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The Skagit-Snohomish Regional Group of the Horseless Carriage Club of America is a non-profit corporation with an active membership dedicated to the preservation of pre-1916 motorized vehicles, literature, accessories, history, and associated items.

Any person/family who is a current member of the Horseless Carriage Club of America, with interest or ownership in pre-1916 vehicles shall be eligible to apply for membership. Dues are **\$25.00** per year and include a minimum of 10 issues of the *Brass Ramblings* newsletter annually.

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## President's Ramblings

Good afternoon, or any time of the day you are reading this column. Well, once again, I don't have a ton of items to talk about, but we do have a few small items that are usually talked about this time of year: new officers, and board members. When we had our meeting at the Farrell's last month, it was suggested that maybe we keep all the current positions. If that sounds OK to everyone, then we will proceed with that. Now if you would like to step up and have an election, we can do that too, at the next meeting we have.

We participated in a quick tour that the Schmid's put together a few weeks ago with the Model T club, starting in Snohomish, and they had about 12 cars show up. Good turn out for a cold but sunny Sunday! We toured all the way to Granite Falls, where we had lunch. Gayle and I took our Cadillac and was by far the earliest car on tour. It felt good to get the car out after not driving it all summer!

We have made the decision to not have our December get together, based on the current events around Covid. I feel that is the best thing that we can do to help stem this thing. We will be back in force in just a few months and will be able to tour, tour, tour, and of course eat Ice Cream!

As you probably have heard by now, we lost another club member, Vicki Markley. She was always the first to volunteer for a position on a tour or fill a club officer position. When she was the secretary for the club, she was always calling me to remind me of what we needed to talk about on our agenda at the meetings. I have always admired her spunk and enthusiasm on any subject, from playing bunko, to putting together a lady's night program on our tours. She also has been so generous with her grandkids' things, handing them down to Gayle and I for Harper. I will miss her from the bottom of my heart.

Well, as we draw the year of 2020 to an end, all I can say is it SUCKED. I am looking forward to 2021 as a new beginning/clean slate.

Have a very happy holiday season, and will see you on our zoom meeting this Saturday and maybe, just maybe, everything will turn out much better next year.

Harold III



## **From the Editor**

### **Sad News**

This issue has a Memorial page written by Elaine Ellis for Vicki Markley who passed away at the hospital on November 2, 2020. Our sympathies are extended to Ray and family.



<https://obituaries.neptunesociety.com/obituaries/tacoma-wa/vicki-markley-9887651>

### **October Party**

Thank you, Pat and Merrily Farrell for hosting a festive Halloween gathering. Hopefully the pictures will show how much we enjoyed ourselves.

### **Calendar Updates**

After some online searching, I found some events to include in the calendar, at least for now.

### **HCCA National News**

Many of you receive the HCCA National News emails, but for those who don't, I have included the most recent information about the national website, how to update your HCCA data, the Museum of the Horseless Carriage, several opportunities to nominate members for awards, and the National Convention.

# 2020 Calendar – Subject to Change

Please submit calendar updates to Linda Schmidt promptly, as future planning depends on this information. The events in **BOLD** are still scheduled as of the publishing of this newsletter.

## November 2020

Nov. 21 **Skagit-Snohomish Regional Zoom Meeting @10:00am**

**December 2020 – No December Skagit/Snohomish HCCA meeting**

**January 2021 - TBD**

**February 2021 - TBD**

## March 2021

Mar. 19-20 **31<sup>st</sup> Annual Chickasha Swap Meet, Chickasha, OK. Hosts: Mike or Susie Ersland, 405-224-9090**

## April 2021

Apr. 11- 14 **National HCCA Convention, San Diego, CA. Contact Keene Brewer for details: 509-969-9494**

## May 2021

May 14-15 **Gilmore Car Museum Tour and Show, Hickory Corners, MI**

## June 2021

**July 2021**

**August 2021**

**September 2021**

## October 2021

Oct. 6 **AACA National Fall Meet, Hershey, PA.**

**November 2021**

**December 2021**



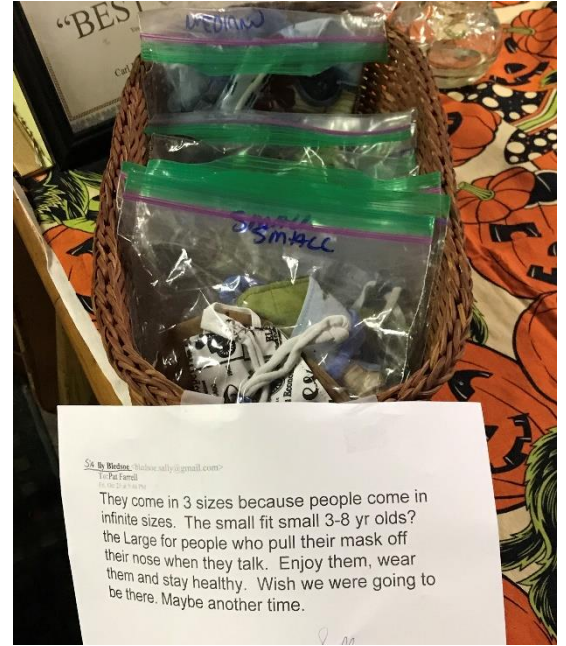
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## October Meeting

The Halloween Party was fun for those who were able to attend. The Museum was festively decorated

and we wore custom-made masks created by Sally Bledsoe. Members came from as far away as Georgia. Can you guess who's who? We spread out and enjoyed our sack lunches.



Sally Bledsoe - @sally\_bledsoe\_sally@gmail.com  
The Pat Family

They come in 3 sizes because people come in infinite sizes. The small fit small 3-8 yr olds? the Large for people who pull their mask off their nose when they talk. Enjoy them, wear them and stay healthy. Wish we were going to be there. Maybe another time.



Which is scarier? Steve Schmidt or the witch?



Front row: Steve Gordon, Bill Graham, Harold Musolf III, Blanche Gordon, Elliott Fletcher. In car: Pat and Merrily Farrell. Back row: Linda Schmidt [Photo taken by Steve Schmidt]

# In Memory

We have lost a wonderful, devoted club member in the passing of Vicki Markley. Vicki passed away on November 2 from a battle with cancer. Her husband Ray and daughters Allison and Lisa were at her side. Vicki was such an important part of the club with her vitality, commitment, and always a winning smile. She was the club treasurer for a number of years. She was also a big supporter of the annual September regional tour. Always the smiling face at registration time. She and husband Ray never missed a tour. She will be missed. Rest in peace wonderful lady.

Vicki with daughters Lisa and Allison, and granddaughter Zoey.







# HCCA NATIONAL NEWS

**New HCCA Website** – Russell Holden and the HCCA Website Committee have been meeting weekly since early March to go over the requirements, content, and overall improvements for our website. These efforts included the overall Project direction, web vendor meetings, a fresh website appearance, new content requirements, improved page navigation, an updated Classified Ad Section, and a new feature: The "Members Only" Section. Significant effort was put into defining the content that would be available to the public, vs that which would be a "Members Only" benefit. The committee established a photo contest to assist with building fresh content, and discussed in detail (with assistance from member John Gebhard) the development of our data base and how this will be used in our Members Only section. The Club's roster will be available in the new section, and will include a search facility for members by name, by vehicle make and year, etc. The plan is to reduce the need for a printed roster and the increasing costs associated with that publication. Tracy Leshner is converting past Gazette issues to pdf, and the most recent 12 issues will be available for download in the "Members Only" section. The 13<sup>th</sup> (2 years old) issue will be on the public section of the site, as a teaser for potential new members. More recently the committee has been meeting with our Web vendor weekly to provide direction on logistics and layout, as well as continually building new content. The updated site is receiving its final touches, has been shown to and tested by the HCCA Board, and will go live in early November. Thank You to Russell Holden, and to Committee members: Don Plumb, Steve Cook, Keene Brewer, Mike Reid, Doug Tomb, and Technical Advisor Jenna Plumb. And, Thank You to HCCA Webmaster Brad Balduff and Website Development Manager Lisa Dryer.

**Update Your HCCA Data** – Now that the Website Committee has completed their work, it is your turn. Do you have any changes to the information about YOU that is listed in the HCCA Roster? With the New HCCA Website, that data will be online (and secure), in the Members Only section of the Website. Double check your address, phone number, email address, and your list of your horseless carriages, and send all updates to HCCA Executive Secretary Sharon Gooding at [office@hcca.org](mailto:office@hcca.org).

**Museum of the Horseless Carriage** – As many of you know, there has been a desire for many years to establish a museum completely dedicated to Brass Era cars and the pioneers who made them a reality. The willingness of the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan to accept us as one of the partner museums on their 90-acre property is really the only practical answer.

We have begun a three-year capital campaign to raise \$3,000,000 which will be used to build the 10,000 square foot building, pay for the display materials and furnishings, as well as create a \$1,300,000 endowment to insure its long-term viability. The first step in that process is to create a display in the existing Steam Barn, which is currently underway.

One of the most exciting elements in this program is the plan to have a national signature HCCA event at the museum annually. The first event, A Celebration of Brass

@ The Gilmore, is in the planning stages and more details will be coming very shortly in the HCCA Gazette and on the HCCA Website.

All of this will only happen if supported financially by the Horseless Carriage community. The deadline for our initial phase funding of \$100,000 is the end of 2020. If you would like to support this effort, please contact Bob Ladd at 717-269-5508 or [jbobladd@ptd.net](mailto:jbobladd@ptd.net), or make a check payable to: Museum of the Horseless Carriage and send it to Bob Ladd, 640 Zinn's Mill Road, Lebanon, PA 17042.

**HCCA Publication Awards** – In order for your HCCA publication or website to be considered for an award, you must mail Alex Huppe ([alexhuppe@aol.com](mailto:alexhuppe@aol.com)) at least three copies of your publication, or the address of your website, and the name and contact information of the Webmaster. If you have Alex on your distribution list, your publication is automatically considered for an award. Alex will begin reviewing materials in December. Don't delay!

**Marian Welch Award** – The Marian Welch Service Award is presented to a member or members, who have demonstrated truly outstanding service to the HCCA. Members are now asked to submit to the HCCA office, on or before January 31, 2021, recommendations of candidate(s) to be considered by the Board of Directors.

The Qualifications are:

**Member** for minimum of 10 years;

**Active involvement** at the local and National levels;

Different **Leadership Positions** held;

Demonstrated **Outstanding Service**;

**Dedication and, Consistent and Continuing Service** shown.

Since this is the highest honor that can be given to an HCCA member, nominations should include the following information: Membership length; Leadership positions held; Activities performed; Types of Service at the local and National levels; Efforts to promote Club values; and the Helping and Mentoring of others.

Please send member nominations and information to:

Awards Committee Chairperson

c/o HCCA Office

1301 North Manship Place

Meridian, ID 83642

The Award nominations can be submitted by email as well. The nomination and supporting documents should be in a document attached to the email. Please send email nominations to: [office@hcca.org](mailto:office@hcca.org)

Andy Wallace, Awards Committee Chair.

**HCCA 2021 National Convention** – Planning to attend? Please reserve Now! Contact Keene Brewer for details: [2bkeene@prodigy.net](mailto:2bkeene@prodigy.net)

**Doug Tomb** / [Douglas.tomb@verizon.net](mailto:Douglas.tomb@verizon.net)

Board Member – HCCA NN Editor ...

# Classifieds:

## For Sale:

1911 Maxwell AB Roadster, 1929 Plymouth Roadster, 1930 Plymouth Roadster, 1932 Plymouth Roadster, 1932 Plymouth Conv. Sedan Jim Beuzenberg 360-733-1655

## For Sale:

1916 Overland 83B Touring. Needs new leather clutch installed (new clutch leather will be included in sale) and brake linkage sorted. Improved mono-block design with electric starter and generator. \$18k.

Steve Hammatt Mount Vernon WA

Email: [gsteve@hammatt.com](mailto:gsteve@hammatt.com)

or phone 360-661-6060.

## For Sale:

1915 Kissel Kar  
Model 642 7 Passenger Touring  
Jump seats fold out ahead of rear seat  
Top is in excellent condition  
Engine rebuilt 2019 runs great  
Tire size: 36x42  
Paint is Oriental Red "dark maroon" pin striped  
Asking \$100,000 OBO  
Call Glenn Slack at 503-694-8488.



## Wanted:

Clock face or visible gas pumps, old original porcelain signs, and oil cans. Call Tom 425-236-2747.

## Wanted:

1931 Plymouth model PA.

Elliott Fletcher, Email: [epjaf@broadstripe.net](mailto:epjaf@broadstripe.net), Or phone 206 226 1903 cell.



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION YEAR 2020

### SKAGIT/SNOHOMISH REGIONAL GROUP HORSELESS CARRIAGE CLUB OF AMERICA

Regional Group Membership – Any person/family who is a current member of the national HCCA with ownership and/or interest in pre-1916 automobiles shall be eligible to apply for membership. Members are entitled to all Regional Group privileges, including receiving notices of club functions and newsletters, a roster of members, the right to hold office, and the right to vote (ownership of a pre-1916 automobile is a requirement for voting rights). Members agree to abide by all rules and regulations as designated by the bylaws of this Regional Group and the National HCCA. **Dues in the SKAGIT/SNOHOMISH REGIONAL GROUP are \$25.00 per calendar year and membership in the NATIONAL HCCA is a prerequisite. National dues are currently \$55.00 per year for Continental US residents. There is a \$10.00 increase across the board for National Dues.** <https://hcca.org/images/membershipApplication.pdf>

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last name Applicant Co-Applicant

PHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ NATIONAL HCCA# \_\_\_\_\_

ARE NATIONAL DUES CURRENT? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ \*National dues must be current to process

CELL PHONES: Applicant:(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Applicant:(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City  
\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Yes, correspondence by email is fine. \_\_\_\_\_ No, I need correspondence by mail

YEAR MAKE OF AUTO MODEL BODY TYPE

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In compliance with the laws of the state of Washington, I certify that I have Automobile Liability Insurance (P.D. & P.L.) on my antique cars used for club functions. I also agree to make sure that the policy is in force for the entire year no matter when the expiration date is.

NAME OF COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_ NAME OF AGENT \_\_\_\_\_

POLICY # \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ CHARTER/LIFETIME MEMBER: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail completed form to:**

**Robert Monsen, 3404 97<sup>th</sup> Street Court S, Lakewood, WA  
98499**

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