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The Sidelights

2022



Santa Rosa

Horseless Carriage

Regional Group

Club of America

President's Message

Here we are in the year 2022 and already it is the month of February. January's dinner was a great get together. Time to catch up on what our car friends have been up to.

Now that we have warm weather, blue skies, and a sorry lack of rain, we also have a chance to service and work on our cars. With the virus slowing down we hopefully may even not to have to wear masks all the time.

Our tour date will be on a later announced date. I think we are looking forward to another get together soon. While reading Old Cars I noticed Gilmore Museum plans a winter motoring day. Guests are invited to bring snowshoes or skis for a trek around the grounds. I think I will stay in Sonoma County instead.

Good health and Happy Motoring.

President Stan Ramondo



2022 SRHCCA Installation Dinner & Meeting

So, let's start by saying it was more of a dinner party than an SRHCCA meeting, but

On Sunday January 30 we held our 2022 Officer Installation Dinner at The Union Hotel in Occidental. After adult beverages at 3:00 (outside with propane heaters), we moved into the "back room" inside for our meal at 4:00PM.

Barbara Gonnella had arranged everything perfectly (and covid-safely) for our dining delight. No one else in the room, one long table with plenty of elbow room! In attendance:

Don & Pam Johnson, John & Linda Pearson, Stan Ramondo & Kathleen Jones, Linda Eggleston, Bill Scales & Cinda Craven, Vicky Porter, Guy Smith, Trees & Kim Simoni

Sorry that Michelle Smith, Dick & Ann Marie Winterhalder, Jim Flint and Gail Shaw didn't make it!

Dinner was sublime – salad, warm breadsticks, minestrone soup, toasted bruschetta, cheese tortellini, tomato & basil ravioli and roasted chicken. Dessert was house made cookies and carrot cake! I think we all ate too much; I certainly did.

Stan (as our re-installed president; in fact all 2021 officers are reinstalled for 2022) hosted a brief meeting following the meal. Here are the key decisions:

- We must increase our membership; more discussion to come on the "how"
- We must appeal to a younger demographic; more discussion to come on the "how"
- We must tour more regularly
- We will initiate tours in 2022 during the week, not on the weekend. Wednesdays would be good for most. We will resurrect the tour signup sheet for 2022
- Monthly meetings will be held on **1st Wednesday of every month, starting with Wednesday March 2, 5:00PM at Handline in Sebastopol** We can decide then if we continue with this time each month.



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Museum of the Horseless Carriage

Celebration of Brass

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at the site of the future
Museum of the Horseless Carriage

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JULY 15th & 16th
Celebration of Brass activities on the grounds of the
Gilmore Car Museum,
Hickory Corners, Michigan

SUNDAY - TUESDAY, JULY 17th - 19th
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Host Hotel Information

Be sure to tell them that you are booking with the HCCA Convention block of rooms. If you book a room with the block and decide to cancel, please let me know ASAP so the room can be made available to anyone on the waiting list.

Thank you.

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February 20-25,2022

Howey-in-the-Hills, FL

Touring Monday - Friday

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Don't forget your dues are due...

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Floyd Clymer

By Jim Donnelly from November 2010 issue of Hemmings Classic Car



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Having been a hugely colorful, verbose personage in almost the Howard Cosell tradition, you can't help but wonder what the rollicking Floyd Clymer might have spat out after striding through a modern bookstore, excoriating any number of titles on books and cars for their vapidness and sameness. People who are really savvy about old cars, racing and motorcycles today recognize Clymer as a landmark figure. He taught a lot of subsequent imitators that Americans would eagerly read books and magazines about those topics.

Clymer's huge body of work also included the Indianapolis 500 annual for a number of years, the result of his long friendship with Ralph Hepburn, another motorcycle star of the 1920s who switched to cars, narrowly runner-upped in the 500 and was killed practicing for the 1948 race. Unquestionably, it gave other people ideas about succeeding in the world of car magazines and books. In 1951, Clymer bought Cycle magazine from its founder, Robert E. Petersen, and operated it through 1966. He also published an automotive monthly, Auto Topics. One of Clymer's final efforts before he died in 1970s was an unsuccessful attempt to revive the historic Indian motorcycle.

Born in 1895, Clymer was a physician's son. His father moved the family from Clymer's native Indianapolis to Berthoud, Colorado, on the windy Front Range. That Model T book is semi-autobiographical: Clymer described selling Reos, Maxwells and Cadillacs at age 11 from a dealership located in his father's medical office, closing a claimed 26 sales in two years. He also related a 1907 meeting with Henry Ford that occurred in Denver, and being praised as America's youngest car dealer by Teddy Roosevelt.

Regardless of whether his hagiography was factual or fanciful, Clymer was unquestionably catapulted into mechanized commerce at a young age. While it's a little bit outside the normal scope of this magazine, it's essential to understand that Clymer was a pivotal early figure in popularizing motorcycles in the United States. Following his adventures in auto retailing, Clymer became a dealer for both Harley-Davidson and Excelsior in Greeley, Colorado.

Among motorcycle historians, Clymer is regarded as a top-level early racer. He nearly won motorcycle racing's most prestigious early event, the Dodge City 300, before dropping out due to mechanical failure. He did go on to win the Pikes Peak hill climb, and other uphill titles during the 1920s, plus a national sidecar championship. Motorcycle racing was Clymer's path into his true life's work, publishing. Clymer rode the wild road on both two and four wheels with nerve and grit. He spent some time in a federal prison during the 1920s rather than admit guilt in a mail-fraud plea that would have meant no incarceration. He moved to Los Angeles following his release to sell, and race-tune, Indian motorcycles. He also established a huge mail-order parts business for both cars and motorcycles. At the same time, he started collecting things: automotive ads, old factory publicity photos, cartoons, production figures. Clymer could also count on publicity help from Hollywood in consideration for his readiness to loan them Indian motorcycles for movie shoots. Circa 1940, this was a very big deal.

All that ephemera tumbled headlong into the first book Clymer published, if not exactly "authored" in the usual sense of that term. His first work of print was entitled Floyd Clymer's Historical Motor Scrapbook. It was certainly that. The wave of material that crashed onto the pages became one of the first popular books devoted solely to automotive nostalgia, when such a thing first began emerging. Moreover, the big media of the time actually noticed it--favorably. It led, ultimately, to another Clymer title in the same vein, Floyd Clymer's Wonderful World of Automobiles. Hardcover, lots of pages, lots of info, lots of facts, all straightforwardly presented.

Those titles led to more. Many more, on all kinds of automotive subjects: marque histories (both domestic and foreign), repair manuals and driver biographies. Clymer also published the immediate post-war dry lakes and hot rod chronicles of Bob and Veda Orr, a very early American performance publication.

HCCA NATIONAL NEWS



**Re: General Members Meeting; Renewal Time; In the News; Calendar Update, Make Plans Now;
Issue: 2022-02-05 #03**

- **HCCA General Members Meeting** – On Friday, February 25, 2022, at 6:00 PM, the HCCA General Members Meeting will be held prior to the closing banquet of the HCCA 2022 Convention and Tour, in Howey-In-The-Hills, Florida. This meeting is open to ALL members. Please plan to attend.
The Meeting agenda: Introduction of new officers, review of recent board meetings, presentation of awards, and member Q&A. A Zoom component will be available.
As a reminder, the HCCA is the only antique car club that allows, and encourages, members to attend all the Board of Directors meetings. The HCCA is YOUR club!
We look forward to seeing everyone who can attend.
- **As a Reminder** - It is Time to renew your HCCA Membership. Do it Today!
- **Alan Page's 1906 Model F Buick** – In the November 23, 2021 Wall Street Journal, *My Ride*, by A.J. Baime: “Justice Alan Page, 76, a retired Minnesota Supreme Court judge and member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame living in Minneapolis, on his 1906 Buick Model F . . .” Judge Page commented: “The 1906 Buick proved to be more interesting to drive than any other car I have driven – even the Dino Ferrari I once owned. In the Dino, you could get in, turn it on, and as long as you could shift gears, you could drive it. The Buick required far more learning and engagement, and you had to be on top of it all the time.” Sounds like fun to me.
- **Calendar Update** – The latest from the HCCA Gazette and Website:
 - 2022 HCCA National Convention and Tour, Howey-in-the-Hills, FL, February 20 – 25, 2022. Hosts: Andy & Tricia Wallace. Email: andyauto@hotmail.com
 - 32nd Annual Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet, Chickasha, OK, March 18-19, 2022. Hosts: Mike or Susie Ersland 405-224-9090
 - Pate Swap Meet, Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth, TX. April 28 – 30, 2022 <https://pateswapmeet.com>
 - Tulare Brass Era/Pre-War Swap Meet 2022, April 22 - 24, 2022. The West Coast's Premier Brass Era/PreWar Event, formerly the Bakersfield Swap Meet. At the International Agri Center, Tulare, CA. Hosts: Bill Bennett 559-688-1030 Email: tmechanic@att.net or S. Chase at NewNorthSouth@gmail.com
 - Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet, Luray, VA. May 13 – 14, 2022. Contact: Dennis Fleming, Email: dennis@fairviewnet.com
 - BBC 2022 Swap Meet & Tour, Gettysburg, PA, May 15 – 19, 2022. Hosts: Patrick & Marcy Gamble Email: bbcinfo@mail.com
 - IDNET 2022 Tour, Moscow, ID, June 6 – 10, 2022. Hosts: Jim and Susan Stutzman Email: hatlady@centurylink.net
 - 64th Midwest Regional Tour, Winona, MN. June 6 – 9, 2022. Hosts: Helen Diemert and Pat Hanggi, Email: gizzmert26@aol.com
 - 2022 HCCA National 1 & 2 Tour, Bedford County, PA, June 12 – 18, 2022. Hosts: Vince & Janice Altieri. Email: cars47@comcast.net
 - HCCA National Tour, Circle Missouri Tour, Columbia, Missouri. June 26 – July 1, 2022. Contact: Chris Paulsen. Email: cp7254@hotmail.com
 - Celebration of Brass II, Show, Swap Meet and HCCA National Tour. July 14 – 19, 2022. Gilmore Museum, Hickory Corners, MI. Contact: Kevin Fleck, Email: kfleck@outlook.com Be there for the HCCA Museum Groundbreaking!
 - Southern Ontario/North New Jersey Niagara Tour. Niagara Falls, ONT. July 25 – 29, 2022. Hosts: Steve and Lynn Witt, Email: steve@stanpacnet.com or Ken and Linda Coombes, Email: kwcoombes@gmail.com

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HCCA NATIONAL NEWS



Re: HCCA Convention News; Correction; West Coast Swap Meet; Niagara Falls Area Tour

Issue: 2022-01-20 #02

- **HCCA Feb 20 – 25, 2022 Convention News**

- From Tour hosts Andy and Tricia;

“Dear Tourists, This is an update - things we know for sure. The 2022 National Tour and Convention of the Horseless Carriage Club of America, **is taking place.**

We have had a wonderful response and know everyone wants to get their cars out and drive. We understand that people may yet cancel and here are a few important things.

If you decide not to attend, you must

cancel the hotel yourself.

Call or email us to let us know if you are not coming.

As of January 20, 2022 we will no longer be able to refund the entire fee for the tour. We have had to make non-refundable deposits and order personalized, printed items, so, when we have the final count of tourists, we will calculate what, if anything, we can refund.

Planning during a pandemic is hard – for everything and everyone. We are trying to stay safe and keep everyone healthy, and as stress free as possible, and we are going to stay outside as much as we can.

It will be different, but it will be fun. We get to drive our cars, see some new places and view some new things, eat out, and drive our cars. See old friends, make new friends, drive our cars. Get away from winter weather and drive our cars. Go to Yahala Bakery (you will understand once you've been there), and drive our cars.

See you soon, and please get in touch with us if you have any questions. We will do our best ... Sincerely, Andy & Tricia

Wallace” - Email: andyauto@hotmail.com

- **Correction** – In the last issue, I reported that “the New Zealand Post has temporarily suspended the delivery of all mail into the country from the United States as of September 30, 2021.”

Well, I stand corrected. From member Chris, “It is USPS that is not sending mail to a bunch of countries, including New Zealand. NOT, New Zealand Post. If you check the USPS website you can see which countries are effected.”

The cause of this mail delay? With the cutback in air travel, this impacts mail shipments around the world. Who knew?

- **Tulare Brass Era/Pre-War Swap Meet** –

The West Coast’s Premier Brass Era/PreWar Event, formerly the Bakersfield Swap Meet. April 23 and 24, 2022, with Vendor set up on April 22nd.

This year, in conjunction with the California Antique Farm Equipment Show. At the International Agri Center, Tulare, CA. Host: Bill Bennett (559) 967-0112, . . . Email: tmechanic@att.net

Registration Info: (559) 688-1030. . . . Secondary contact: S. Chase, (323) 497-0601 or Email: NewNorthSouth@gmail.com
Pass this on to other brass era and pre-war clubs that should know about it.

- **Niagara Falls Area Tour** – Southern Ontario/ North New Jersey Niagara Tour.

Dates: July 25 thru 29, 2022. Hosts: Steve and Lynn Witt (905) 978-1254 - Email: steve@stanpacnet.com and Ken and Linda Coombs (905) 570-5129 - Email: kwcoombs@gmail.com - Limit 50 cars.

- **Tired of Winter?** – Consider HCCA Gazette Indexing. Try it! All the best people are doing it! Contact douglas.tomb@verizon.net

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Feb 14th is Kim and Wayne's Anniversary

Feb 21st is Janet Filippini's Birthday

