

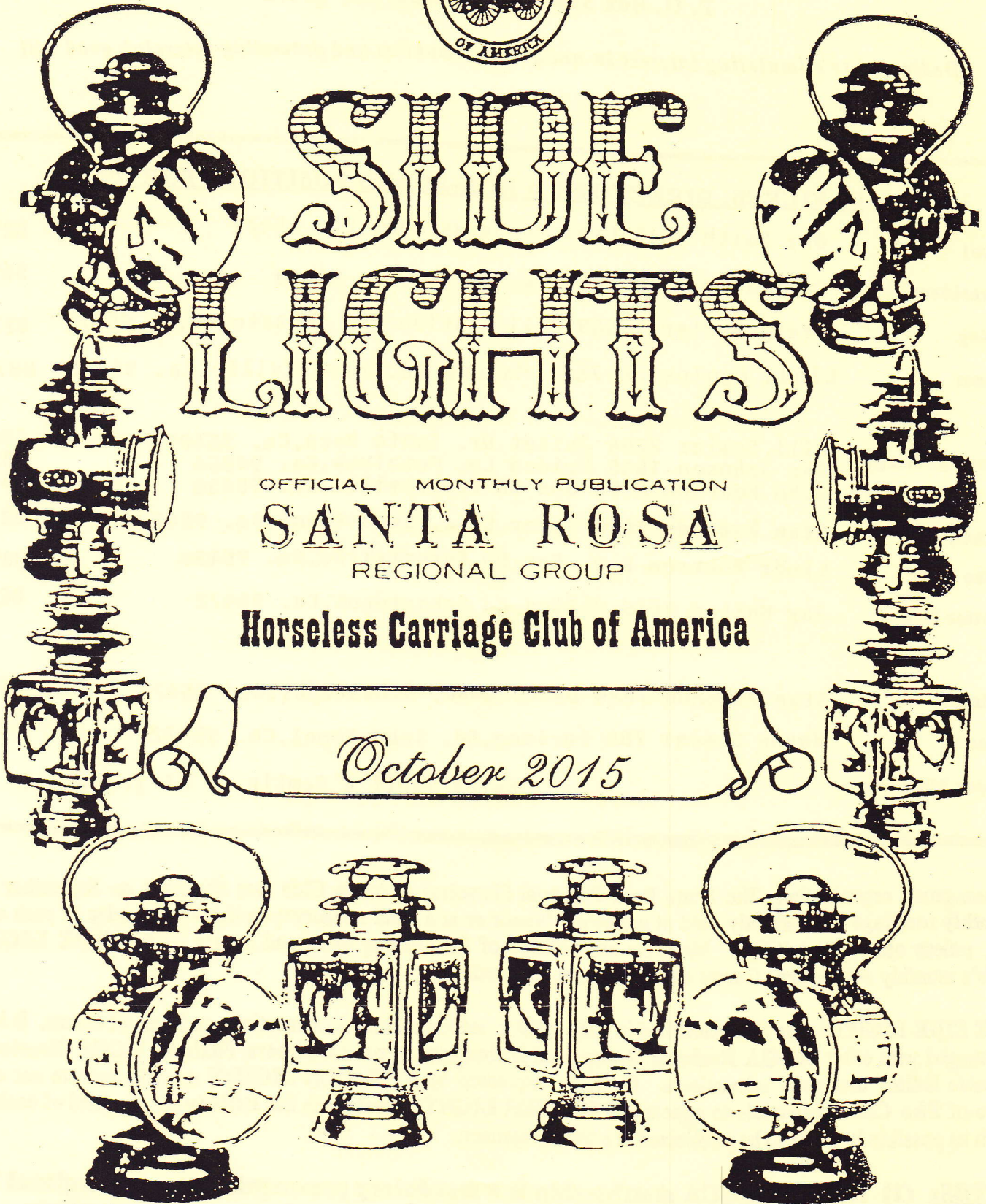


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2015 SANTA ROSA H.C.C.A. ACTIVITY CALENDAR:

DATE:	EVENT:	COMMENTS:
SEPT. 17	MEETING AT GAIL SHAWS AT 7 PM	1980 WOOD ROAD, SANTA ROSA PH: 495-6393
SEPT. 20	TOUR DATE NEED LEADER	PLEASE SIGN UP
OCT. 7-10	HERSHEY SWAP MEET	AACA FALL MEET
OCT. 11	BRASS IN THE GRASS @ LAKE SONOMA	GO AS CLUB?
OCT. 15	MEETING AT BILL & CINDA'S	2244 JULIET DR., SANTA ROSA PH:526-4943
OCT. 17- 18	TENTATIVE OVERNIGHT TOUR	TENTATIVE PLAN IS: UP COAST TO GUALALA OR DOWN TO INVERNESE
NOV. 19	MEETING DATE - NEED LOCATION	PLEASE SIGN UP
NOV. 22	TOUR DATE, WEATHER PERMITTING - NEED LEADER	PLEASE SIGN UP
NOTES:	PLEASE ADD CORRECTIONS & OTHER CAR ACTIVITIES & DATES AND GIVE TO PEARSON	PLEASE SIGN UP FOR OPEN DATES UPDATE: 9/1/15

June, 1998

Goggles & Gauntlets

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HEADLINES FROM THE PAST

These headlines from the past history of the automobile are originated from a number of sources, primarily from the libraries of Paul Eoff, Joe Whitney and Frank Hoiles.

More than 300 Motorcars Now Operated in U.S.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 31, 1895 - More than 300 motorcars have been built and sold in the United States, and companies are rushing into business. Models being sold now include the King, made in this city, the Duryea made in Massachusetts and a steam automobile manufactured by the White Sewing Machine Company of Cleveland. The Studebaker Brothers, known for their horsedrawn carriages, are planning to build motorcars, as are George Pierce, a birdcage manufacturer and Ransom E. Olds. The gasoline models account for only about 20 percent of the market, with steam and electric vehicles splitting the remainder almost equally.

"TO TELL YOU ABOUT A FEW" (ERNIE STYLE)

SIDE LIGHTS - 1973

By; Ernie Shaw

Why do we have them? Because, one day as we were driving through Golden Gate Park, a Highway Patrolman pulled alongside at the stop light, and asked- "What is it?" Instead of saying "1912 Fiat", I said "An automobile". Typical Ernie remark. Luckily the light changed and he took off like a jet with us (not) far behind.

The other one, the Franklin, was a Christmas present from Lyn, and altho I need the money, I hesitate selling because she would be just like Dorothy (Kay, that is) Gripe-Gripe-Gripe! "He didn't need the money, I don't know what came over him?"

Well to begin at the beginnine, three paragraphs later. Yaknow, we started collecting antiques (the second time around) when Gail, now Jack Benney's age, came home one evening in 1949 after a trip with a friend and said, "We saw an old car in a barn in Sonoma County that we might be able to get cheap for going to school." As in those days, there was a certain amount of communication, we determined it to be a 1919 Hudson Super-Six, four passenger Sportiff- not the worst thing on wheels at that time. And it was somewhere on Sonoma Mountain Road between Glen Ellen and Penngrove, owned by a little old rancher (sheep) who used it only to go to the store the first 10 years he owned it. I think Gail had \$40.00 in the bank, (he really used to be thrifty) so I agreed to go up with him and negotiate. We climbed in the truck and while going through Glen Ellen, I decided that for leverage in dealing, as according to Gail, the owner was Italian, we would take along a pint (big spender) of brandy. This turned out to be good judgement because to make it short we got the car for \$40.00 and a pint of brandy. We pumped up the tires, and after mentally surveying the ranch to find reasons for returning, we took off down the grade, he steering, me ahead, with just a rope between. The water-pump shaft was frozen, otherwise we'd probably have driven. I haven't told you we then lived in San Carlos so consider that tour- at night! I suppose travel restrictions weren't so rigid in those days, especially over Golden Gate. Or maybe my self-restrictions weren't so severe. Anyway the last I heard, long after it got out of Gail's hands, it sold for \$3000.00- three or four owners later.

Meanwhile, at a meeting of the SCVHCC, Bob Berg announced he knew of an Old Fiat which had been burned out, and if anyone was interested to see him after the meeting. With a not-too-gentle shove by Lyn, I saw him after the meeting, and knowing one can't hesitate in

these matters, we took off the following Saturday for San Bernadino, accompanied by the Cabrals and the Lelands. On the way, Walt bought a beautiful R.R. sedan (which he drove home) we bought a 1923 and a 1928 Pierce, now owned by Passey and Harrah, respectively (Bill seems to consider the 1928 one of his most desireable cars) and we continued on to Doc Shafer's place-es. At that time he had some 400 cars in various stages of dis-repair in various parts of the city- and the Fiat was one of the worst. In fact we couldn't make up our minds whether it was worth it (worth what?) until Walt said "Make up your mind Ernie, if you don't take it, I will." So we closed the deal, went home and arranged for the transporter to pick up those three cars- for \$44.00. When the driver came in with that mess, he was crying about the problems os loading and unloading big old junkers with flat tires, so I gave hime an extra fin.

We couldn't wait to learn what we had bought, so I replaces the spark-plug wires, (Fiat-I'm talking about) checked gas, oil and water, Lyn swept ashes, top material and other debris from the engine, I gave her a couple of priming-cup squirts, choked her, turned her over slowly a couple of times, and she started out with a ground-shaking roar.

Luckily the car has a starter, I wouldn't be able to use that method now. That was 1952. Anyway this experience was all we needed to convince us we wanted it on the road as soon as possible. You all know about restoring these things, so the rest is old stuff. Finding wheels (I bought a 1916 Cad. to get them) top-bows, new metal for burned-out body, woodwork, new ring and pinion, new upholstery, new top, etc.

As seldon as we now use the car, whenever we take it out, we still have almost the same thrill as the first time we heard it run.

So thats about the Fiat. If you want details about the others, don't get me started!

Ernie

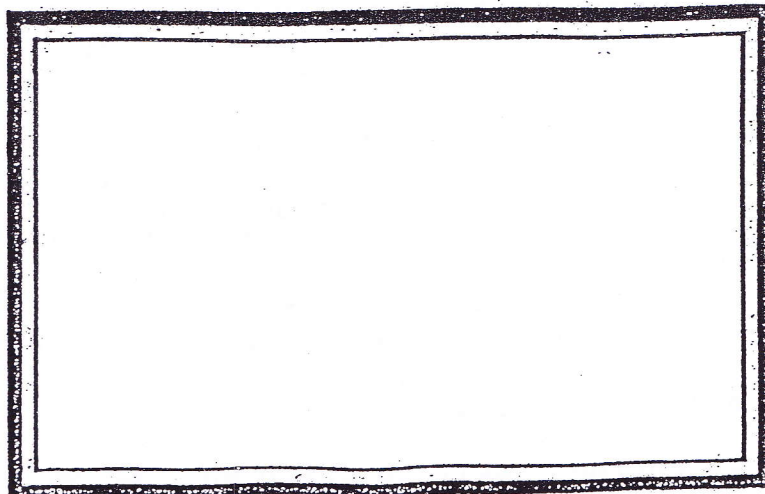
"Quotable Quotes" From The Flatland Hillbilly Tour #2
Taken From- The Brass Nuts

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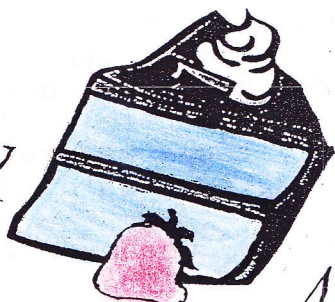
Sue Hill: "Al, did you trailer your car from Santa Rosa?"

Al Helwig: "We drive everywhere we go, we can't afford a trailer!"

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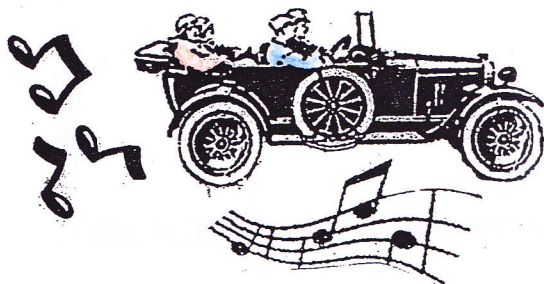
WARM BIRTHDAY WISHES



OCTOBER 10 RICHARD WINTERHALDER
OCTOBER 11 LINDA EGGLESTON
OCTOBER 20 JIM FLINT

Happy Anniversary

OCTOBER 10
RICHARD & ANNE-MARIE WINTERHALDER



THE LADIES HOME JOURNAL
October 1901
Autumn Hat

