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## President's Ramblings

Hello All,

It's finally starting to warm up after a cool spring. Time to dust off your buggy and start driving it.

Linda and I had a great time recently at the Horseless Carriage Club of America National Tour and Convention in Visalia, CA. See photos below.

Those attending from our region included Mike Yeakel, Jeff Gibson, Tom Brethauer, Keene & Chris Brewer, Jim & Susanne Gordon, Bob Strieter, Mark Shaw, Les & Barbara Von Nordheim, Bob Monsen, Mike & Mary Reid, Don Plumb, and Steve & Linda Schmidt. Beautiful brass cars, cool sunny weather and sometimes bumpy backroads were the order of the day. It was great to meet old friends and make new friends too.

Congratulations to Mike Reid who was elected HCCA President.

Mike is the 7th member of our region to hold the office of National President. I think that may be a regional record.

We encourage everyone to attend the 2024 HCCA National Tour and Convention. They are great fun.

May 13th is our May club meeting, and we call it: 'Fun on the Farm'. Bring your old car. This will be a joint meeting with the Puget Sound Model T Club.

It will be held at Fish Creek Farm, owned by Dick & Bev Borton. [19410 8th Ave NW, Arlington] Plenty of trailer parking.

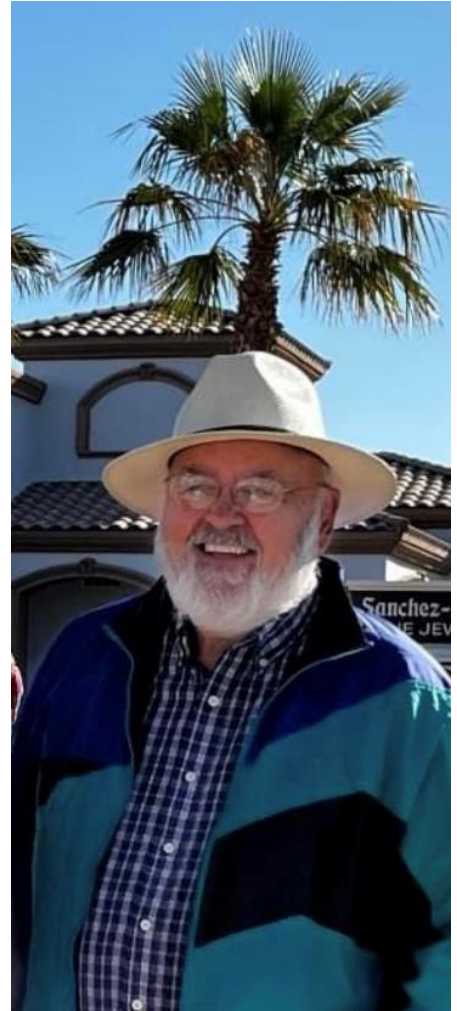
After a short club meeting, lunch will be provided followed by a few games with our cars. Please let me know if you plan to attend, so we can adequately purchase the food.

Saturday August 5th is Vintage Farming Days in Lynden, WA. The Skagit Snohomish HCCA club has been invited to display our cars. This is always an interesting event with lots of steam engines and other early gas tractors.

Check out the Club calendar and join us at the next event.

Safe driving,

Steve Schmidt



## From the Editor

I am excited to share pictures and experiences from the 2023 National HCCA Convention and Tour in the pages that follow. Our regional group was well represented.

It was great to see the cars out for the April meeting too!

The articles and pictures that are contributed by our group make my job easier and the newsletter more interesting. Thank you, Bob Monsen for sharing this photo with me. Our newsletter was awarded Highest Honors at the Convention Banquet and that would not be possible without the pictures and experiences that you share with me.

I'm wearing one of Vicki Markley's hats in this picture.

The registration form for the September Tour is included in this issue. Keene and Christine are looking forward to seeing many of you in Yakima.



This is a 1905 REO owned by Weldon Hillyard who lived in Lakewood WA and let the Monsen family take their 1956 Christmas Card picture in it.

On the left are Bob's sisters Martha and Mary, then his parents Mel and Olga with Chris in between. Bob is on the right side with his sister Karen.



## SKAGIT/SNOHOMISH REGIONAL HCCA

April 22, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM by President **Steve Schmidt** at Hubbs Pizza and Brew in Arlington. He thanked **Dave Ellis** for arranging the meeting place. There were no guests to introduce.

Those present were **Dave and Elaine Ellis, Larry Fickeisen, Rick Gilmour, Mike and Carolyn Martin, Donna McGinnis, Ann and Harold Musolf Jr,** and **Steve Schmidt**.

**Minutes:** The minutes printed in the newsletter were unanimously passed by a motion made by **Harold Musolf Jr** and seconded by **Rick Gilmore**. A question about whether to continue taking minutes was raised, but it was decided to leave well-enough alone so that there is a history of our chapter's happenings.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer **Bob Mosen** called **Steve** with the treasurer's report which indicated that the treasury continues to be solvent (even after his extensive "travel" itinerary.) A discussion ensued that our treasury needs to set up some goals to start spending some of the excess money; suggestions included a gas card (though little interest was generated), of help to pay part or all of an activity which would include those who are active in club participation or contributing toward some of the expense of our annual tour.

**Sunshine:** There were no cards sent out, though it was noted that **Dave Ellis** is feeling much better following a bad bout with the flu.

**Old Business:** The next meeting is scheduled to be with the Model T group for "Fun at the Farm" days at **Dick and Bev Borton's** on May 13 for a potluck lunch (though the Model T Club will be serving BBQ hamburgers, Salmon burgers, and Hot dogs, and **Donna McGinnis** will be fixing the Pasta Fruit Salad per request) – so any other salad or casserole or hors d'oeuvre or a dessert will be appreciated. **Eric Musolf** has volunteered to be the BBQ master again. Bring your antique car because there will be fun car games to follow lunch.

It was again discussed as to how we can improve turnout at the meetings, as the club has not rebounded since Covid. It was asked if would be better to have a meeting every other month rather than monthly, though no decision was made at this time; places for meetings were also discussed, but no better places were decided because both Hubbs and Bob's Burger and Brews have separate meeting rooms and the ability to order off of the menu at no costs.

**New Business:** **Steve Schmidt** reported on the National Convention and Tour which was held in the Tulare region of California. He was extremely proud of the showing from our chapter. He also noted that the National will have another one of our club members as its new president.

**Mike Reid** will be joining an elite list of past presidents from our chapter, which includes **Keene Brewer, Don Plumb, Mike Yeakel, Frank Hurley, Howard Musolf, James Zordich, Conrad Fletcher,** and now, **Mike Reid**. Congratulations!

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 PM by a motion made by **Carolyn Martin** and seconded by **Elaine Ellis**.

**Great to see the cars out for the meeting in April.**



# 2023-24 Calendar – Subject to Change

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

## 2023

### 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. Potluck lunch.**

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](mailto:brasstguy@gmail.com)

### July 2023

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.

### 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

### Oct 2023

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

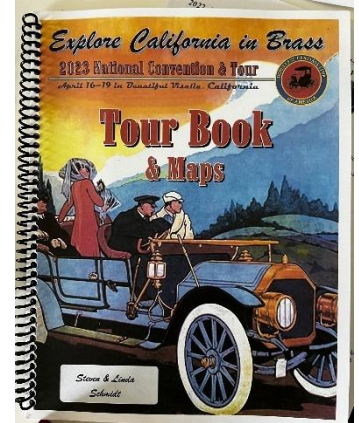
## 2024

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



## 2023 HCCA NATIONAL CONVENTION AND TOUR

The Skagit/Snohomish Regional Group was well-represented at the Convention and on the National Board. The event was sponsored by the Tulare County Regional Group with Don and Joyce Azevedo as General Chairmen. According to the names in the tour booklet, there were 110 people registered as well as 74 cars traveling from California,



Linda Schmidt, Keene Brewer, and Les Von Nordheim

Michigan, Utah, Washington, Oregon, Georgia, North Dakota, Missouri, New South Wales (Australia), Pennsylvania, Alberta (Canada), Minnesota, Arizona, Virginia, and Idaho. Attending from our club were: Bob Monsen, Tom Brethauer, Mike Yeakel, Jeff Wilson, Steve and Linda Schmidt, Keene (outgoing Chairman of the Board) and Christine Brewer, Jim and Susanne Gordon, Mike (new National President) and Mary Reid, Don Plumb (National Director), Bob Streiter, Mark Shaw, and Les and Barbara Von Nordheim.



Bob White's Collection

The events and tours were well-planned. We visited unique collections and interesting small towns in addition to enjoying pleasant drives through the varied topography of the area. We climbed hills, splashed through receding water from the recent rains, and admired the beautiful green hills and farms.



(Fortunately, we stayed dry every day!) We had the opportunity to watch the operation of a 9,000 head dairy and to introduce the next generation to the hobby when we visited a agriculture-based school. And of course, we were well-fed!



Steve and Linda Schmidt at Hilaride's Dairy



Jeff Gibson, Mike Yeakel, Tom Brethauer, Chris and Keene Brewer, Linda and Steve Schmidt



Alan and Mary Travis in their Renault





*Do you think Marcia would like this one?*



*I need to see some ID.*



*Learning to start the T*



*Steve and Brad Balduff discussing webpages.*



*Bob Mosen and Steve found some interesting yard art.*

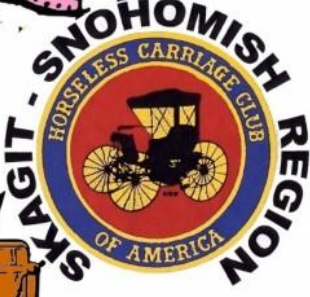


*Wow! I didn't know that!*



Fun in  
the Sun

Skagit-Snohomish  
Regional Tour 2023



Sept 10-13  
Yakima, WA

# Yakima Fun In The Sun Tour 2023

September 10<sup>th</sup> -- 13<sup>th</sup>

**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 10<sup>th</sup> through September 14<sup>th</sup>

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

**Mention: ---- Horseless Carriage**

**Contacts:** Chris Brewer: [brewerc@prodigy.net](mailto:brewerc@prodigy.net) ---- 509-389-4241

Keene Brewer: [2bkeene@prodigy.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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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 Drive W, University Place, WA 98466**

Next Meeting: Skagit/Snohomish  
Regional HCCA Meeting

**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. Potluck lunch.**

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