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President's Ramblings

Hello All,

Linda and I have had a busy spring and summer with a convention and tour in April, a Model T tour at Cooley Dam, a motorcycle and a car show, and helping out at the Monroe swap meet.



Special thanks to Howard Musolf and Kathy for hosting the Cooley pre-1916 Model T Ford tour. See the interesting report by Keith Townsend on this event. Keith is the new president of the Portland Regional Group of the HCCA.

Mark your calendars for the July Skagit Snohomish HCCA club meeting at Dave & Elaine Ellis's home. It's Dave's birthday bash on Saturday July 15 at 11:30am. This will be a great event at our Vice-President's garage. We will have a short club meeting and then help Dave blow out the candles. Finger food and other goodies will be served too.

Please join us at Vintage Farming Days on Saturday August 5 to show our cars. Always a wonderful event to see the steam and gas tractors in action. Lots of other farming displays and many cars, trucks and tractors. The steam traction engines are amazing. We will then have a short tour over to Mike & Marcia Yeakel's beach house. A short August club meeting will be followed by a tasty cook out.

Dick & Bev Borton have invited us to help celebrate their anniversary. The event will take place at their farm on Saturday August 19. Bring your horseless carriage and try your luck at balancing on the Teeter Totter and other challenges. Come hungry and leave late.

Don't forget to register for the September annual Skagit Snohomish Regional Tour to take place at Yakima, WA. Tour hosts, Chris & Keene Brewer are busy finalizing all the details of this event. Find the Registration Form in this newsletter. Also reserve your hotel room ASAP. You won't want to miss this yearly tour. Thank-you Chris & Keene !!!

Remember to join us every Thursday morning at the IHOP restaurant on Broadway in Everett at 8:30am.

We have a good turnout to share our trials and tribulations of old car maintenance. And the food is great too.

Hope to see you down the road,
Steve Schmidt

SKAGIT/SNOHOMISH REGIONAL MINUTES

JUNE 21, 2023

President **Steve Schmidt** began the short-but-sweet meeting about 12:45 PM at Hubb's in Arlington. Those in attendance were **Dave and Elaine Ellis, Rick Gilmore, Donna McGinnis, Gayle and Harold Musolf III, Howard Musolf, and Steve Schimdt**. Steve thanked Dave Ellis for arranging the get-together. A discussion ensued as to whether people were just not used to having a meeting anytime except on Saturday, or whether other activities imposed a problem on a weekday, or just forgetfulness. Discussion is to be continued after lunch. And/or, perhaps an emailed questionnaire or phone call could get the feel of what and when people want meetings. Last month's minutes written by Donna McGinnis were approved by a motion made by **Howard Musolf** and seconded by **Harold Musolf III**. Treasurer **Bob Monson** was not in attendance, so it was surmised that the treasury is still solvent per usual. A sunshine report indicated that both **Carolyn Martin** and **Aurore Fickeisen** were laid up with bad backs, and that **Mark Shaw** is selling his collection of cars and tools since his lungs are not doing well. We wish them all well. After lunch, **Howard Musolf** told about his tour to Grand Coulee Dam. 11 of the 15 cars who were scheduled to go did make it; illness interrupted the plans of a couple of others. Despite the numerous hills on the winding roads, all of the cars made it. Unfortunately, the brakes on Jim and Susanne Gordons' T disintegrated, counting them out. The group gave rides to some professional forest fire fighters and heard some fascinating stories. They also were allowed inside the dam for a private tour. They even crossed the river on the FREE Washington State Ferry. The major theme was to be "just be laid back", "be relaxed", and "just enjoy the people and communicating with the other old car buffs"; maybe even a card game, though Howard said to "watch out for Kathy's tricks." The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 PM by a motion made by **Rick Gilmore** and seconded by **Harold Musolf III**. Then the group of us followed through with the main theme of Howard's tour: enjoy, relax, and visit with each other.

Respectfully submitted by Donna McGinnis, Secretary Pro Tem

THE DAM 15/15 TOUR

by Keith Townsend



Howard Musolf hosted an invitation- al tour for 1915 and earlier Model T Fords and limited the participation to 15 motor cars headquartered at, and featuring, the dam in Grand Coulee, Washington. Jim & Susanne Gordon, Bob Streiter & Mark Hogland, and Keith & Yvonne Townsend attended. Bruce Spainhower & Eadi Popick planned to attend, but Bruce's back had other plans. Howard's nephew, Harold, helped out with the tour and there were about a half dozen of the Musolf clan and another half dozen others in attendance.

The first day touring was full of lots of uphill and lots of downhill with low range switchbacks culminating in a free ferry ride across the Columbia River at Keller Ferry. Unfortunately, by the end of the day, Jim Gordon's brakes were fried and he packed up and went home.



Yvonne & Keith



First day switchbacks



Mark & Bob



The next day was more beautiful than the first. Wildlife was abundant as we saw eagles, hawks, coyote, rabbits, white pelicans, deer, and turkeys. A visit to Dry Falls was awe inspiring. Thirteen million years ago, the falls were three times the size of Niagara Falls. The burst of the Missoula Ice Dam fifteen thousand years ago changed all of the landscape, leaving the deep coulees of today, which provided the ideal location for a dam to provide irrigation to Eastern Washington, and provide hydroelectric power to all of the Pacific Northwest.



On our last day we toured the Grand Coulee Dam. Construction started in 1933, as part of FDR's New Deal, and the WPA. Grand Coulee Dam was completed in the 1950's. A third generating plant was installed and completed in the 1970's. We ended our last day with visiting firefighters from High Performance Helicopters. They build and operate medium and large helicopters in support of Wildland Fire Fighting, Aerial Construction and Aerospace R&D. We had the opportunity to inspect one of their specially designed Blackhawk firefighting helicopters up close and personal.



There were no other mechanical mishaps during the tour. Steve Schmidt did have his hood fly off of his replica Ford Racer, but he went back to retrieve it and carried on. A good time was had by all.



Howard is already looking forward to 15/15 tour '24.



The Portland Gas Leak, Volume

2023-24 Calendar – Subject to Change

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

2023

July 2023

- July 15 Skagit/Snohomish HCCA Regional Meeting and Dave's Birthday Bash at Dave and Elaine Ellis's home. 21611 88th Dr NE, Arlington. 11:30am. Visit Dave's garage and have lunch and cake!
- Jul 13-18 Celebration of Brass III Show, Swap Meet, and HCCA Tour Hickory Corners, MI. Sponsor: The Museum of the Horseless Carriage (313) 702-5555
[flyer.pdf \(hcca.org\)](#)

Aug 2023

- Aug 5 Vintage Farming Days, HCCA invited to display cars. Berthusen Memorial Park, 8837 Berthusen Road, Lynden, WA 98264. Skagit/Snohomish monthly meeting to follow at Mike Yeakel's.
- Aug 9-11 Studebaker Overland Trail Tour, Red Lion Hotel Tempiln's Resort, Post Falls & Coeur d'Alene, Idaho hosted by Willie-Overland-Knight Registry Club & The Antique Studebaker Club. Wagon Master: Gary Finch (509) 624-9543. G.FINCH@COMCAST.NET
- Aug 19 Borton's Anniversary party
- Aug 27-31 Portland Regional Group Tour. See flyer on Page 8.

Sep 2023

- Sep 10 -13 Skagit/Snohomish Regional HCCA Fun in the Sun Tour, Yakima, WA. Hosts Keene and Christine Brewer (509)969-9494. Registration on page 11.
- 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

Oct 2023

- Oct 2-6 Hershey Swap Meet
- Oct 7-9 HCCA Hangover Tour, Morgantown, PA

2024

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

Skagit/Snohomish Regional members are invited to join the Portland Regional Group on their Annual Tour.

Portland Regional Group Annual Tour



August 27-31, 2023

Prineville, Oregon

Please send \$50 to reserve your spot to:

**Alice Steffensen
19070 Flora Road
Nampa, ID 83687**

Refunds available up to 30 days before event

Host Hotel:

**Best Western (541) 447-8080
(Mention Portland HCCA)**

Contacts:

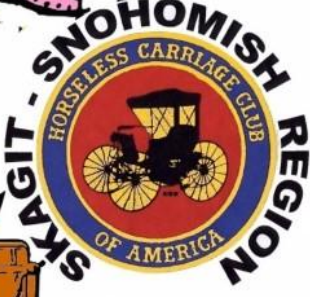
**Alice Steffensen (208) 284-3008
Todd Miller (559) 760-6666**

Campground:

**Crook County RV Park
(541) 447-2599**

Fun in
the Sun

Skagit-Snohomish
Regional Tour 2023



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 lindaannschiidt@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

For Sale

1915 Model T Touring

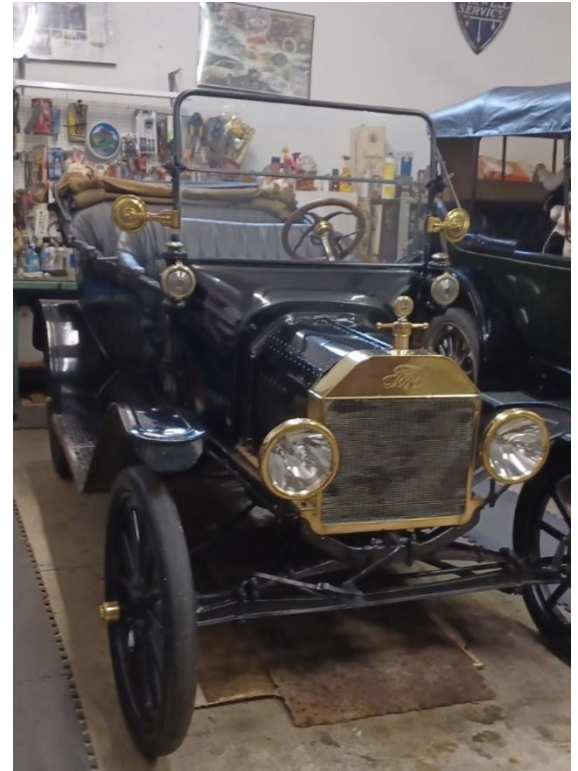
Been converted to Electric Starter. No need to crank!

Asking price: \$10,995.00 Consider all offers.

Good runner motor been balanced. Older Restoration.

Contact Dave Ellis, Arlington, WA

Cell — 360 421-7275, Leave message.



Our Dam Experience

By Linda Schmidt

Although we joked about “dam this” and “dam that” as we enjoyed our trip to Grand Coulee Dam, Steve and I were using the word in a much stronger way on the last couple of days of the tour. Our 1909 Model T Ford racer replica was leaking out both ends by the end of Wednesday’s tour, so we elected to drive the truck on Thursday, but not before a harrowing ride back to the hotel. First, after filling the radiator, the cap wasn’t completely screwed down. The return trip required a U-turn which ejected the radiator cap. We noticed it was missing several blocks later and returned to look for it. The search was in vain, and we stuffed a rag in the radiator and headed back. Harold Jr. and Ann Musolf followed us, which was reassuring. At one point, they disappeared, and Steve was sure we had missed a turn and lost them. I assured him that we were on the right road. Suddenly, Musolfs passed us and pulled off on the shoulder with Harold waving vigorously. We pulled over, and he came up to the car with our radiator cap. An interested bystander in front of the restaurant continued to search after we left, found it, raced after Musolfs, flagged them down, and returned it. Feeling better but concerned about the car’s ability to make it back, we took off again. Evidently the radiator cap wasn’t the only part that didn’t get completely secured. Within minutes of retrieving the radiator cap, the hood of the car blew off and sailed into the ditch. Miraculously, it didn’t hit us! Harold and Ann got to it first, folded it up, and gave it to Steve to stow until we made it back to the trailer.

Hail was in the forecast for Thursday evening, so everyone trailered their antique cars, and we carpooled over the Mexican restaurant for dinner. Since we had planned to celebrate Joe Davies’ birthday at the restaurant, Steve and I snuck out and found a cake and letters to personalize it, and he was just heading out the door to load the cake in the truck when Colleen and Joe walked up to request a ride to the restaurant. I was speechless for a second then said, “Of course!” (Not knowing how we would keep the cake a surprise). While we sorted out the seating, Steve slipped the cake into a cloth bag and tucked it in the back of the pickup and secured it so that it wouldn’t slide around. After dropping us at the restaurant, he returned to the hotel to shuttle another group. On that trip, he snuck the cake in and asked the Host to hide it for us. We were able to surprise both Joe and Colleen and then we devoured the cake.



Our vehicle luck did not improve on our trip home. As we crossed a narrow bridge on US-2, we struck one of the wheels of the trailer on the curb. What a jolt! The rim bent, the tire blew, and the axle was jacked out of shape. There is damage to the body of the

trailer, and everything inside shifted, flipped, or broke. I have pictures of that too. We submitted them to the insurance company.



Good morning!



We toured the dormitory for dam construction workers. Mike Yeakel tried out the tub.



We weren't the only ones with car trouble.



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

Wed., Jun 21 Skagit/Snohomish Regional HCCA meeting. Hubb's Pizza and Pasta, 21102 67th Ave NE, Arlington, WA at 12:30pm.

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