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President's Ramblings

Good morning. I would first like to thank all of the tour participants from last week for coming out to Dave and Elaine Ellis's house for our first tour of the season. It was a bit cold to begin with then warmed up to a balmy 47 degrees. I was thinking it appeared that the egg hunt was a big hit with everybody. A big Thank you goes out to Howard and Kathy for putting the hunt together. There is rumored that there are still some eggs not found, including the twenty-dollar gold piece that was in one of the eggs.

We have been able to pretty much put together a full years Calendar of meetings with touring included. (yeh) we even have a September tour started to be put together. I would like to thank Dave Ellis for getting the groundwork started on it. Those dates are Sept 12-15, 2022. So, our next get together for food is May 7th at the Pancake Haus in Edmonds, (We have been there before.) I am looking forward to that. This is a meeting only, no tour. (sorry)

Harold III



From the Editor

It is exciting to have news of the September Regional Tour included in this month's newsletter. Details can be found in the April minutes and in the calendar. Save the dates and make your hotel reservations. I am further looking forward to a new back page on the newsletter with this year's award winners.

I want to extend a special Thank You to Donna McGinnis who wrote two lovely tributes for us. We will all miss Mike and his friend Pete.



Thank you also to Steve Schmidt for the pictures and news from the Tulare Swap Meet.

Sprinkled throughout this issue are bits of information about the history of traffic signs and signals taken from [History of Traffic Signs: From Ancient Rome to Today's Signmaking \(degemmill.com\)](http://degemmill.com) by ashley@degemmill.com October 19, 2017 and History.com.

In 1915, Detroit installed the first stop sign, which was a two-by-two-foot sheet of metal, with black lettering on a white background.



At this point in history, the signs were not reflective and did not have any standardization between various government agencies. Vehicles operated at low speeds, and drivers were expected to watch out for other vehicles and obstacles for themselves.

SKAGIT/SNOHOMISH REGIONAL HCCA

April 16, 2021, Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by President **Harold Musolf III** at Hubb's Pizza and Pasta in Arlington.

We wish to thank **Dave and Elaine Ellis** for arranging our meeting location today and for hosting our sendoff coffee and treats and the tour route. Thank you to Howard Musolf and Kathy Peterson for hosting the Easter Egg Hunt and tour of Howard's garages.

There were seventeen members present: **Dave and Elaine Ellis, Elliott Fletcher, Mike and Caroline Martin, Donna McGinnis, Robert Monsen, Eric Musolf, Harold Jr and Ann Musolf, Harold III and Gayle Musolf, Howard Musolf and Kathy Peterson, Steve and Linda Schmidt, and Mike Yeakel.**

Minutes: It was moved by **Harold Jr.** and seconded by **Ann Musolf** that the March Business Meeting Minutes be approved as printed in the March Brass Ramblings. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: **Bob Monsen** indicated a solvent balance and reported that he is submitting all required state forms for non-profit status.

Sunshine Committee Report: **Elaine Ellis** reported sending cards to Mike McGinnis in his illness and to Donna at his passing. She also sent sympathy to the Dave Howie and to his family.

Old Business: **President Harold** reviewed the upcoming meetings.

- May 7 – arranged by **Robb Johnson**. Harold assumed that the meeting will be in Edmonds at the Pancake House but was unsure of the time. Linda will contact Robb and post details in the April Brass Ramblings and email a reminder.
- June or July – **Mike Yeakel** will host either month. We still need one more host for a summer meeting.
- August 6 – **Les Gitts** will host in Lynden.
- September Tour – **Dave Ellis** researched having the tour at the Angel of the Winds Casino in Arlington and reported. The tour committee agreed on that location. Dave indicated that if attendees secure a Player's Card upon arrival, they will receive 15% off their room rate, ten cents per gallon off gas at the tribal station, and free soda/water/coffee. This venue includes free and ample secure parking for trucks and trailers and is 100% Smoke-free. There are a variety of restaurants, bars, and entertainment choices on-site. He also reported on banquet arrangements if the tour committee chooses to have one. As the rates are lower during the week [\$159], it was decided to hold the tour on Monday,

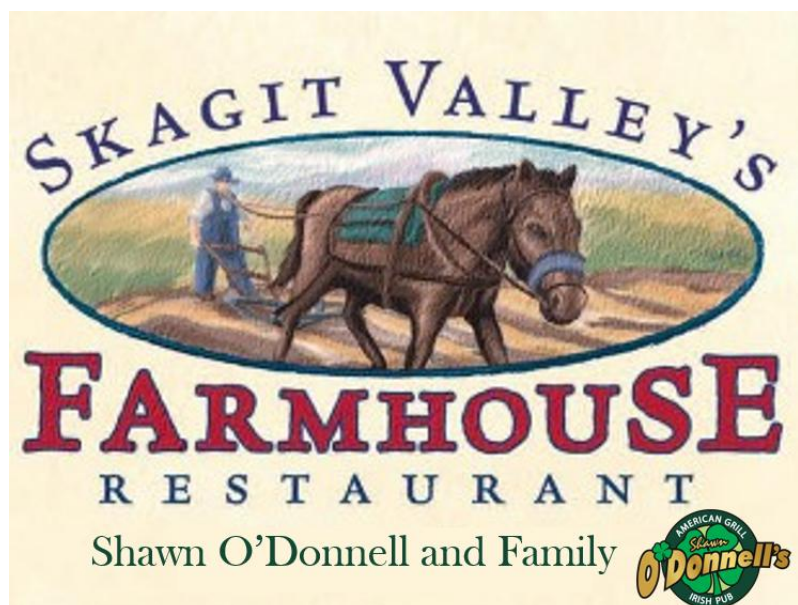
September 12 through Thursday, September 15, 2022. The tour committee will continue to plan. **Elaine Ellis** has name tags and lanyards from previous tours.

- **Dave and Elaine Ellis** will host a Holiday Brunch on December 11, 2022, at 12:00 PM at the Farmhouse Restaurant, 13724 La Conner Whitney Road, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.

New Business: Possible meeting/tour sites

- Short Ferry rides suggested by **Gayle Musolf**
- MOHI in Seattle suggested by **Howard Musolf**

Adjournment: President Harold called for adjournment at 2:00 PM. Carried unanimously.



We had to get a photo with Howard's 1929 Cadillac Dual Cowl Phaeton V-8, the only non-modern car on our tour from Dave and Elaine's in Arlington to Howard and Kathy's in Granite Falls.



The 1929 Cadillac was among the first designs penned by the legendary Harley J. Earl. Several new features distinguished the new Cadillac, including safety glass, electric windshield wipers, extensive use of chrome and the new "Synchro-Mesh" manual transmission that would become an industry standard. A 341 cubic inch L-head V-8 engine was standard.

Among the most elegant of the Cadillac's many available body styles was the Fisher Body-built dual-cowl phaeton that gave rear passengers their own cowl and windshield.



Tulare Swap Meet

This year's Tulare Swap Meet was well-attended by many of our Skagit/Snohomish members. These pictures were taken by Steve Schmidt mostly at and around Mike Yeakel's table. Harold Jr. and Ann Musolf managed to evade the camera but had a memorable trip with their recently acquired travel trailer. Although they bought nothing at the Swap, they did purchase four new tires for their trailer after a blowout on the highway.

Tracy Leshar, the National HCCA Gazette editor was there taking pictures, but Steve was able to snap a few of her interacting with our members.



MIKE WITH LES JUDD AND BILL AND ANN OTTEMANN



SMILE, MIKE. TRACY LESHER SNAPS MIKE'S PICTURE AT HIS BOOTH.



TRACY IS LEARNING SOMETHING FROM KEENE BREWER.

Our friends from Canada and Australia joined in the search for "that special part". Participants reported seeing lots of brass parts, many shoppers, but no commercial sales representatives.



LES JUDD IS JOINED BY CAM AND KAY SIDWELL



MIKE MARTIN FOUND KEN AND CHRISTINE FINDLAY FROM SURREY, BC.



STEVE HAMMATT IS DINING WITH MICHAEL HOLDEN FROM AUSTRALIA.



VICTOR GROAH VISITED WITH MIKE AND TRACY.



HOLDING THEIR TREASURES ARE HOWARD MUSOLF, CAPT. BOB STRIETER, TRACY LESHER, MIKE YEAKEL, LES VONNORDHEIM AND GUEST, AND KEENE BREWER.



ROB WILLIAMS AND HOWARD MUSOLF



MIKE REID ATTENDED FROM ALBERTA, CANADA

2022 Calendar – Subject to Change

Please submit calendar updates to Linda Schmidt promptly, as future planning depends on this information.

May 2022

- May 7 Skagit/Snohomish Regional Meeting at 12:00pm at the Pancake Haus, 530 Fifth Ave S, Edmonds, WA 98020. Host: Robb Johnson
- May 14 Fun on the Farm and Mike McGinnis Memorial BBQ beginning at 9:30 am at Fish Creek Farm, 19410 8th Ave NW, Arlington, WA 98223
- May 15-19 BBC 2022, Gettysburg, PA. Host: Patrick & Marcy Gamble, 717-383-0360, Email: bbcinfo@mail.com
- May 21-22 Monroe Swap Meet

June 2022

- Jun 6-10 IDNET 2022 Tour, Moscow, ID. Host: Jim and Susan Stutzman, 208-791-4994. Email: hatlady@centurylink.net. Web site: www.nickeltouringregistry.org
- Jun 12-18 HCCA National 1- & 2-Cylinder Tour, Bedford County, PA. Hosts: Vince & Janice Altieri. Email : cars47@comcast.net
- Jun 20-24 MODOC Tour, Alturas, CA
- Jun 26-Jul 1 HCCA National Tour, Circle Missouri Tour, Columbia, MO. Contact : Chris Paulsen. Email: cp7254@hotmail.com

July 2022

- July 14-19 Celebration of Brass II, Swap Meet and HCCA Tour. Gilmore Museum, Hickory Corners, MI. Contact: Kevin Fleck. Email: kfleck@outlook.com. Be there for the HCCA Museum Groundbreaking!

Aug 2022

- Aug 6 Skagit/Snohomish Regional Meeting and Tour to the Lynden Farming Days. Host: Les Gitts

Sept 2022

- Sep 12-15 Skagit/Snohomish Regional Tour. Host Howard Musolf and Harold Musolf III. Angel of the Winds Casino, Arlington, WA
- Sep 15-17 Can-Am Tour in Bellingham. Hosts John and Renee Aldrich. jwa98360@gmail.com

Oct 2022

- Oct 4-7 AACA Eastern Fall National Meet. Hershey, PA. [May also be on Monday.] HCCA Booth Red Field, Row 30. HCCA BBQ at noon on Thursday.
- Oct 23-27 HCCA National Tour. Circle Missouri Tour, starting and ending in Columbia, MO. Sponsor: Great Plains Brass Touring Register. Host: Chris Paulsen 316-648-7887, cp7254@hotmail.com
- Oct 23-27 California Rendezvous Tour, Paso Robles, CA
- TBD Late October meeting and possible tour

Nov 2022

No Skagit/Snohomish meeting planned for this month

Dec 2022

Dec 11

Skagit/Snohomish Holiday Party at 12:00 noon. Hosts: Dave and Elaine Ellis. Farmhouse Restaurant, 13724 La Conner-Whitney Rd., Mt. Vernon, WA 98273. 360-466-4411.



The first permanent traffic control light wasn't installed until 1914 in Cleveland, OH.

Using the look of railroad signals, the first traffic control light was also red and green, and it was used to control traffic. New Yorkers were already experiencing traffic jams twice a day as early as 1913, so traffic control came at a good time.

The world's first electric traffic signal is put into place on the corner of Euclid Avenue and East 105th Street in Cleveland, Ohio, on **August 5, 1914**. In the earliest days of the automobile, navigating America's roads was a chaotic experience, with pedestrians, bicycles, horses, and streetcars all competing with motor vehicles for right of way. (www.history.com)



Michael T. McGinnis

March 10, 1936, to March 29, 2022

Mike was the type of person who had many, many passions! The first was to provide for his family: his wife, Donna of 64 years of marriage, his sons Brian (June), Gary, Kevin, and daughter Melanie Murray (CJ) plus the bonus of ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He loved to entertain his many friends both locally and internationally by reiterating stories about his adventures in life.



His love of vintage automobiles and the histories of their inventors was primary; Donna should have guessed—because his first car was a Model A, followed by a date to go find an old Durant alongside the river in Pullman. But, that interest had to be put on hold until they moved from Seattle to Juanita where there was storage room plus tinkering space. Then the Model T became part of their family's life featuring fabulous friends and adventures. Donna joined in his interest by being the researcher, the holder of offices (both locally and nationally) and extending her love for good communication. Next, his quest to learn and restore his 1906 Cadillac became paramount in the past few years. Mike had an insatiable thirst for knowledge to support his many interests!

He formed a love of gardening from his father-in-law, restoring their pre-war home and rhododendron showplace in Juanita. Later he landscaped their three acres by Lake Stevens which tour buses from Snohomish would drive past, narrating about the windmill and duck pond and the rolling hills of plantings or occasionally stopping for some of the free produce that the veggie garden produced. The final chapter of gardening in Bayview Ridge in Marysville could find Mike weeding while lying alongside the beds.

He always wanted to stay healthy, so he added another passion which was his exercise program, walking his dog on the power trail, and bicycling with friends on the Centennial and Burke Gilman trails. Another whole group of friends was thusly added. The only problem he had was that he needed a 48-hour-long day to accomplish what he wanted.

Though he did not want any special services, as a family, we have chosen to have a couple of BBQs later in the spring in his honor. As most of you know, if there was a BBQ, he would always volunteer “to man the grill.”



PETE REINTHALER

Written by Donna McGinnis

Pete and I officially met back in 1985 while he was planning the coming National Meeting to be held in Houston in 1986; we became instant friends and worked together on many Model T activities. I, as National director, was overseeing the 1986 T's in Slo-Motion National Tour to be held in Bellingham under the chairmanship of Al Murray. Mike and I invited Pete and Audi to attend and to ride with us during the tour. They also rode with us at the Rocky Mountain 'T' Break National Tour in Calgary (of which Donna was again overseeing for the MTFCA board.)

Pete then ran for the directorship in 1987, was thusly elected, and became Vice President in 1989 and then President of the MTFCA in 1990. (After being a Director for 9 years, I chose not to run again, though that did not stop us from doing things together.) That summer the four of us went to Europe together. Pete had then married his travel agent, Audi, who with her two kids joined him with his five natural kids plus 12 adopted kids to make a family of two adults and nineteen children. Pete also had many talents besides raising children, which included about 19 antique cars, being a musician with a beautiful bass voice as well as playing cello in a quartet, training as a lawyer, being the top seller of insurance for J.C. Taylor Insurance, and on—and on—and on: in other words, very talented.

The four of us had a great trip cruising down the Rhein River from Germany to France. We rented a Volkswagen bus to go to Bavaria to see the Passion Play, which is held every ten years, and then on to Austria where their Model T was being stored at her mom's home. The European countries insisted that it had to be moved every year to avoid being taxed up to its own value; we drove the Model T back down to Bavaria, following the Blue Danube River, with many adventures on the route. The next year, the Model T moved to England, where it found a permanent home.

Our next adventure together was to loan Pete and Audi our 1912 Model T to drive at the 1993 Alpine Holiday National Tour that Mike and I chaired for the Puget Sound Chapter. The Reinthalers became entranced with Leavenworth, which reminded them of Bavaria and Austria. They began to visit quarterly from Houston to find, then purchase property looking up the Icicle River as it flowed through the mountains. Plans were to build a house but had to be changed when Audi was stricken with colon cancer. After a year of chemo, she went into remission and the building plans were rejuvenated. Unfortunately, builders could not be found then and instead, they bought in Peshastin when Pete semi-retired from the insurance business.

They lived there for a number of years before Pete became ill and had trouble walking, etc., ending up in a nursing home and then was moved back to Houston for care. He passed away on March 28, the day before his friend, Mike, also passed away.

Classifieds:

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.

For Sale

For sale from the estate of Jim Beuzenburg

1911 Maxwell AB Roadster

1914 Model T Ford Touring

1929 Plymouth Roadster

1930 Plymouth Roadster- un-restored

1950 Dodge Club Coupe

If interested, please contact Jeremy Freeman (grandson) at monkeydeuce7@gmail.com or call (360)515-6537.

For Sale

1931 Plymouth P.A. Roadster
Many new parts Clean title
\$10,000 Let's talk
Les Gitts, Ferndale, 360-383-7626

FOR SALE

1911 Ford, Model T, Touring Car, beautifully restored by the noted Portland, Oregon Model T authority, the late Fred Lau. It is a show worthy restoration and was driven only eleven miles following its completion. The finishes and upholstery are unequalled. A complete portfolio of progressive restoration photographs will be provided to the purchaser. The vehicle, which is located in Portland, Oregon, is priced at \$65,000.00 (firm).

James Zordich (graygoosefarm@comcast.net)

My wife and I hope to resume touring with the Skagit-Snohomish Regional Group when



the current epidemic has passed. Thank you. Jim Zordich



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION YEAR 2023

SKAGIT/SNOHOMISH REGIONAL GROUP HORSELESS CARRIAGE CLUB OF AMERICA

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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

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 ____

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