



Sidelights

The Official Newsletter of the
Santa Rosa Horseless Carriage Club of America
January/February 2024



Next Meetings: March 14th and April 11th at 5:30pm

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

Santa Rosa Horseless Carriage Club Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2024

Attendees:

John & Linda Pearson
Linda Eggleston
Wayne & Kim Simoni
Bill Scales & Cinda Craven
Guy & Michelle Smith
Stan Ramondo

Meeting called to order at 5:45 by VP Guy Smith (President Stan arrived about 6:00)



Treasurer's Report, Linda Eggleston: \$1,371.52

Sunshine Report, Linda Pearson:

Sympathy card to Michelle Smith for her mother's passing
Get well card to Stan Ramondo for quick ulcer recovery

Membership:

- Guy will reach out to new owner (Petaluma) of Jay Whited's roadster once we start touring (April)
- 2024 dues still outstanding (due):
 - Jim Flint
 - Don & Pam Johnson
 - Donna Jones
 - Dick & AnnMarie Winterhalder
 - Kim & Wayne Simoni (paid cash at Feb 8 meeting)
 - Guy & Michelle Smith (paid by check at Feb 8 meeting)

Tours: John Pearson et al

- Sign-up sheet for tours will be circulated at March meeting (Thursday March 14, 5:30 PM Round Table Occidental Road)
- Agreed that for many/most touring attendance is better if tour is on Sunday
- Chattanooga National Convention & Tour – March 15-20; Simonis are attending; likely no one else from SRHCCA

Lots of options for 1st week of May:

- May 3-4-5: Lake County A's Spring Opener
- May 4-5: "Bakersfield" Swap Meet, Famoso Raceway, McFarland CA (about 20 miles from Bakersfield). Setup is May 3
- May 5: Fisherman's Festival, Bodega Bay (John Pearson)
- May 5-8: California Rendezvous, Paso Robles
- June 9-13: ABC Tour, Strasburg PA (previously known as BBC)
- John proposes we piggyback on the Ferndale Tour for our overnighiter. Drive or trailer up on Sept 13, Tour Sept 14-15, home on Sept 16

New Business: All

- Agreed to reinstate a writeup person (and photographer) for our upcoming monthly tours.
- Will begin submitting our tour writeups to Tracy Leshner for publishing in Regional Highlights in the Horseless Carriage Gazette
- Let's get "creative" in planning our tours. People spend big \$\$ to come to Sonoma County on vacation, so why not tour to/from many of our amazing (and taken for granted?) locations:
 - Calistoga
 - Packard Museum, Rohnert Park
 - Sonoma
 - Healdsburg
 - Sonoma Coast
 - Armstrong Redwoods
 - Other?
- Stan will begin to provide President's Message to Cinda (our new Sidelights Editor) every month. Cinda will remind him 😊



Meeting called to close at 6:20PM by President Stan Ramondo

Respectfully Submitted: Kimberley Simoni, SRHCC Secretary

Santa Rosa Horseless Carriage Club 2024 Installation Dinner

Kim Simoni

While the 49ers crushed the Lions on Sunday January 27, members of the Santa Rosa Horseless Carriage Club met at the Union Hotel in Occidental for our annual Officer Installation Dinner and “meeting”!

In attendance:

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



After happy hour and a fabulous meal, the following officers were re-installed for 2024:

President: Stan Ramondo
Vice president: Guy Smith
Secretary: Kim Simoni
Treasurer: Linda Eggleston
Tour Chair: John Pearson
Sunshine: Linda Pearson
Editor: Cinda Craven
Webmaster: Wayne Simoni



A motion was raised (and passed) to move our monthly SRHCCA meetings to the second THURSDAY of every month so as not to conflict with Santa Rosa Cycling Club at Round Table Pizza.

For Sale – 1909 Reo Touring

My name is Karen Kruse and my husband Marlyn (Marty) passed away 2 years ago. We were active members in the Clubs in South Dakota and Colorado and attended many tours and events. We moved here from Colorado 8 years ago due to his health, and regrettably, he was never able to partake of any old car activities. I am contacting your club now as I am in possession of the final car of his that I wish to sell. It is a 1909 Reo touring, an older restoration with an unrestored rear tonneau. I currently live west of Graton but am moving into Santa Rosa and will not have ability to store. I am advertising locally before I go to Hemmings, etc. He found out about this car when he was on one of his annual treks to Hershey swap meet. He purchased it from Herb Singe from NJ. There are also old car parts that I would be interested in selling. **Karen Kruse (707) 527-2729 martykru@msn.com**

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KEY	OFFICERS & POSITIONS	
(E) = Email	President: Stan Ramondo	Editor: Cinda Craven
(F) = Fax	Vice Pres: Guy Smith	Historian: Stan Ramondo
(W) = Work Phone	Secretary: Kim Simoni	Membership: Dick Winterhalder
(C) = Cell Phone	Treasurer: Linda Eggleston	Sunshine: Linda Pearson
(NDNP) National Dues Not Paid	Directors: Bill Scales	Tour Chair: John Pearson
(LDNP) Local Dues Not Paid		Webmaster: Wayne Simoni

Got a birthday or anniversary?

Cinda Craven

Let us help celebrate you! Please send me the day and month (no need to include the year) of your birth and/or anniversary. Or let me know at the next meeting, and we'll be sure you are recognized in future Sidelights!





We Drive, Then Drink!

From left to right:

Bill Scales, John Pearson, Wayne Simoni, Kim Simoni, Stan Ramondo and Guy Smith all seem to be happy enjoying beverages at Negri's after one of last year's tours!

NATIONAL TOUR UPDATES

Lindsey Jackson, HCCA Executive Secretary

The deadline for Hotel/Tour registration has been extended to the 29TH of February. Matt Millsaps from Coker tire will be in hand to answer questions about tires and future production of previously unavailable sizes.

Chattanooga, Tenn. – Coker Tire is proud to announce a partnership with the Horseless Carriage Club of America's National Convention and Tour for 2024. Coker Tire will sponsor the "Tireless Tire Award" that will be presented to a tour participant that has completed all the scheduled tours during the week. After each tour day, participants that have completed the tour will have their name entered for a drawing. The winner will receive a trophy and a \$500 gift certificate towards purchase of four tires.

Coker Tire Company, Inc. of Chattanooga, Tennessee is the world's largest manufacturer of tires and wheels for collector vehicles, with distributors in more than 30 countries. The company offers authentic bias-ply and nostalgia-style radial tires for collector vehicles from the late 1890s through the 1990s. Coker Tire was the first company to introduce a wide whitewall radial tire - the Coker Classic - for collector vehicles. For more information, to request a catalog or to place an order, call (800)-251-6336 or visit the website at www.cokertire.com.

HCCA NATIONAL NEWS



Re: **General Members Meeting; Bakersfield Swap Meet; What's on the Calendar–Thank You Jim!**
Issue: **2024-03-01 #03**

- **HCCA 2024 General Members Meeting** – The most important event of the Chattanooga Convention and Tour, is the Annual General Member's Meeting. This year, the meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20th, at the Westin Chattanooga Hotel, 801 Pine Street, Chattanooga, TN. The AGM will be held March 20th from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. This is your chance to meet with the HCCA Board of Directors in person, or by Zoom, and ask questions, or make suggestions. Put it on your calendar and plan to attend.
- **Bakersfield Swap Meet** – The Brass Era/Pre-War Swap Meet will be held May 3 – 4, 2024. The Central Valley Swap Meet will be held at the Famoso Drag Strip Facility in the Yellow Zone of the Swap-O-Rama. Vendor spaces are now available! Visit famosodragstrip.com and reserve a space in the Yellow Zone! Questions? Bill Bennett: tmechanic@att.net or Steven Chase: NewNorthSouth@gmail.com
- **What's on the Calendar** – The Latest from the HCCA Gazette and Website:
 - 34th Annual Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet, Chickasha, OK, March 15 – 16, 2024. Gates open at 7:00 AM March 15th for Vendors, and at 10:00 AM for the public. Hosts: Mike and Susie Erland. (405) 224-9090.
 - HCCA National Convention and Tour, Chattanooga, TN. March 15 - 20, 2024. Jeff Stumb, at jeff@greatrace.com
Plus: Coker Tire special offer!
 - Green Brass Tour – Niles (Fremont), CA, Sunday, March 17, 2024. A casual Tour of scenic back roads and green hills. Contact: Tony Wollesen: (408) 406-6639 or Gary Mills (510) 656-9192.
 - 58th Annual Portland Auto Swap Meet, Portland EXPO Center, Portland, OR, April 5 – 7, 2024. Sponsor: Portland Regional Group: pdxswap@aol.com portlandswapmeet.com
 - Snappers Brass and Gas Spring Tour – Thomasville, GA. April 21 – 27, 2024. Registration deadline March 15, 2024. Contact: Ed & Pam Prince 229-327-1765 momasipia@hotmail.com
 - California Rendezvous III – Paso Robles, CA, May 5 – 8, 2024. Contact: Jim Skillicorn, (831) 455-5105 hcca.salinasvalley@gmail.com
 - Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet, Luray, VA, May 10 – 12, 2024. Contact: Dennis Fleming, 540-860-1384
 - Midwest Brass & Gas Regional Spring Tour, Madison, IN. May 16 – 18, 2024. Glenn & Jeanie Miller, 313-671-1170
 - Soledad 1&2 Cylinder Tour, Salinas Valley, CA. May 20 – 24, 2024. Hosts: Western Gaslight 1&2 Cyl Touring Club. Tony Wollesen 408-406-6639.
 - 66th Midwest Regional HCCA Tour, Dyersville, IA. June 9 – 13, 2024. Sponsor: Fargo Red River Valley Regional Group. Host: Helen Diemert 701-388-9797, gizmert26@aol.com
 - 2024 HCCA ABC National Tour, Strasburg, PA, June 9 – 13, 2024. Hosts: Susquehanna Valley Regional Group and Old Time Touring Club. Limit 45 cars. Email Jeff jeff.lesher@outlook.com or Shawn at ottmembership@yahoo.com

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These pictures are just as they occurred

Green Brass Tour

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Greetings:

Join us for a Casual Tour of scenic Back Roads and Green Hills on this 35-mile +/- round trip. Bring your Brass Car of whatever you've got running.

Arrive as early as 8:00 for Coffee & Donuts and a 9:00 AM departure. Meet at 37645 2nd Street, Niles (Fremont) CA, at Gary Mills Garage (the Old Firehouse.)

We'll drive to Sunol and catch the Steam Train for a short rail excursion on the historic Niles Canyon Railway. Then back to the old cars with the tour continuing down Foothill Road to Dublin Canyon Road, then back to Niles via Palomares Road.

Trailer Parking is available at the Niles Train Depot, behind their east parking lot, 37682 Niles Boulevard.

For questions and RSVP, please call. . .

. . . Tony Wollesen: (408) 406-6639 or Gary Mills: (510) 656-9192

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2024

May 5 - 8

Join Four California Regional Groups for a "Spring Fling" in your Horseless Carriage, through the beautiful Coastal Region of Central California



2023 People's Choice Award
1910 Chalmers-Detroit
Steve & Pam Ness

Experience a new adventure every day, carefully curated by each Regional Group for an exciting and diverse journey. Explore breathtaking landscapes during the day and unwind with friends in the evening, creating unforgettable memories together.

Tour Highlights

- Explore lonely roads through scenic hills & valleys to towns far off the beaten path.
- Visit a picturesque winery and sample a variety of exquisite vintages.
- Experience a rustic countryside ranch and indulge in a delicious barbecue feast complete with all the fixin's.
- *And much more!*

QUESTIONS? Contact Jim Skillicorn
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Visit hcca.org for Registration Form or contact Jim

Sign Up Today!



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Make your hotel reservation today!

La Quinta Inn & Suites

Paso Robles

2615 Buena Vista Drive
(805) 239-3004

Group Code: Horseless Carriage Club
Group Rate: \$144/night + tax

Eligibility: Vehicles manufactured prior to 1916

On-site Trailer Parking

WESTERN GASLIGHT 1 & 2 CYLINDER TOURING CLUB

presents...

Soledad 1 & 2 Cylinder Tour



MAY 20 - 22, 2024

Soledad California

If you're looking for a leisurely, traffic-free backroads tour for your 1 or 2 cylinder automobile, look no further than the picturesque Salinas Valley. With its rich agricultural history and home to literary giant, John Steinbeck, there's plenty to see & do.

You'll also enjoy plenty of great food & drink and the camaraderie of your fellow horseless carriage enthusiasts. *Sign up today, as space is limited!*

QUESTIONS? CONTACT TONY WOLLESEN



(408) 406-6639



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For registration form, contact Tony directly.

ELIGIBILITY: 1, 2 & 3 cylinder cars and 4 cylinder cars no greater than 15 h.p. Electric cars, steam cars & all motorcycles. Eligible vehicles manufactured prior to Jan 1st 1916

Itinerary

Monday, May 20: Registration. Half-day tour starts at 2 PM to Greenfield where we'll visit a vineyard and learn about the grape growing process. Then enjoy a BBQ dinner in the winery's rustic event barn.

Tuesday, May 21: Visit a renowned restoration shop, then tour a private automobile museum in Salinas and enjoy lunch in their '50s-style diner. Visit the Steinbeck House with a docent-led tour, then onward to the little town of Gonzales for dinner.

Wednesday, May 22: Take a leisurely drive to a country elementary school and share our cars with the children, then visit a solar-powered off-grid winery where a BBQ lunch will be served, then back to the motel early afternoon to prepare for the Farewell Banquet.

BAKERSFIELD BRASS ERA / PRE-WAR SWAP MEET



Bakersfield SWAP MEET will be held in the **YELLOW ZONE** at the Swap-O-Rama. Vendor spaces are now available! Visit famosodragstrip.com and reserve your spot today in the **YELLOW ZONE!**

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