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**SANTA ROSA**  
**REGIONAL GROUP**  
Horseless Carriage Club of America

## **President's Message**

This month we had a great tour to Geyserville. The tour was well attended, and we had a delicious brunch on the patio at Geyserville Grille.

As the year comes to an end, so does my two-year term as the club's president. Other board positions will also be coming available, so now is a good time to be deciding what position you would like to fill.

Bill Scales

# Meeting Minutes

The September 19th meeting of the SRHCC was held at Round Table Pizza on Marlow Road in Santa Rosa, CA and was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Bill Scales.

**Attendees:** We had 13 attendees this month: Bill Scales and Cinda Craven, Don and Pam Johnson, Linda Eggleston, Guy and Michelle Smith, John and Linda Pearson, Dick Winterhalder, Kathleen Jones and Stan Romando, and Wayne Simoni. We had no guests this month.

**Secretary's report:** Minutes from last month's meeting were approved as published in Sidelights.

**Treasurer's report:** Linda reported we have \$921.16 in our treasury. A motion was made and seconded and then approved to send \$50 "dues" to CCCA. Linda also thanked the club for the \$50 donation to St. Jude's Hospital made in Daryl's name.

**Correspondence/Editor:** We received no correspondence this month.

**Old Business:** Overnighter tours were discussed again this month. One suggestion was made to tag along on other club's tours since our club is small and attendance on the tours is limited. Another point was made that this is supposed to be our club's Director's tour planned by us, and that it is not the same as going on another club's tour. Further discussion will be had, but as of this meeting there will be no overnighter tour this year.

**New Business:** None.

**Tours:** This month's tour will be led by Guy and Michelle Smith. Meet at 9:30am at Raley's and leave at 10:00am. Tour will travel backroads up to Geyserville to the Geyserville Grille for brunch. We will return home via the west side of Healdsburg.

**Sunshine:** Jay Whited is home! Warren Welsh's grandson Ian and his family have moved into Warren's house to be with him.

**Website:** No report.

**Membership:** Dick will be bringing a member of his Rotary club on tour this weekend. She was the lucky winner of a raffle prize Dick donated. Both she and her husband may be interested in joining the club.

**Car Talk:** Simoni's have purchased a 1910 Model 16 Buick from their dear friend Clay Green. (Sec's Note: Sadly, Clay passed away September 25<sup>th</sup>.)

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.  
Cinda Craven, Secretary

**Where did the name " Pick Up Truck" come from? You must read until the end to learn!**

Q: What was the first official White House car?

A: A 1909 White Steamer, ordered by President Taft.

Q: Who opened the first drive-in gas station?

A: Gulf opened up the first station in Pittsburgh in 1913.

Q: What city was the first to use parking meters?

A: Oklahoma City, on July 16, 1935.

Q: Where was the first drive-in restaurant?

A: Royce Hailey's Pig Stand opened in Dallas in 1921.

Q: True or False?? The 1953 Corvette came in white, red and black?

A: False. The 1953 'Vettes were available in one color, Polo White.

Q: What was the first car fitted with an alternator, rather than a direct current dynamo?

A: The 1960 Plymouth Valiant

Q: What was the first car to be offered with a "perpetual guarantee"?

A: The 1904 Acme, from Reading, PA. Perpetuity was disturbing in this case, as Acme closed down in 1911.

Q: What car was the first to have its radio antenna embedded in the windshield?

A: The 1969 Pontiac Grand Prix.

Q: Where was the World's first three-color traffic lights installed?

A: Detroit, Michigan in 1919. Two years later they experimented with synchronized lights.

Q: What type of car had the distinction of being, GM's 100 millionth car built in the U.S. ?

A: March 16, 1966 saw an Olds Toronado roll out of Lansing, Michigan with that honor.

Q: Where was the first drive-in movie theater opened, and when?

A: Camden, NJ in 1933

Q: What autos were the first to use a standardized production key-start system?

A: The 1949 Chryslers

Q: What car was the first to place the horn button in the center of the steering wheel?

A: The 1915 Scripps-Booth Model C. The car also was the first with electric door latches.

Q: What U.S. production car has the quickest 0-60 mph time?

A: The 1962 Chevrolet Impala SS 409. Did it in 4.0 seconds.

Q: What's the only car to appear simultaneously, on the covers of Time and Newsweek?

A: The Mustang

Q: What was the lowest priced mass produced American car?

A: The 1925 Ford Model T Runabout. Cost \$260, \$5 less than 1924.

Q: What is the fastest internal-combustion American production car?

A: The 1998 Dodge Viper GETS-R, tested by Motor Trend magazine at 192.6 mph.

Q: Who wrote to Henry Ford, "I have drove Fords exclusively when I could get away with one. It has got every other car skinned, and even if my business hasn't been strictly legal, it don't hurt anything to tell you what a fine car you got in the "V-8" !!!

A: Clyde Barrow (of Bonnie and Clyde) in 1934.

Q: What car was the first production V12, as well as the first production car with aluminum pistons?

# *Riding in the 1908 Rolls at Hershey 2019*



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A: The 1915 Packard Twin-Six. Used during WWI in Italy, these motors inspired Enzi Ferrari to adopt the V12 himself in 1948.

Q: What was the first car to use power operated seats?

A: They were first used on the 1947 Packard line.

Q: Which of the Chrysler "letter cars" sold the fewest amount?

A: Only 400, 1963, 300J's were sold (they skipped "I" because it looked like a number 1)

Q: When were seat belts first fitted to a motor vehicle?

A: In 1902, in a Baker Electric streamliner racer which crashed at 100 mph. on Staten Island !

Q: In January 1930, Cadillac debuted it's V16 in a car named for a theatrical version of a 1920's film seen by Harley Earl while designing the body, What's that name?

A: The "Madam X", a custom coach designed by Earl and built by Fleetwood. The sedan featured a retractable landau top above the rear seat.

Q: What is the Spirit of Ecstasy?

A: The official name of the mascot of Rolls Royce. She is the lady on top of their radiators also known as "Nellie in her nighty".

Trivia...Ford, who made the first pick-up trucks, shipped them to dealers in crates that the new owners had to assemble using the crates as the beds of the trucks. The new owners had to go to the dealers to get them, thus they had to "pick-up" the trucks.

**And now you know the "rest of the story."**