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President's Ramblings

Hello,

Let's polish up the brass and nickel. Change the oil, wash the glass, and grease the zerks. Adjust the coils, gap the plugs and oxygenate the tires.

Now we're ready to tour.

Review the club calendar and get ready for fun and fellowship this year.

Linda Schmidt and Donna McGinnis attended the National Board meeting and tour of the Model T Ford Club of America.

Read about their escapades in this issue of the newsletter.

Several of our members are gearing up to attend swap meets in Washington, Oregon and California. Safe travels to everyone and good luck hunting for those elusive parts. And if you setup a table, may all your merchandise find a new home.

A few club members are attending the HCCA national meeting in Visalia. Watch for a report and photos in next month's newsletter. Should be a fun trip.

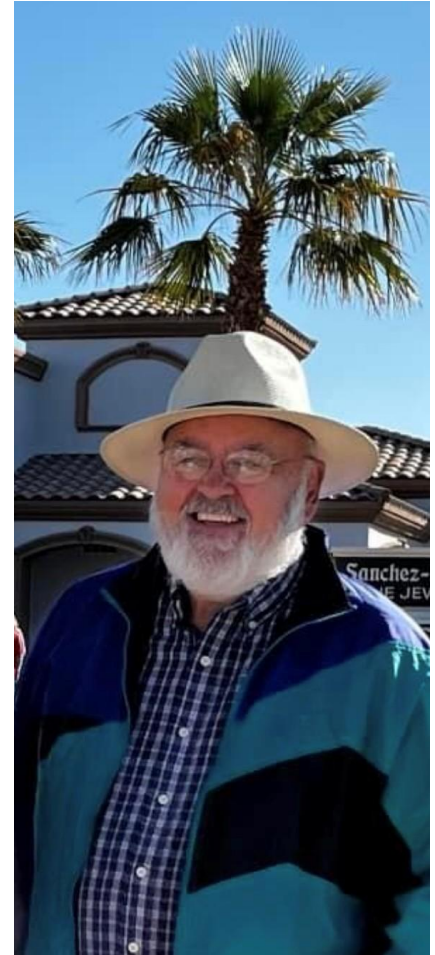
As always if you have an idea for a tour or know of a good car collection we can visit, please contact me or Dave Ellis. We are still planning on a Tulip Tour in April, so watch for an email with all the details soon.

If you have a good story for the club newsletter about your recent acquisition or repair tips to share, please contact Linda Schmidt [lindaannschiidt@hotmail.com].

We need a club secretary. If you can help, please contact Steve Schmidt or Dave Ellis. This job basically includes taking notes at the club meetings. We also need to update our Board of Directors, so be thinking about serving.

Our next meeting is April 22, 2023, at 12:30pm at Hubb's Pizza and Pasta in Arlington. If possible, drive your antique car. We will have a prize for the oldest car driven to the meeting.

All the Best,
Steve Schmidt



From the Editor

As I create the Calendar, I try to list the events that members have frequented in the past. I also make an effort to include those that are geographically close. A national calendar of events is available on the HCCA website. [Calendar | HCCA](#)

Donna McGinnis and I attended the 58TH MTFCA Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada held March 24-26, 2023. Donna is very familiar with National Board Meetings, having served as a director for nearly a decade. Always a trailblazer, Donna broke the glass ceiling by being the first woman to be elected to the Board of Directors. She and Mike were responsible for many National Tours and developed policies and procedures that are still in use today.

I felt like I was with a celebrity. The organizers and leadership at the national level were eager to meet Donna and recognized her at the banquet as a former Rosenthal winner. She was the first woman to receive that distinction. It was a delight to see a couple of her longtime friends and another former Rosenthal winner.



SKAGIT/SNOHOMISH REGIONAL HCCA March 18, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 12:23 PM by founder and past president Howard Musolf at Bob's Burgers and Brew in Marysville. There were no guests to introduce.

Due to a conflict with a swap meet and other activities plus illnesses, the attendance was at a low of 11. Those present were **Larry and Aurore Fickeisen, Elliott Fletcher, Rick Gilmour, Ray Markley, Donna McGinnis, Bob Monsen, Eric Musolf, Ann and Harold Musolf Jr,** and **Howard Musolf.**

Minutes: The minutes printed in the newsletter were unanimously passed by a motion made by **Harold Musolf Jr** and seconded by **Aurore Fickeisen.**

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer **Bob Monsen** indicated that the treasury continues to be solvent.

Sunshine: There were no cards sent out, though it was noted that **Donna McGinnis** became a great grandmother again with Oliver being born on his great grandfather **Mike's** birthday, which makes a lasting memorial to his memory.

Old Business: A discussion was held about resuming having a mini tour in conjunction with meetings. Consequently, we need volunteers to set up the meeting place and the activity to go with it. April's meeting is scheduled for April 22 with **Dave and Elaine Ellis** as hosts; details will be elsewhere in the Brass Ramblings.

New Business: **Donna McGinnis** distributed new rosters for the first time in 3 years to those in attendance and will mail one to each of the other members. She announced that the cost of printing has risen from \$.04 per page to \$.15 per 8 ½ x 11-inch page. Both Treasurer **Bob Monsen** and **Donna** had a very difficult time upgrading the information when the forms were not received after our long Covid tenure. **Larry Fickeisen** made a motion which was seconded by **Rick Gilmour** to have the club buy **Donna's** lunch as a thank you. **Bob Monsen** asked that everyone needs to pay with a check from here on which would give a record of such payment (which does not happen with cash). A motion by **Harold Musolf Jr** with a second by **Rick Gilmour** was passed to follow this suggestion.

We have been invited to join The Model T and Model A clubs for a Spring Tulip Tour. Notice will be sent out via email as the date depends upon the weather.

The Puget Sound Model T Club has also invited our Skagit/Snohomish Regional to enjoy the festivities at their "Fun on the Farm Days" to be held at Dick and Bev Borton's farm in Arlington on May 13. Details will follow in the next Brass Ramblings, so just save the date!

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 PM by a motion made by **Ann Musolf** and seconded by **Eric Musolf.**

2023-24 Calendar – Subject to Change

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

2023

Apr 2023

- Apr 16-19 HCCA National Tour and Convention. Visalia, CA.
- Apr 19 The Puget Sound Model T Club invites the Skagit/Snohomish HCCA to join them for a Tulip Tour. [Depending on weather and the blossoms] Meet at Dick and Bev Borton's Fish Creek Farm, 19410 8th Ave NW, Arlington, WA 98223 at 9:30 am.
- Apr 22 Skagit/Snohomish Regional HCCA Meeting at 12:30pm Hubb's Pizza and Pasta, 21102 67th Ave NE, Arlington, WA 98223. [360-435-9349]

May 2023

- May 6 NCSRA Swap Meet, Skagit County Fairgrounds, 1410 Virginia St., Mount Vernon, WA
- May 13 Puget Sound Model T Club invites Skagit/Snohomish HCCA to join them for Fun on the Farm, Fish Creek Farm, 19410 8th Ave NW, Arlington, WA 98223 at 9:30 am.
- May 20-23 Monroe Spring Swap Meet, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe, WA

June 2023

- Jun 14-17 Keystone Hill Climb and Endurance Run, Whidbey Island, WA
- Jun 19-22 HCCA Vancouver Chapter Tour. Contact : Ken Findlay brasstguy@gmail.com

Aug 2023

- Aug 5 Vintage Farming Days, HCCA invited to display cars. Berthusen Memorial Park, 8837 Berthusen Road, Lynden, WA 98264.

Sep 2023

- Sep 10 -13 Skagit/Snohomish Regional HCCA Fun in the Sun Tour, Yakima, WA. Hosts Keene and Christine Brewer (509)969-9494.
- Sep 18-23 Bellingham Red Carpet Tour. Host: Seattle/Tacoma HCCA Regional Group
- Sep 22 Nickel Era Tour, St George, Utah Contact John Manifor (562)697-2075

2024

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

STRAW HATS

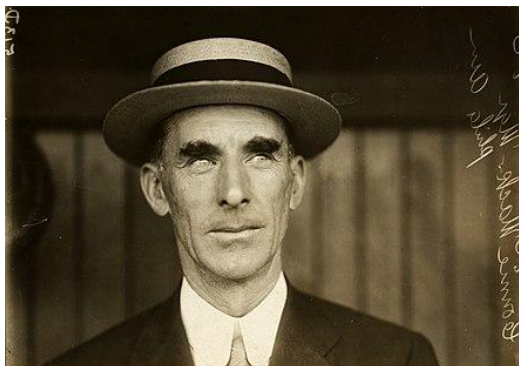
By Christine Brewer



HATS OFF TO THE STRAW HAT! There is nothing more **DASHING** than a man wearing a hat, especially a **STRAW HAT!** During the Victorian Era (1837-1901) and through the Edwardian Era (1901 to 1914 or WWI), straw hats gained popularity in the fashion world. At first, straw hats were worn by the middle class and working class for two main reasons: straw hats were cooler in the summer heat

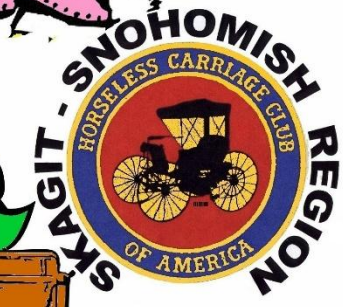
due to the breathable material in which hats were constructed, and the brim offering protection from the sun. The straw hats were made from sennit—a type of braided cord from straw, hemp, or similar fibers. The term **BOATER** was assigned to the straw hat due to the growing popularity of young men seen rowing down the river wearing their Boaters or straw hats!

Boaters were eventually worn by women and men in the 1900's when dressed in casual clothing. Summer outings to a picnic, tennis court, or seaside provided one with the opportunity to wear their **BOATER!** When I picture a dashing young man wearing a boater, a certain Skagit guy comes to mind. HMMM? Do you know who that is?



Connie Mack 1911





**Sept 10-13
Yakima, WA**

Yakima Fun In The Sun Tour 2023

September 10th -- 13th

Driver/Owners Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone Number for the Tour _____

HCCA Membership Number _____

E-mail _____

May we contact you by e-mail for confirmation and tour updates? Yes ___ No ___

Insurance Company _____ Policy Number _____

Year of Car _____ Manufacturer _____

Model _____ Body Style _____

Passenger/Navigator: _____

Additional Passenger _____ Adult ___ Child age _____

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Lodging:

Make your reservation directly with the: Best Western Plus Ahtanum Inn

2808 Rudkin Road, Yakima WA 98903 **509-248-9700**

Rate: \$119.99 per night – Good September 10th through September 14th

Choose: One King or Two Queens Free breakfast and new elevator

Mention: ---- Horseless Carriage

Contacts: Chris Brewer: brewerc@prodigy.net ---- 509-389-4241

Keene Brewer: 2bkeene@prodigy.net ---- 509-969-9494

Send a \$50 deposit to: Chris Brewer, 13306 Occidental Road, Yakima WA 98903

Refunds available up to 30 days prior to the event.

Classifieds:

Send a description and picture of items for sale or list items wanted to lindaanschmidt@hotmail.com. Be sure to let her know when the items are sold and should be removed.

Wanted:

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

For Sale – Several have sold. These are left.

For sale from the estate of Jim Beuzenburg

1911 Maxwell AB Roadster

1914 Model T Ford Touring

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

Doing serious body work? Here's a potentially helpful tool.



Auto body Rotisserie for Sale, Made from Two engine Stands, can be modified for any kind of restoration project. I built it for a Model T project. Comes with all the engine stand parts and the materials I used to modify it.

\$300.00

pfhansen46@gmail.com



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

Next Meeting: Skagit/Snohomish
Regional HCCA Meeting

at 12:30 at Hubb's Pizza and
Pasta, 21102 67th Ave NE,
Arlington, WA 98223.

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