



# Sidelights

The Official Newsletter of the  
Santa Rosa Horseless Carriage Club of America  
**September/October 2024**



**Next Meeting:** November 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

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

## **Santa Rosa Horseless Carriage Club Meeting Minutes** **September 12, 2024**

### **Attendees:**

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



**Call to Order:** Guy Smith @ 5:44pm

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda Eggleston reports balance of \$1,466.52

### **Sunshine Report:**

Linda Pearson reports that Stan Ramondo is home now and starting recovery from brain cancer. He's completed one chemo treatment with more to come. He's doing okay at this time. Card was sent from SRHCCA.

### **Tours:**

John & Linda and Bill & Cinda all head north on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> (!) to attend the Ferndale Concourse. They are trailering their 1909 Buick and 1914 Buicks.

October's Tour will be Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Guy & Michelle Smith. Plan to visit a private collection outside Healdsburg and then picnic lunch. More details to come.

Kim will write-up the Ohio Circle Tour that she and Wayne recently completed. 820 miles over 13 days. Fun! Look for it in the next Sidelights!

**No New Biz, No Old Biz**

**Roundtable:**

Michelle Smith shared her desire to finally retire after 26 years. Date still TBD  
Many of us reminisced about Gail Shaw and his zest for life and love of Cords.

**Next Meeting:** Oct 10, 5:30PM, Round Table Pizza, Occidental Road

**Meeting Called to Close:** Guy Smith @ 6:25pm

Respectfully Submitted: Kimberly Simoni, SRHCCA Secretary

**Santa Rosa Horseless Carriage Club Meeting Minutes**

**October 10, 2024**

**Attendees:**

Guy & Michelle Smith  
John & Linda Pearson  
Linda Eggleston  
Cinda Craven & Bill Scales  
Don & Pam Johnson  
Vicky Porter



Meeting called to order at 5:36pm by Vice President Guy Smtih.

**Treasurer's Report,** Linda Eggleston: Current balance is \$1466.52

**Sunshine Report,** Linda Pearson: Linda gave an update on Stan from his sister. Great news in that his tumor has shrunk by 60%! He is back at Cal Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco to deal with some side effects of the chemo.

**Tours,** John Pearson: Next tour will tentatively be on October 26 or 27 to the Pacific Coast Air Museum with lunch to follow. Michelle & Guy will lead the tour.

John & Linda and Bill & Cinda gave a report on their Ferndale Concours weekend. Both cars should have been entered for judging vs. viewing as they need as many cars judged as possible to guarantee judges. A fun time was had in the Ferndale/Fortuna/Eureka area.

**New Business/Old Business:** None

**Roundtable:** Michelle bought Guy a mini excavator for his birthday. Pictures were shown of Guy with his new gift, as well as pictures of Phyllis and Warren's house that is being remodeled by the new owners. The house is now back on the ground!

Meeting adjourned at 6:26pm

Respectfully Submitted: Cinda Craven for Kimberley Simoni, SRHCC Secretary

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Ferndale Concours on Main Tour Report

*Linda Pearson and Cinda Craven*

It was just the two couples of John & Linda and Bill & Cinda that headed north on Friday morning, September 13<sup>th</sup>, towards Fortuna and Ferndale and the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Ferndale Concours. We didn't leave early, about 11am, because we had all been to the HCCA meeting the night before and neither of us were fully packed nor the Buicks loaded into their trailers.

Meeting up around the River Rd on-ramp, we drove to Hopland and stopped at the Bluebird Café for lunch. The food was good, but a disappointing to learn they no longer make pies! From there we continued to the Super 8 in Fortuna, stopping once at a rest area about an hour south. After checking in, we decided to drive into Ferndale to see if we could join the bay area group (who all drove Porsche's and other very fast sports cars) for dinner at the Victorian Inn. Sadly, they were at their capacity, but fortunately we were able to find a great Mexican restaurant named Tuyas that had good margaritas and an amazing Chili Verde!

Saturday morning, John, Bill and Cinda drove into Ferndale to meet up with the bay area group. We met them at Fireman's Park where we thought we would pick up a packet or badge or something. But no badges or packets needed at this event! We did meet a very nice young man, Francis Enos, who was behind the wheel of a 1923 American LaFrance Pumper fire engine and an owner of several vintage cars and tractors.



He graciously offered to let us park our trucks and trailers at his shop, Francis Enos Fire Pump Repair, on the day of the Concours. We really were not relishing getting onto Hwy 101 with the old cars, and this provided us a great place to safely park on Sunday. We were a little worried about lane width with our trailers on the Ferndale Bridge (total width of both lanes is 24 feet), but we had no trouble.

Returning to Fortuna, Linda joined us, and we ventured downtown and followed Michelle's recommendation to try the Il Forno Bakery. It was very good advice as the coffee was quite good and the pastries delicious. Maybe not the healthiest breakfast, but we're on vacation, right? From there we headed into downtown Eureka for lunch (because after just eating we needed to eat again!) and to Jack's Seafood on the waterfront and right next door to where we would catch our Humbolt Bay Harbor Cruise at 1pm. The group dined on very generous portions of burgers, chicken sandwiches, and seafood sandwiches. The restaurant was able to handle our group of about 30 plus in an hour, and promptly at 1pm we were on the vessel Madaket piloted by Captain Doby.

We had no idea you could take a harbor tour, but it was a fun thing to do. Captain Doby talked about the local history and wildlife of the bay, took us by the Lost Fishermen's Statue (a



memorial to those lost at sea), and pointed out the Carson Mansion during the 75-minute ride. Once disembarked, we had another 1.5 hours to wander around downtown Eureka. Right next door was a shop named Dick Taylor Craft Chocolate. How can you not go there?

We continued along the waterfront and then cut a few blocks inland to go to a very interesting shop called Carl's Car World, (Carl being Carl Schneider, an automotive enthusiast, competitive driver, designer, builder and collector of all things auto) full of car parts, automotive art, vintage car advertising, vintage dealership giveaways and

design models. Linda found a vintage VW shirt for her sister's birthday (a VW owner back in the day) that were designed to be worn by the dealership salesmen when the VW bug was introduced. Vintage, but new and unused. Very cool. After poking our heads into a few other shops, it was time to return to our lunch spot and head back towards Fortuna on backroads to a cute barn event venue for our last stop of the day, appetizers and drinks and ice cream.



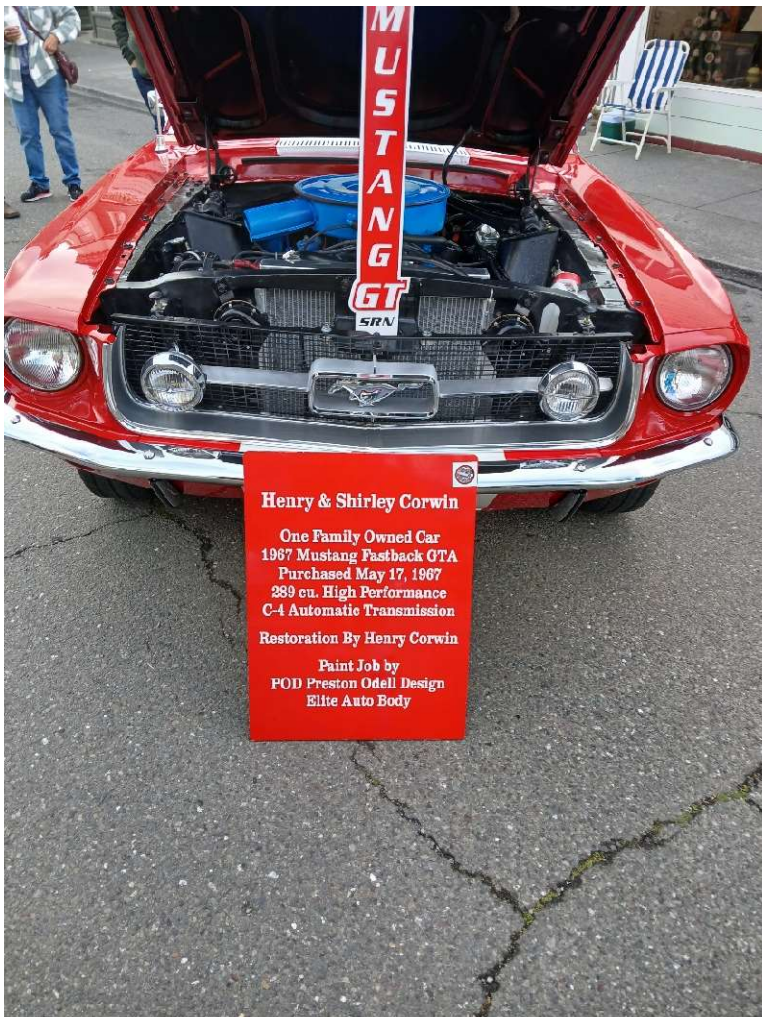
We followed the Porsches and Lamborghinis and Jaguars and Ferraris over a very narrow and bumpy country lane, watching them bottom out on the high spots and seeing sparks fly. Yikes! They really like to drive fast! Our destination was the North Coast Hitching Post in Loleta, a 1914 hay barn on 5 acres with ocean views that has been restored and turned into a lovely celebration spot. The appetizers (catered from the Victorian Inn in Ferndale) were amazing and filling. The open bar and ice cream station (from Jersey Scoops, an ice cream shop in Loleta that makes their ice cream from local Jersey cow milk, not cream) were also a nice touch.



The next morning was show time! We trailered into Ferndale, parked and unloaded the cars, and drove to Ferndale Pizza where we picked up a goody bag and got instructions for where we were to park. As the two oldest cars at the event, we were parked right up by the Victorian Inn and the Concours stage. Neither of us had entered our cars to be judged, but we were told that would have been helpful for them.

They need a minimum of 50 cars to be judged to get accredited judges. Next time. The old cars really do get a lot of attention! We did a little shopping and eating during the show, and as we walked by the local theater, we saw it was opening weekend for “Blythe Spirit”. Linda and Cinda, along with Choi (a fun and delightful partner of one of the Ferrari owners) attended the afternoon show. The Concours concluded about 4pm, and John and Bill drove the Buicks back to their trailers, loaded them up and meet us ladies at the Victorian Inn for dinner.





We left the following morning after stopping at Starbucks for coffee, and each couple made their way home on their own. It was a fun, memory filled weekend. Sadly, this may be the last year for the Concours as the gentleman who organizes it is dealing with some age and health issues.



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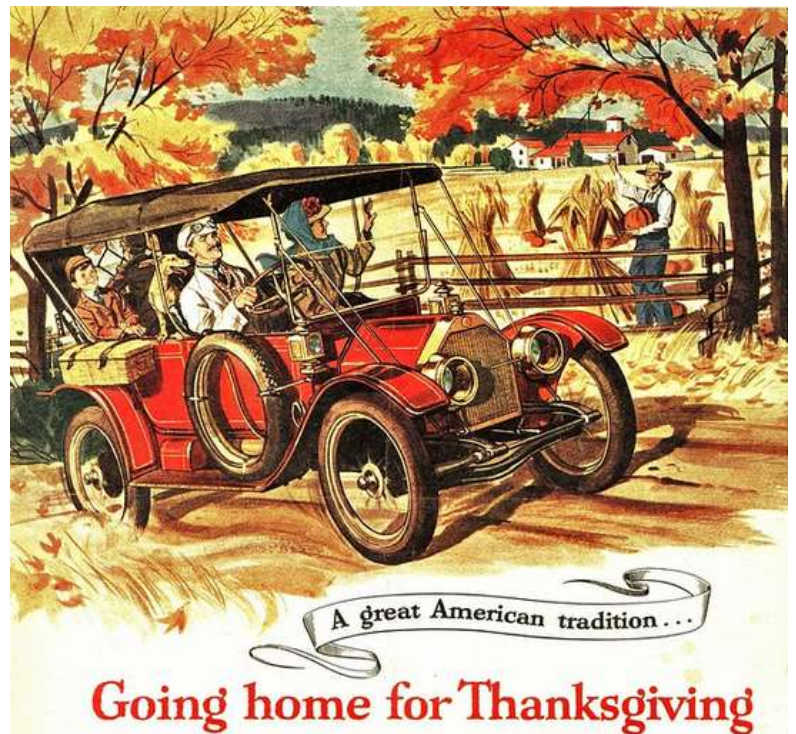
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Pam Johnson, November 7  
Linda Pearson, November 11



# HCCA NATIONAL NEWS



Re: New Members; 2025 Convention & Tour; Gazette Scan Project; Time to Vote; Awards; . . .

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## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

- **We Welcome New Members** – There is more than one way to encourage new members to join the HCCA. The best is to encourage a prospective new member to join the Club, so they can receive the Gazette and see what they have been missing.  
A second option is the Brass Car New Owner Program. If you sell a brass car, or hear of a new owner of a brass car (who is not a current member), send their name and address to Lindsey, and the Club will give them a One Year Trial Membership, including six issues of the Gazette.  
And, there is a Third option. If you know someone who should be a member, and has *never been a member*, you can give them a Gift Membership. It will cost you only \$19.15. Wow, that should reduce the Christmas Gift List by half!  
Contact Lindsey [office@hcca.org](mailto:office@hcca.org)
- **2025 HCCA Convention & Tour** – For the first time, the National Convention & Tour will be held in the Piedmont region of Virginia.  
Experience this historic and beautiful region of the country, situated amidst rolling landscapes and spectacular views of the Blue Ridge Mountains, in your brass car.  
The Registration Form and Tour Details are available now, just Email the tour Hosts: Beverly and Doug Tomb at: [pathwaysofpresidents@gmail.com](mailto:pathwaysofpresidents@gmail.com) or call 703-967-5229.  
Mark your calendar, the Convention & Tour dates are April 27 thru May 3, 2025.
- **Gazette Scan Project** – From HCCA President Russell Holden: “The HCCA National Board has embarked on a major project of having every Gazette from 1938 onwards scanned and available to members on the HCCA Web site, in the Members Only section. . . . we were excited to receive the kind donation of a virtually complete set of HCCA Gazettes from long-time member Duane Perrin.” Thank You Duane!  
“The project now needs approximately \$5,000 to complete the scanning process. To do this, we are establishing a request for donations. . . Our HCCA Web site will have a “*donate now*” button for this project, or donations can be made directly to the Office” Contact Lindsey [office@hcca.org](mailto:office@hcca.org)
- **Time to Vote!** – No, not for Federal, State or Local Elections!  
This is important, this is for the 2025 HCCA Board of Directors Election candidates.  
Your ballot arrives with the November-December 2024 Gazette issue. Two envelopes will be provided, along with instructions.  
Make your choices, vote for only five, and mail it before December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. No need to wait, please **Mail it right away!**
- **Marian Welch and Art Twohy Awards** – The Marian Welch Service Award is the Horseless Carriage Club’s most prestigious National Honor, and the Art Twohy Service Award, is the Horseless Carriage Club’s new Regional Honor. Please send member nominations to the HCCA Office address.  
The Marian Welch and Art Twohy Award nominations can also be submitted by email, to: [office@hcca.org](mailto:office@hcca.org)

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Board Member – HCCA NN Editor . . .

# California RENDEZVOUS IV



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**Questions?**

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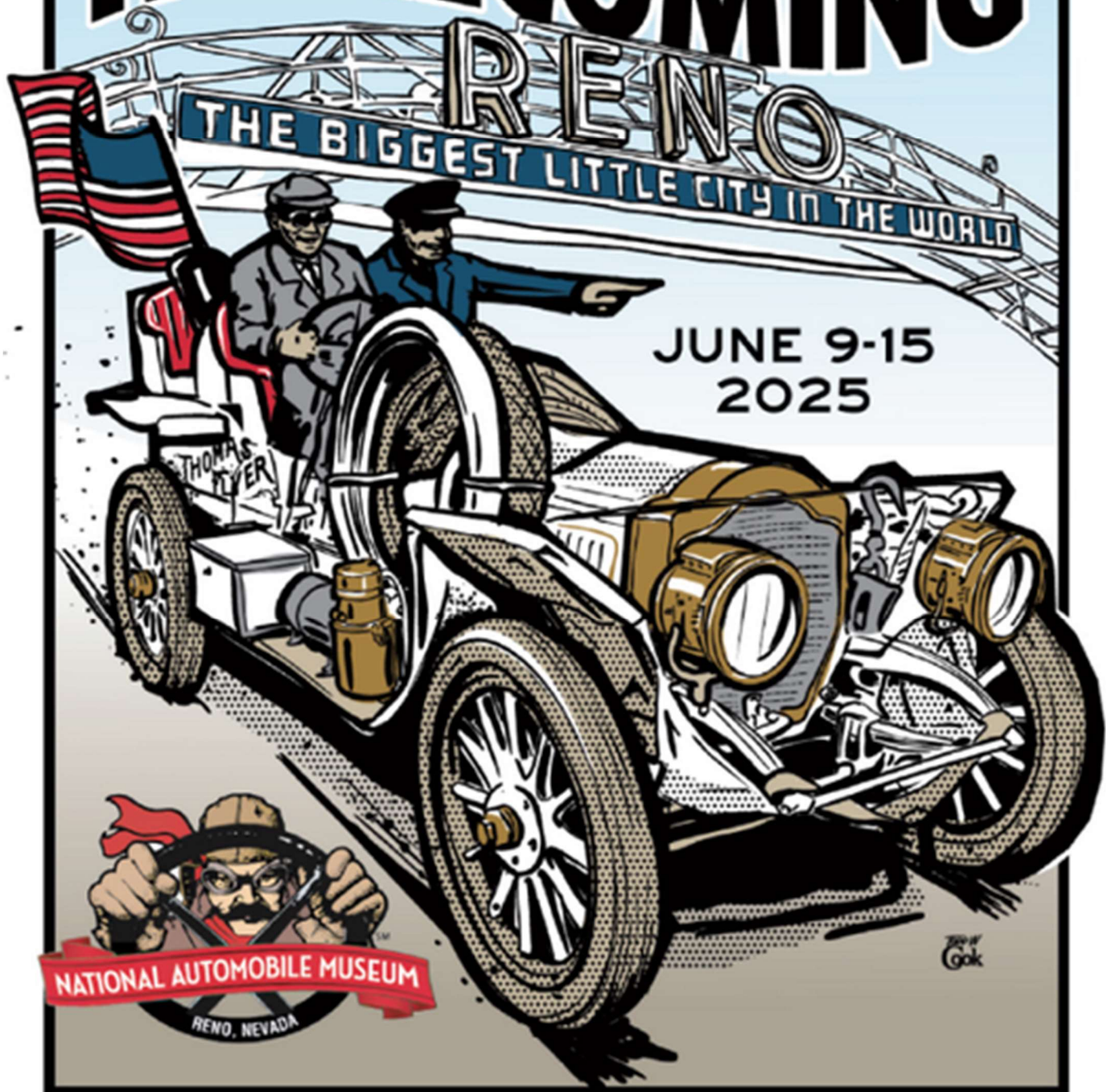
California Rendezvous 4 will be a multi-region hosted tour and will happen immediately after the Bakersfield Swap Meet at Famoso Raceway. It will be another excellent event so do not miss it!

Tour registration is open! Tour registration requires a \$50 deposit. Stay tuned for final tour pricing soon.

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