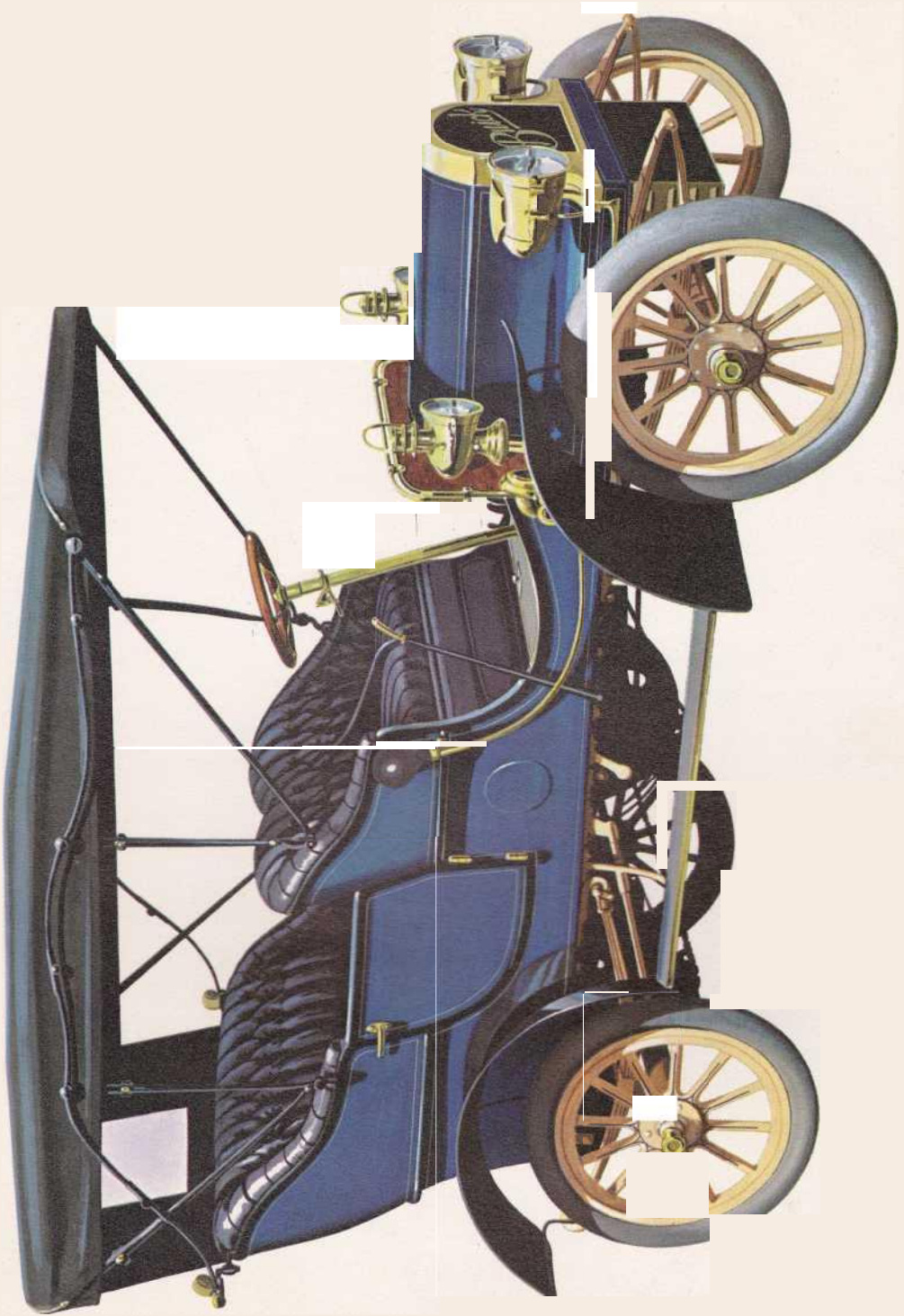
Some inkling of the trouble that the early automobile buyer could expect was indicated by the extra equipment that Buick's 1904 catalog listed as included in the price of \$950: "horn, lamps, tool box with sufficient tool equipment, *mats and rubber apron to go under car.*" In spite of this ominous approach, however, the two-cylinder engine that powered the first Buick proved to be a winner and was continued without major change through 1910. In 1906, Buick also offered a four-cylinder car, the Model D, at \$2,500. This double-camshaft T-head engine was continued for three years.

In 1908, Buick manufactured 8,820 cars, had the largest automobile plant in the world, and was rapidly expanding its line of cars. A small four-cylinder Buick was offered at prices as low as \$800. This popular little four-cylinder car was called the Model 10 from 1908 through 1910, and was continued in 1911 as Models 32 and 33. During these years, Buick also offered larger and more powerful four-cylinder cars, some of which were highly successful in racing. In 1910, Buick led the entire industry with a total of 30,525 cars produced.



1903 Buick Model A, the first Buick built in Flint, Michigan. Later cars of this model were equipped with added refinements such as a storm curtain with a large celluloid window to protect the driver.

BUICK Model C, 1905. Two cylinders, 414 X 5, opposed. Valves were mounted in removable cages in cylinder heads. Water and gasoline tanks were under the hood. The catalog said: "Price \$1,200. Guaranteed 22 brake horsepower. Planetary transmission, two speeds forward, one reverse. Clutch—cone type, spring tensioned. Wheelbase 85 inches, tread 56 inches, wheels 30-inch artillery type, tires 30 X 37a. Weight 1,740 pounds. A car that will take any hill 'suitable or safe' for automobile billing on high-speed gear. A car of quality as well as power. Simple in construction—built for wear."



Non - BAHCC events that may be of interest

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| December 31 | Holiday Motor Excursion | Arcadia, CA | socialhcca.com |
| January 28 & 29 | Turlock Swap Meet | Turlock, CA | turlockswapmeet.com |
| March 17 - 18 | Chickasha Pre-war Swap Meet | Chickasha, OK | Mike or Susie Erslund (405) 224-9090 |
| April 13 - 15 | Tulare (formerly <i>Bakersfield</i>) Swap Meet | Tulare, CA | Bill Bennett (559) 967-0112 tmechanic@att.net |
| April 16 - 19 | HCCA National Convention | Visalia, CA | (see Flyer) |
| June 4 | Mother Lode Swap Meet | Auburn, CA | motherlodemodelt.com |
| June 4 - 8 | Franklin Westrek | Prosser, WA | franklinwestrek.weebly.com |
| July 13 - 18 | 3rd Annual "Museum of the Horseless Carriage" Celebration of Brass | Hickory Corners, MI | museumofthehorselesscarriage.org |

HCCA NATIONAL NEWS



Re: Publication Awards; Gazette Indexing in January; Calendar For 2023; Happy Holidays! ...
Issue: 2022-12-01 #13

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

- **Publication Awards Nominations** – Alex Huppe will be judging the HCCA Publication Awards again for 2022. He has asked that presidents of all Regional Groups and Affiliated Registers submit examples of their publications to his address at:
Alex Huppe
750 N Tamiami Drive, # 1508
Sarasota, FL 35236.
Or, via Email to: alexhuppe@aol.com
The deadline for submissions is January 27, 2023. Don't let the holidays get in the way. Send in your submission Now!
 - **Gazette Indexing Coming January 2023** – Peter Findlay announced that the indexing of past issues of the HCCA Gazette is Complete! WAHOOOO!!! This is an amazing accomplishment, and it was completed by Club Volunteers in just ONE Year! A HUGE Thank You to all the Indexing volunteers who made this possible. Now the Good News. The final tuning of the Index Database is taking place NOW. That will be completed in December, and the Beta testing will start in early January. After that, the Gazette Index will be available for HCCA Member's download and research. Get your home PC ready!
Thank You again to the following HCCA member volunteers who made this possible: Rosebud Badour, Mike Barnes, Tony Bowker, Ken Findlay, Peter Findlay, John Gebhard, Sharon Gooding, Ian Hayhurst, Derek Hennecke, Wesley Ranard, and the Indexing Admin. Please thank them the next time you see them.
 - **What's on the Calendar** – The latest from the HCCA Gazette and Website:
 - Model T Ford Winter Clinic, McPherson, KS, January 21, 2023. Sponsor – Flatland T's of Kansas MTFCA.
- Contact: Chris Paulsen, 316-648-7887
Email: cp7254@hotmail.com
- 33rd Annual Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet. Chickasha, OK, March 17 - 18, 2023. Host: Mike or Susie Erslund. 405-224-9090
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 - New England Brass and Gas Tour, Ludlow, VT, June 19 – 23, 2023. Sponsor: Autoneers. Contacts: Karen Tomko, 203-247-7906 or Jan Kendrick, 207-381-7938. Email: kmtomko13@gmail.com - (Karen)
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 - Please check the HCCA Website www.hcca.org for calendar updates and Registration Forms.

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Board Member – HCCA NN Editor ...

HCCA NATIONAL NEWS



Re: Elected Directors; Free HCCA Ads; Website Forum; HCCA 2023 Calendar Update;
Issue: 2023-01-01 #01

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

- **HCCA 2023 Elected Directors** – On January 1st, 2023, the results of the Fall HCCA Board of Directors elections were announced, and the following members were newly elected, or re-elected:

- **Rusty Berg, MI**
- **Danny Case, FL**
- **Jeff Chattin, GA**
- **Jon Rising, FL**
- **Jim Skillicorn, CA**

Congratulations to the newly elected directors, and we look forward to another year of touring adventures and Club activities. It is the participation, and leadership, of these members and others, that make this a great club.

- **Where is your Free Ad?** – Per Webmaster Brad: “Free Text Only Ad” - “HCCA invites everyone to submit a FREE, limited, text-only ad. Logged-In HCCA members can include 375 characters of text. Non-Logged in visitors can include 300 characters of text.” I tried it myself, and I found a Drip Adjuster for the Hill Shooting Oiler for my 1909 Buick. Talk about finding a Hen’s Tooth! I had several legitimate responses to my ad, from members, and non-members alike. This is a great way to get parts out to others, or find them for your own projects. Go to: <https://hcca.org> Click on “Classified Ads” on the Menu bar. Try it, you’ll like it!
- **HCCA Technical Articles** – Have you looked at the Technical Articles on the Club Website? If not, just click on Resources & Publications, then on Technical Articles. Check out the articles from Harold Sharon’s book: “Understanding Your Brass Car”. If you have an article you want to share with other HCCA members, all the better! Just

send it to HCCA Webmaster Brad Balduff, at brad@hcca.org

We will add your name at the bottom, so you can help with any member’s follow up questions. Technical tips are a club benefit!

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Board Member – HCCA NN Editor ...

SRHCCA Installation Dinner!

Sunday January 29, 2023
Union Hotel, Occidental

3:00PM no-host cocktails
4:00PM Dinner (Pine Room Tusual back room)

Menu:

Bruschetta

Minestrone Soup

Garden Salad

Cheese Tortellini with Creamy Pesto

Ravioli

Roasted chicken

Straus Soft Serve Ice Cream

Coffee

\$46/person **includes tax & tip**

Please RSVP to Kim at kim@brassauto.com or 707 218 3326 NO LATER THAN January 15

Please mail a check (made out to SRHCCA) for the appropriate amount to Linda Eggleston at 7505 Malone Rd., Forestville, CA 95436

Let me know of questions! Happy Holidays to all!