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President's Ramblings

Good morning,

I do not have very much to talk about today, other than Happy Holidays. I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving and made it through the snowstorms; losing power, high winds, at least that is the story here in Arlington. We lost power for three days from the high winds, it knocked down a tree across our road, taking out a power line, fun! As of today, we have not had very much snow, at least compared to Seattle. We go down to Shoreline every Monday to take care of our grandkids, and they have had about 4 to 5 inches of snow on the ground. Us...none. Weird.



I had asked all of you to think about volunteering to become an officer or board member of the club last month. I hope we do have people to fill in the vacancies that we may have after our December meeting. I would like to see some different ideas for the club for the future.

The September tour for next year is under the planning stage right now, the hosts are Chris and Keene Brewer, so I would think it will be in the Yakima area, but they will let us know for sure.

Well, we will see all of you in Mount Vernon this Sunday at noon at the Farmhouse. I look forward to seeing everyone then!

Harold III



From the Editor

Robert Monsen has been on the road again ticking off boxes on his bucket list. This month, he participated in the London to Brighton Veteran Car Run. He shared his adventure with pictures, so we can join him on the trip.

Member Donna McGinnis displayed her 1906 Cadillac at the new Brotherton Cadillac dealership in Shoreline at their grand opening. It was a hit with the Cadillac owners.



Members of the Skagit/Snohomish HCCA Regional group were invited to join the Puget Sound Model T Club on a short tour from Snohomish to Granite Falls to observe the remaining autumn beauty on November 9, 2022. It was really a Frostbite tour for the folks who braved the temperatures and drove their open cars. We enjoyed the remaining colorful leaves and the snowcapped mountain views when the clouds lifted. Fred Cruger met us in Granite Falls and opened the museum for warmth and education of the area. We shared lunch at the Buzz Inn.



London to Brighton

By Robert Monsen

In November of 2022, I had the good fortune to participate in the London to Brighton 60-mile car run. This is an annual event started in 1896 when the Red Flag Act was repealed in England. Prior to this time the act mandated that every motor vehicle traveling on the public roads had to have a person walking in front of the vehicle waving a red flag.

The speed limit was 2 mph in cities and 4 mph in the country. When the Act was repealed, they celebrated by ripping a red flag also they started a car run. This run has been held for 120 years and has evolved in the London to Brighton Car Run

that we know today. It is always held on the first Sunday in November. In addition to the November run, in 2007 a Summer July Run was added to the schedule.

The horsepower of the cars runs from 2.5 to around 20hp. The oldest car on the run is a 1892 Peugeot and the latest are those of 1904. The majority of the cars are from England with cars from the U S A, France, the Netherlands, and other countries as well. In 2007 bicycles and motorcycles were allowed so these are now seen on a regular basis. Petrol, steam and electric vehicles are all in evidence with petrol being the most



Driver: Dave Shaddock, Front Passenger: Robert Monsen, Back seat left: Dave Wiglesworth, back seat right: Kim Shaddock. The day before the race.

common. Along the road, signs guide the driver as to the correct route to follow and car club members are posted at many places to be of service in case of break downs.

Months ahead of the London to Brighton Run I bought an Outback Oilskin Duster and River Tracker wide brim hat. These were to keep me dry if a shower were to rain on our parade. In the past few years rain has not occurred during the run but then you never know. The reason these special preparations were necessary



Left car: Dave Shadduck driver, Robert Monsen passenger. 1903 Ford Model A

Right car: 1904 Ford model B Driven by Tim Wiggins, passenger Chris Wiggins

is that riding in an open car with no windshield or top requires more thought than in a vehicle offering protection from the weather.

As the months passed, I worried about getting the proper flights and hotels dates to be in the center of the London Action. When I had booked my flights and the hotels in London and Brighton, I was set.

This was important so that I was ready when the car/crew was and vice versa.

Already months ahead the car had been transported to New Jersey, loaded, and secured in a container. This container was loaded on a ship, it sailed to South Hampton, England was unloaded, and the car stored in a barn until close to the day of the run. Then it was transported to London where it was unloaded, and I rode for the first time in the 1903 Ford as it was driven to the car park at our hotel, The Cavendish.

From that time on, until the Car Run on Sunday, November 6th, there

was virtually no free time for Dave Shadduck or the crew because the car that was transporting us had to have a full tank

of petrol, be filled with gas, oil and all grease cups filled for lubrication and running properly. Everything seemed in order. The 1903 Ford owned by Dave Shadduck had come all the way from Kildeer, Illinois to London and was now ready for the Run. In the car four people were to ride. David Shadduck the owner and driver, Kimberly, his wife, David Wigleworth, and myself. Four average sized people in an 8-horsepower car.



Dave Shadduck and Robert Monsen in front of Buckingham Palace

The morning of November 6th, 2022 seemed to come very early. We had to be checked out of our room, have all our luggage packed and down to the car at 6:15 AM! We were to ride in the car with all our luggage to a large van. This was a load! There our tagged bags would be loaded and taken to the Grand Hotel in Brighton to be picked up upon our arrival.



The start of the tour. In front of Buckingham Palace.

It worked out according to plan, and we went to line up in our sector to leave at 7:15 AM. There was a mini-traffic jam in the lineup as cars were going in all directions. Gradually all cars found their places. The slower ones lining up first and all the others by the numbers. We left Hyde Park on time, passed Buckingham Palace and started on our way to Brighton! Observers were all along the route cheering us on. We tried to thank all the car club helpers and wave to the spectators. There were a lot of them! Some had occupied the same viewing spot for years!

A very welcome halfway stop on the run was at Crawley. At the large C.A.R.S. (Classic Automobile Relocation Service) building, we got a chance to walk around, get food, use rest rooms and generally take a break. There was even a band to entertain us. After Crawley we continued for a while then stopped at the Friars Oak Inn, a traditional pub stop about six miles from Brighton. Arriving in Brighton amid more flashes, Dave parked the car. Then we were treated to hot soup and welcome snacks. There was no brass band at the end of the run, but we all felt a sense of accomplishment as Dave parked his awesome vehicle representing automotive history in the front row of the car park at the Grand Hotel.



Finished! Left to right: Robert Monsen, Dave Shadduck, Dave Wigleworth, and Kim Shadduck at the Grand Hotel, Brighton.



Robert Monsen posing in the car

If you would like to feel like you are part of the action, check out this video of the Hammer Hill. It is the longest uphill section of the run. Our car is shown at 6:19. I'm in the back seat on the right. If you are reading this in print form, look for the video on YouTube by searching for London to Brighton Veteran Car Run 2022 and scroll down to the video by Kenzo Sarrazn. If you are reading this online, click on

this link. You may have to hold down the Ctrl key while you click. [London to Brighton](#)

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Robert Monsen in the back seat on Hammer Hill.



A FUN TIME WITH MY 1906 CADILLAC

By Donna McGinnis

On November 17, Brotherton Cadillac in Shoreline invited me to show the Cadillac at their re-opening party for about 300 of their customers. I am so lucky to have had Mike want to share his love and knowledge of driving and working on the car with Steve Schmidt; we did many tours and trips together with Steve and Linda. So, it was really fun for me to do something with them again. Steve, with a little of my assistance, loaded the car into the trailer in the earlier part of the day and off we went. They originally were going to place it next to the new

electric Cadillac that is going to come out this year, but instead put the 1906 on a turntable at the other end of the brand new building as a drawing point for the people to visit the entire sight. Linda and I immediately lost Steve when we returned for the beginning of the party that evening, so we visited and looked at the electric version of the new Cadillac and worked our way to the elaborate hor d'oeuvres and wine and soft drinks, etc., collecting signatures from each display for a drawing (but I cannot say we won anything), but we did find Steve. He was teaching everyone about the old 1906 and soon got permission from someone to have it running: t'was fun to watch him as he was truly "all smiles." When Linda and I returned to the big display room (full of people but only the one car) we would hear others saying, "I heard that they have the old car running, and many headed back to the far end of the building to see it again. (Since the car is for sale, I offered Brad Brotherton to "trade" my old Cadillac for the new electric Cadillac, but he wasn't allowed to, even though he said my car is worth more than his car.) So, my old car is still looking for a loving home since I cannot hardly climb up in it, let alone drive it. My many thanks to Steve for helping me keep the old baby running and cared for!



2022-23 Calendar – Subject to Change

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

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.

2023

Feb 2023

Feb 18-19 Early Bird Automotive Show and Swap Meet, State Fairgrounds, Puyallup, WA. Details at website: <http://www.earlybirdswap.org>

March 2023

March 17-18 33rd Annual Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet. Host: Mike or Susie Erslund, (405) 224-9090

Apr 2023

Apr 13-15 Pre-War Swap Meet and Automotive Jamboree, Tulare Fairgrounds, 215 Martin Luther King, Jr Ave, Tulare, CA 93274. For information/registration for the swap meet, contact Bill Bennett at Cell (559) 967-0112.

Apr 16-19 HCCA National Tour and Convention. Visalia, CA. Sponsored by Tulare County Horseless Carriage Club, Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club, and Salinas Valley Horseless Carriage Club. Tour Chairman: Don Azevedo. Mail to Don Azevedo 42167 River Knolls Place Coarsegold, CA 93514 cell (925) 301-5315 or (559) 580-7065 or email at 2023hccanationaltour@gmail.com
[Microsoft Word - Registration form.docx \(hcca.org\)](#)

May 2023

May 20-23 Monroe Spring Swap Meet, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe, WA

2024

May 26- Jun 1 8th International HCCA Tour in Tweed Valley, NSW, Australia. Host: Russell Holden, 757-434-0056



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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

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

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

1930 Plymouth Roadster- un-restored

1950 Dodge Club Coupe

For Sale

G&B gas pump

Possibly produced between 1910 & 1915. It is all original, including tags, hose, etc. The black cylinder is solid brass, and it has all its original keys and nozzle. The price is \$500. If you would like to see it in person, give me a call on my cell. My cell number is 425-241-2929.

Paul Sauro



Wanted: Model T Ford Roadster body, any condition. Prefer original steel body. I am making a pickup.
Jeff Gibson, Bellingham, WA
(360) 319-9927





**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
YEAR 2023**

**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

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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 _____

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SIGNATURE _____ CHARTER/LIFETIME MEMBER: Yes ____ No ____

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