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## Skagit-Snohomish Regional Group

### Horseless Carriage Club of America

The Skagit-Snohomish Regional Group of the Horseless Carriage Club of America is a non-profit corporation with an active membership dedicated to the preservation of pre-1916 motorized vehicles, literature, accessories, history, and associated items.

Any person/family who is a current member of the Horseless Carriage Club of America, with interest or ownership in pre-1916 vehicles shall be eligible to apply for membership. Dues are **\$25.00** per year and include a minimum of 10 issues of the *Brass Ramblings* newsletter annually.

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## President's Ramblings

Hello all,

Fall is in the air and it seems as though the summer sure went by fast. It's certainly time to check the antifreeze levels in your cars.

In October Linda and I along with Ray & Nancy Moore and Mike and Carolyn Martin traveled to Cayucas, California for the Ryan Ramble. The Ryan family hosted the 15th 'Ramble' and what a cool tour it was. We highly recommend this yearly tour.



The next regional meeting will be a December Christmas lunch on Sunday December 10th at the Shaun O'Donnell's Farmhouse Restaurant. [13724 LaConner-Whitney Rd., Mount Vernon, WA.]

Hope to see you at the December meeting,  
Steve Schmidt



Please join all the gang at the December Christmas lunch at Shaun O' Donnell's Farmhouse restaurant!

## SKAGIT-SNOHOMISH REGIONAL HCCA

October 28, 2023

### Meeting Minutes

The October Meeting of the SS/HCCA chapter was held at Hubb's Pizza and Pasta in Arlington. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by President Steve Schmidt. A thank you was given to Donna McGinnis for making the arrangements for the meeting. There will be NO November meeting.

Donna also arranged for the December meeting to be held on Sunday Dec. 10, 2023, at Shaun O'Donnell's Farmhouse Restaurant at 12:30pm. Address: 13724 LaConner-Whitney Road, Mount Vernon, WA. [360-466-4411].

Howard Musolf was thanked for opening his garage for tour today before the meeting.

One guest was present at the meeting. Ray Markley introduced his daughter, Allison, who actually has been a long-time participant at club events over the years. Members present included Ray and Allison Markley, Mike and Carolyn Martin, Donna McGinnis, Gayle and Harold Musolf III, Steve and Linda Schmidt, Dave and Elaine Ellis, Wayne Musselman, Eric Musolf and Mike Yeakel.

A motion was made by Dave Ellis and seconded by Elaine Ellis to approve the minutes as printed in the September 2023 newsletter.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Robert Monsen was absent but reported by email that the club was solvent.

It was announced that the club grew by one member this month. Chris Graber of Bozeman, Montana applied for membership. Welcome Chris.

It was decided that the club will pay for 50% of the December 10th meeting meals. Also, the Puget Sound Model T Club members will be invited to the meal; however, their meals will not be comped.

Mike Yeakel reported about his recent trip to Hershey Swap meet and his participation in the Hershey Hangover tour.

Dave Ellis and Eric Musolf reported about the Portland Swap meet for April 2024. Dave talked about the Monroe Swap meet also.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mike Yeakel moved that the meeting be adjourned at 2pm.

## RYAN RAMBLE in CAYUCOS, CALIFORNIA

By Linda Schmidt

Steve and I had a wonderful time on our first Ryan Ramble. Joining us from the Skagit/Snohomish HCCA Regional Group were Ray and Nancy Moore and Mike and Carolyn Martin. The Ryan family has been hosting a tour for fifteen years, so they have the logistics down to science. The tour book was easy to follow for the navigators, the location of the hotel and RV park were ideal, and there was ample secure trailer parking. We were joined by many other newbies on the tour as well as many veterans. The routes were scenic, and the destinations were varied and interesting.



This year's tour was headquartered on the California coast south of the Bay Area along Highway 1 in the small beach community of Cayucos. We traveled north from there on Thursday to Hearst Castle, Elephant Seal Rookery, and Cambria. On Friday, the tour took us south to Avila Beach and the San Luis Lighthouse. Saturday's route was east to Mission San Miguel Archangel and Estrella Warbird Museum and Woodland Auto Display with a rest stop at Jack Creek Cellars near the time of the solar eclipse. On Sunday, we drove to Morro Bay for brunch and a photo op in front of Morro Rock. There was a chance to chat every evening on the hotel lawn with snacks and beverages. Since a picture is worth a thousand words, here are some of the photos that I collected of the tour. I wish they looked as good in black and white for those whose receive the print copy.



Sunset over Steve's shoulder as we try to get back to the RV park before dark.



*Mike and Carolyn Martin  
enjoying a box lunch  
at the mission.*



We enjoyed seeing Mark and LuWanna Neilson from Phoenix again who attended with Ray and Nancy Moore.



Look closely at the bottom of Morro Rock and see the cars from the tour.



1909 Babcock



WWI Trench Art



## Here's a throwback to 2016 tour at LaConner, WA



[2016 Skagit - Snohomish Horseless Carriage Club at La Conner, WA - Seattle antique cars - YouTube](#)



# 2023-24 Calendar – Subject to Change

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

## Dec 2023

Dec 10 Skagit/Snohomish Christmas Gathering is Sunday, December 10, 2023, 12:30pm at Shawn O'Donnell's Skagit Valley Farmhouse, 13724 LaConner-Whitney Road, Mount Vernon, WA. 360-466-4411. Brunch Buffett.

## 2024

### JAN 2024

### FEB 2024

Feb 17-18 Early Bird Swap Meet, Puyallup

### MAR 2024

Mar 15-20 HCCA National Convention and Tour, Chattanooga, Contact: Jeff Stumb (423) 385-4414 Host hotel: The Westin, 801 Pine Street: (423) 531- 4653.

### APR 2024

Apr 6-7 Portland Swap Meet

### MAY 2024

May 17-18 Monroe Swap Meet  
May 26- 8<sup>th</sup> International HCCA Tour in Tweed Valley, NSW, Australia. Host:  
Jun 1 Russell Holden, 757-434-0056



## **Classifieds:**

Send a description and picture of items for sale or list items wanted to [lindaanschmidt@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

### **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)

## **For Sale**

Afifi Shrine Clown Car. Can be configured to drive from the backseat. 1926 Model T Ford Touring. \$5,000. Contact Robert Mosen [253-229-3456] for photos.

[robert.mosen@gmail.com](mailto:robert.mosen@gmail.com)

## For Sale

1926 FORD MODEL T

Asking \$7800

Runs Great

Has a RUCKSTELL 2 speed Rear Axle. Wire wheels are in good shape. New wiring. Yes, lots of dings and scratches. It spent its whole life on the FARM. In Eastern Washington. Now located in Arlington, WA.

Contact Dave Ellis (360-403-3298) or email: [buckio21611@gmail.com](mailto:buckio21611@gmail.com) for pics and questions.

All offers considered.

Health issues reason for selling.





## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION YEAR 2024

### 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**

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