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President's Ramblings

Good afternoon,

I would like to thank all of the participants of the September tour on behalf of Howard, Gayle and me. We felt that it was a resounding success and look forward to many more in the future. I would like to ask if the format that we used worked for you. You know, the pay as you go, no final banquet, go at your own pace. A big debt of gratitude goes out to the Ellis's for opening up their building for our ice cream social. I would like to apologize for the bathroom at Lake Goodwin not being open. In all the checking and rechecking the tour routes to make sure that nothing goes wrong, the bathrooms were always open, never closed, sorry! Also on those lines, downtown Snohomish during the week, was never packed like it was on our day there. once again, sorry. So, on the tour as usual, we had the trouble truck award to the car that failed to make it on the total tour, this year that honor was for one Buick owned by Mark and Rinda Shaw. At the gathering at our house on the last day, the trouble truck award was given to Mark, funny how it ended up in my shop under a pile of papers, after everybody left, not cool Mark, not cool.



Over the past four years that I have been steering the club, if you want to call it that, I have enjoyed it immensely, but I feel it is time for a new person, steering boss, head honcho, president to help keep it going as it has, or just different ideas. I would ask that you all look inside of yourself and volunteer to hold an office in the club so that we have ideas, support from all of the membership, if we don't, we will just be a bunch sitting around eating food on the third Saturday of the month, I for one do not want to see that happen.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity and the wonderful housewarming gifts. It was such a surprise and made us feel very cared for.

Gayle and I are looking forward to our winter/ December gathering.

Harold III



From the Editor

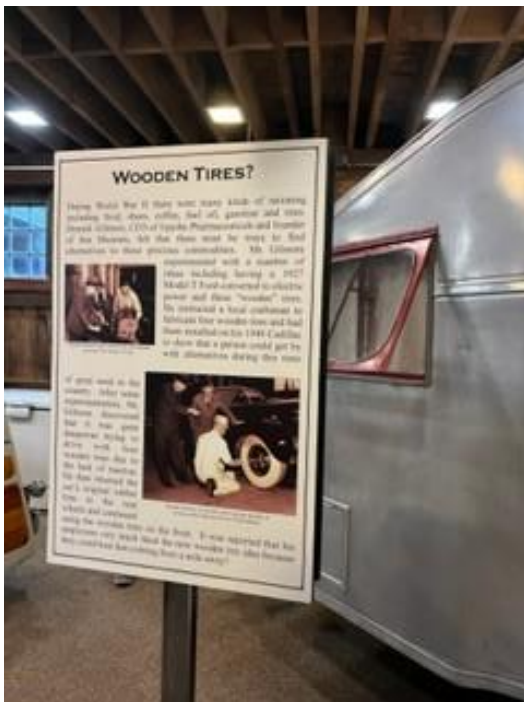
Steve and I were sorry to miss the Skagit/Snohomish Regional Tour in September. We were touring the Midwest and meeting up with family and friends while attending our 50th high school reunions. It gave us a chance to visit the Gilmore and appreciate Bob Monsen's report. It is a fabulous museum even when it isn't filled with brass cars, so we can appreciate Bob's thrill at being there for the Celebration of Brass II. I took a couple of pictures about Mr. Gilmore's innovation during WWII, wooden tires.



Thank you to those who sent pictures of the Skagit/Snohomish tour. Our neighbor spotted the brass cars touring around our block and sent Steve a video of the cars. It was nice to be there in spirit.

The Calendar is beginning to fill in for 2023. After our December Skagit/Snohomish meeting, we'll have more local dates and activities.

It's time to renew local and national membership. The form for our regional dues is at the end of the newsletter. If you paid ahead last year, you only need to complete the registration form.



The Celebration of Brass II By Robert Monsen

The Gilmore Car Museum in Michigan may well be America's largest car museum and truly it is a large attraction for car lovers. A must see if you are in that area of the U. S.

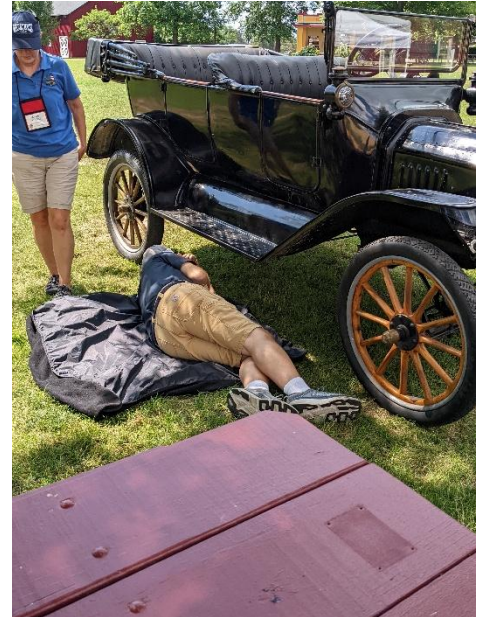
Watch your Horseless Carriage Gazette issues in the coming months because Tracy Leshner, our editor, was present at the event snapping away and you undoubtedly will see an article by her later this year.

Of course, Bob Ladd and others are anxious to get to raising the funds that will be needed if the Horseless Carriage Club Museum is to become a reality. It would certainly be a wonderful chance to show off some of the fabulous cars owned by our members.

Watch the Gazette because there will be numerous opportunities to donate to the museum and donations of any amount are greatly appreciated.

By having this Celebration of Brass II at the Gilmore this year, July 14th to 19th, members were able to show their cars, offer rides around the grounds as well as participate in the area tours. At some times member cars were simply displayed which gave visitors a chance to see them up close and ask questions of the owners.

One owner I thought was checking under his Ford was actually just getting some well needed zzzzz's.



This year the featured car was the Thomas automobile. Numerous Thomas and Thomas Flyers were in evidence.



There were actually more Thomas cars present than Model T Fords which usually does not happen at a meet.

The oldest Thomas was an original 1902 owned by the Gilmore.



At the museum many individual car clubs have built their own buildings and this adds to the overall interest and variety at the Museum. For example, Cadillac is represented by a full size 1940s dealership and showroom. Ford has a building also like a dealership with a parts department, showroom and service department.

Chevrolet Corvettes are in full force with many examples being displayed and described on placards. Lincoln has a section as well as exhibits of many Franklin cars.

A 1940s diner moved onto the grounds helps visitors always find food to their liking

The gift shop, similar to those at other car museums has a good selection of automobile related items to tempt the visitor.

Numerous benches are scattered around the grounds, many under trees, which is helpful when walking around during the day.

Besides the days at the Gilmore, other days were solely spent touring the area. Beautiful country roads and vistas made for pleasant touring days. Since I did not have a car, I got rides with different attendees. One interesting day was riding in a 1911 Hudson touring owned by Rob Buschill. We did have some periods during the day when it rained so Rob would have to stop, get out and attach a plastic curtain in front of the car since it had no windshield!

Another day I rode with Bill and Betty Clough in their Ford touring.



Coffee stops were a requisite and not to be overlooked. We were always sure to participate in those times.

At one coffee stop the bare ground was covered with local cactus plants that were said to be a type of prickly pear cactus.





One extra trip without the cars was on a sternwheeler which took us out on Lake Michigan.

Back at the Gilmore they brought out some of their display cars to show the group. One was a 1883 Benz replica which gave people rides around the grounds.



A very early Stanley Steamer was seen at the museum as well as a later one.



An interesting Model T Ford touring towing a camper drew a lot of attention.





Joseph " Cokey" Coker had a beautiful example of a Thomas Flyer complete with a mechanics seat!



An American La France roadster had an interesting and rare snake bulb horn.



A rather rare period sign was displayed on the license plate of one car.



One night Jeff Mahl described the role of his great-grandfather George Schuster who was in the Grand New York to Paris race driving a Thomas car in 1908!

All in all, the Celebration of Brass II was a great success, and no doubt will be followed up by Celebration of Brass III next year which would be well worth your time

Skagit/Snohomish Regional Tour

Photos from the drive to Snohomish on September 13, 2022. First stop SRAC on Machias Road.







Maple Street in Snohomish for post-lunch photo-op.



At Dave and Elaine Ellis's



The Dave Ellis Collection



September 14, 2022 – La Conner/Stanwood Tour. In addition to lunch and shopping in La Conner, the tour included a stop at The Snow Goose for ice cream and a visit to the D.O. Pearson House Museum and Car Collection.





September 15, 2022 – Lake Country and Harold and Gayle Musolf's Home



2022-23 Calendar – Subject to Change

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

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.

2023

Feb 2023

Feb 18-19

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

Apr 2023

Apr 13-15

Pre-War Swap Meet, Tulare Fairgrounds, 215 Martin Luther King, Jr Ave, Tulare, CA 93274

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.

May 2023

May 11-13

Chickasha Auto Swap Meet, East of Fairgrounds, 712 E. Choctaw Avenue, Chickasha, OK, 73018

May 20-23

Monroe Spring Swap Meet, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe, WA

2024

May 26-

8th International HCCA Tour in Tweed Valley, NSW, Australia. Host:

Jun 1

Russell Holden, 757-434-0056



Classifieds:

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

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

1930 Plymouth Roadster- un-restored

1914 Model T Ford Touring

1950 Dodge Club Coupe

1929 Plymouth Roadster

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

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



More pictures of the gas pump





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

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 ____

**Mail completed form to: Robert Monsen, 4423 Grandview
Drive W, University Place, WA 98466**

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