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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 morning:

Well, as we start another year, we have to pay our respects to two more members that have left us. Pat Farrell and Kelly Bledsoe. They both were active members in the club helping to set up tours and lead them. I will miss both of them. Our hearts go out to Merrily and Sally and their families. As a side note, I would prefer that we stop having to see this happen any time soon.

I think it is time to get this club out of the garage and back on the road! So, I am thinking let's start having meetings together in person and get it rolling. First off is finding a place that will have us (not that we are bad)! I am thinking starting off at Hubb's Pizza in Arlington in March. I will get ahold of them for a date. I would like to have suggestions as to where we go from here. Do we hold our meetings on Saturday like always, or do we have them in the middle of the week like we did for the holiday get together? Both seem to work out well.

I would like to see us have a fall tour this year and have been tossing around doing one in the Mt. Vernon area. I like the pay as you go idea, along the same lines that Dave and Elaine Ellis put together down in Grand Mound a few years ago that we did not do (Thanks, Covid). We would have just a small tour cost to cover maps and such and then you pay for all your meals and incidentals. Sound like a good idea? Let's talk it over and come up with a plan.

Harold III



## From the Editor

I realize that the Board of Directors listed above have terms that have expired, but we didn't address this at our December meeting, so I didn't change it.

We've suffered several losses over the last few months. I appreciate those who have contributed pictures and tributes to these members who will be missed by all of us.



I sincerely appreciate the articles and items that are sent to me for inclusion in the newsletter.

If you haven't sent the 2022 Registration Form, please do so and include any changes of address and email, so you don't miss announcements and newsletters. Remember to address it to Robert Monsen, 4423 Grandview Drive W, University Place, WA 98466.

I'm looking forward to including Regional Meetings and tours in our calendar.

Here is an interesting article about member Dan Findlay in Hemmings.

[The Nut Behind the Wheel: 36-year-old Dan Findlay on his love of... | Hemmings](#)

Fred Cruger shared this interesting website for members to explore.

I realize that 1919 is "outside" the official Horseless Carriage timeframe, but here's a link to a magazine I recently digitized for the Granite Falls Museum. It is a searchable pdf file for anyone interested in minutia regarding early automobile dealers, supplies, service, and driving in Snohomish County and the surrounding area. You can search for any town, name, address, brand, etc., just to see if anything brings new insight. :-) It's a large document (45MB), so it's too big to email and might take a little while to load, depending on your connection speed.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/wyluytgszxohb4a/1919%20Motorist.pdf?dl=0>

# 2022 Calendar – Subject to Change

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

## February 2022

Feb 20-25 HCCA National Convention and Tour, Howey-in-the-Hills, FL. Sponsored by: HCCA Florida Regional Group and HCCA North Jersey Regional Group. Host: Andy Wallace 201-919-2193  
Email: [andyauto@hotmail.com](mailto:andyauto@hotmail.com) [2022NatConventionFlyer.pdf \(hcca.org\)](#)  
[Microsoft Word - 2022NatConventionForm.docx \(hcca.org\)](#)

## March 2022

Mar 18-19 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet, Chickasha, OK. Host: Mike or Susie Ersland, 405-224-9090

## April 2022 April 22, 23, 24, 2022 / Tulare CA

Host: Bill Bennett 559-967-0112  
Email: [tmechanic@att.net](mailto:tmechanic@att.net). The West Coast's Premier Brass Era/ Pre-War Event. The Tulare Swap Meet, formally the Bakersfield Swap Meet.  
April 23 and 24, 2022 w/ vendor set up April 22.  
This year, in conjunction with the California Antique Farm Equipment Show. At the International Agri Center, Tulare, CA. Registration Info: (559) 688-1030.  
Secondary contact: S.Chase: Email: [NewNorthSouth@gmail.com](mailto:NewNorthSouth@gmail.com)  
Pass this info on to other brass era and pre-war clubs that you think might want to know about it

## May 2022

May 15-19 BBC 2022, Gettysburg, PA. Host: Patrick & Marcy Gamble, 717-383-0360,  
Email: [bbcinfo@mail.com](mailto: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](mailto:hatlady@centurylink.net). Web site: [www.nickeltouringregistry.org](http://www.nickeltouringregistry.org)  
Jun 12-18 HCCA National 1 & 2 Cylinder Tour, Bedford County, PA. Hosts: Vince & Janice Altieri. Email: [cars47@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:kfleck@outlook.com). Be there for the HCCA Museum Groundbreaking!

# Remembering Kelly Bledsoe

By Mark Shaw



Kelly suffered from intestinal cancer and heart failure for most of last year. After two major surgeries and several months of up and down recovery in and out of hospitals, his digestion was not improving, and he was getting increasingly bad heart and lung function. He was tired and sick and finally gave up his fight on January 24, 2022.

Kelly & Sally participated in many tours with the HCCA PRG and Skagit/Snohomish groups. Rinda & I have enjoyed several regional tours as well as a few KISS 1&2-cylinder tours with them. They also participated in tours with the Nickel Era Registry. (The photo of Kelly and Sally is from a Nickel Era Tour in Minden, Nevada). However, because they lived so far away from the PRG & S/S meeting locations, they attended very few club meetings.

Kelly & Sally have many local family members to provide support for Sally and Kelly's mother who share a home in Rainier, Oregon. Sally plans to keep her two-cylinder 1907 REO and the 1924 Packard that were Kelly's favorites and were actually Sally's cars acquired from her family. She can't keep up all the cars without Kelly, so she plans to sell the 1920 Buick and might sell the Model T Touring too. It will take time to prepare the cars to be sold, and I am sure our capable club members will be willing to help her prepare the cars to be sold and help her maintain the cars she keeps so she can continue to tour with us in the future.

*Nickel Era Touring Registry*

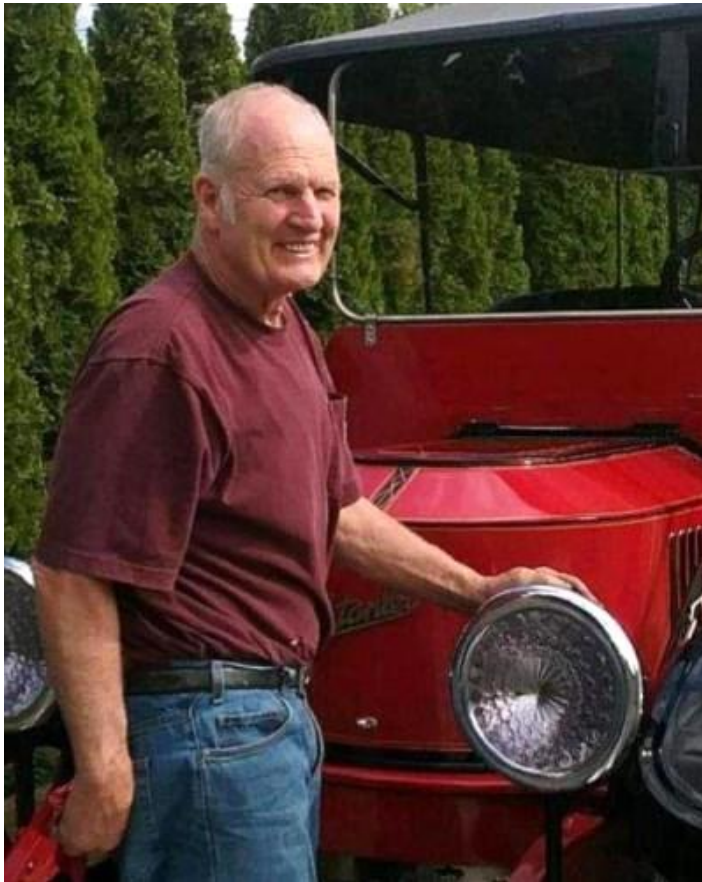


**NevNET 2019**  
*Minden, Nevada*



***Kelly Bledsoe***  
***Ranier, OR 1924 Packard Touring***

## In Memory of Pat Farrell



Robert "Pat" Farrell, age 76, passed away Sunday, January 2, 2022, at home in Sedro-Woolley, Washington. He was born April 28, 1945, in Spokane, WA. Pat was raised by Bob and Marie Farrell in Oak Harbor, WA attending the Oak Harbor schools where he graduated in 1963. Pat graduated from the Skagit Valley College in 1965 with an AA degree in Technical Arts, and he married his sweetheart, Merrily Robison that same year. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1966, spent his two years of active duty at 29 Palms, CA and was honorably discharged in 1972. Pat worked for Skagit Corporation in Sedro-Woolley from 1965 until 1971. With his family, he enjoyed working and riding the trails at the Walker Valley ORV Park which is located by Big Lake, WA. Pat Farrell became the open A class

NMA enduro rider champion in 1983 and 1984. From 1973 to 1999, Pat and his wife, Merrily owned and operated Pat's New and Used in Burlington. Due to Pat's declining health, they sold their business and Pat spent the rest of his life working on their antique Stanley Steamers and their other old cars. Pat was a member of the Antique Auto Restorers Club, Skagit Old Car Club, Steam Automobile club of America, Horseless Carriage Club of America, Skagit Motorcycle Club and American Legion Post #43.

Pat is survived by his wife of 56 years, Merrily; daughters, Julie Rosario and Angela Langley; son, Rodney Farrell; his grandchildren, as well as many other family members.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, January 15, 2022, at Lemley Chapel, Sedro-Woolley. In lieu of flowers, please send your donations to the American Cancer Society. Share your memories of Pat and sign the online guest register at [www.lemleychapel.com](http://www.lemleychapel.com).

## Conrad Fletcher Remembered

Conrad C. Fletcher, 87, of Parker, AZ formerly of Golden, CO passed away on December 19, 2021, at the age of 87. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lynne, and is survived by three daughters, Carroll Horn, Marion Cantagallo and Sue Haner (AI). He was raised on a farm, grew up around tractors and other farm equipment and developed an interest in cars and heavy equipment. Conrad owned his own excavating and demolition business in Colorado before retiring in 2006. His love affair with older cars began at a young age with a 1931 Model A pickup. He was active in the Horseless Carriage Club of America and in the Pierce-Arrow Society (a member since 1977).

Conrad was a very generous supporter of the Pierce-Arrow Museum. The Museum Foundation has established a Conrad Fletcher Memorial Fund to his memory.



[Conrad Fletcher, Stephens-Duryea @ Pebble Beach Concours - Bing video](#)





## The Seattle Waitress Association on a tour.

The banner reads 'Local No. 240'. Several single cylinder Cadillacs are photographed on September 4th, 1905.

The track in King County, WA circa 1905



Left to right: White (Model E) Steamer w/ modified hood, 1905 Winton (Model C : 16-20Hp), 1905 Cadillac, 1905 Franklin Type E

## 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.

### Wanted:

1931 Plymouth model PA.

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

### 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](mailto:monkeydeuce7@gmail.com) or call (360)515-6537.

## For Sale Two Wintons

I only have two pictures of the Wintons available at this time. As you can see both are in good condition. Both have a 2-speed gearbox. Both are great runners and drivers. Both have been on numerous tours throughout the lower 48 States. I am asking \$125,000.00 for the 1901 1-cylinder and \$225,000.00 for the 1903 2-cylinder. OR a "blue-light special" of \$300,000.00 if purchased together.

Conrad Fletcher 928-662-6049



## **AUTOMOBILE STOLEN**

Stolen from in front of the Chadwick Hardware Store on Main Street, in Colfax between 2 and 5 p. m. on September 10th, 5 passenger Ford car, 1913 model equipped with electric lights. Car No. 228917, engine No. 245387, Washington license No. 22632. Radiator dented slightly from jamming **V SHAPED PATCH ON TOP COVER** on left side, new chain tread tires on rear wheels and smooth tires on front, pet cock underneath engine broken off and cork put in.

The above car belongs to Dr. Strain of this city, who offers \$25.00 for its recovery.

Arrest any one found in possession of this car and notify me at my expense. I will come with proper papers to bring them back.

**WM. COLE, Sheriff**

Whitman County, Wash.

Please distribute to garages.

September 11, 1915.



**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](mailto: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



## Women's Vintage Clothes

The family of Vicki Markley has donated her vintage clothes, shoes, and purses to our club to sell as a fundraiser. Contact Elaine Ellis at 360-403-3298 for more information or to purchase items. There are blouses in the collection that are not pictured. Elaine also has a mannequin looking for a new home.







## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION YEAR 2022

### 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, 4423 Grandview  
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