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The BAY AREA HORSELESS CARRIAGE CLUB (BAHCC) was founded in 1950 by and for automobile antiquarians dedicated to the preservation of pre-1916 motor vehicles. The BAHCC is one of numerous Regional Groups of the Horseless Carriage Club of America, (HCCA), which has 4500 members worldwide. HCCA membership is required of all active touring BAHCC members, but is not required for "Associate" members.

- We welcome new membership! -

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** First Wednesday of each month, (excluding July & December - No meeting), are a combination of in-person and via ZOOM. (See website Calendar for time, location and format.) April & November are Potluck dinners starting at 6:30 PM at the Piedmont Community Hall, 711 Highland Avenue, Piedmont, California. *Guests are always welcome!*

**BOARD MEETINGS:** Third Wednesday of each month, via ZOOM. All members welcome. Contact any Board member for ZOOM invitation.

**ADDRESS:** c/o President. **PHONE:** c/o President.

**WEBSITE:** www.bahcc.org

#### EDITOR'S NOTES:

Another successful year of the Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club is in the books!

The Holiday Party was once again a huge success! The efforts of the few made this a fun event for the many. I would like to offer special thanks to the long-time stewards of this great affair, John & Carloe Morrison. Thanks are also owed to Norman and Gerald, for handling the food & beverage.

With covid barely visible in the rear view mirror, this past year felt like things were finally back on track. I look forward to the coming year, and am confident that we can extend our good fortune.

This is your Club, and your contributions, regardless of how grand or minute, contribute to our well being and secure our success for the future.

I wish you and yours good health and safe travels for the coming year.

Mark Cerruti, Editor

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# *President's Message*

Happy New Year! Happy New President for 2024. Looking forward to a good year with the Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club.

Who is your New President? My name is Eric Larson. I have lived in southern Sonoma for the past 37 years, retired from owning a Fire and Water Damage Restoration Cleanup company for 25 years. I have always repaired, restored, and played with cars all my life, and currently have several Horseless Carriage cars as well as many later cars. I call my home "Horsepower Ranch" because I have cars and horsepower, but no animals. I have been a BAHCC member for about 5 years, Lifetime HCCA member, and longtime member of NorthBay Corvette Club which I have held many board positions. I am ready to take on a year as President of the Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club with the support of a great board.

A big shout out and thanks to Carolee and John Morisson whom organized the Christmas Dinner with some help from Norman, coordinating the Caterer, and Gerald for the Bar. We had about 43 in attendance including 6 kids. Special thanks to Gary Mills and Whitney Haist for their service to the club.

First order of business is getting some events on the calendar, and putting together a list for new/replacement name tags. I got a few names at the Christmas Dinner, but I'm sure there are more out there. If we wear our name tags at our events, it will make the people who don't know many or can't remember names, much more comfortable. The more you get involved the more you will enjoy the club. See flyer in this newsletter for the Name Tags.

I would like to hear from you and see you this year, so if you have some ideas, questions, or need some help with your car, please reach out to me or any of the other board members.

Because we have our members all over the Bay Area and some beyond, having our monthly General Meetings via Zoom seems to be pretty effective, but we do like to have a few in person meetings as well. The plan is to do the zoom meetings and have a few in person meetings such as the Potluck events at the Piedmont Community Hall in the Spring and Fall and maybe something in the Summer. Check the Gazette Calendar, and mark yours accordingly.

We have a couple of things on the calendar already coming up soon, so please check the calendar and flyers in this newsletter and come out and join us.

See you soon!

*Eric Larson*



*Christmas Lights at "Horsepower Ranch"*



# HOLIDAY PARTY

# 2023



Mixologist Gerald Robinson "at the ready!"

Photo by Lynn Larson



Chef Dan created a sumptuous feast!

Photo by Lynn Larson



All the boys made the "Nice List" this year, declared Santa

Photo by Anthony Drewitz





Let's eat!

Photo by Lynn Larson



Festive!

Photo by Lynn Larson



Gary Mills handing over the Gavel to New President Eric Larson

Photo by Anthony Drewitz



First Lady Lynn Larson & Pres. Eric Larson

Photo courtesy of Lynn Larson



Retiring Treasurer Whitney Haist, President Eric Larson & former President Gary Mills

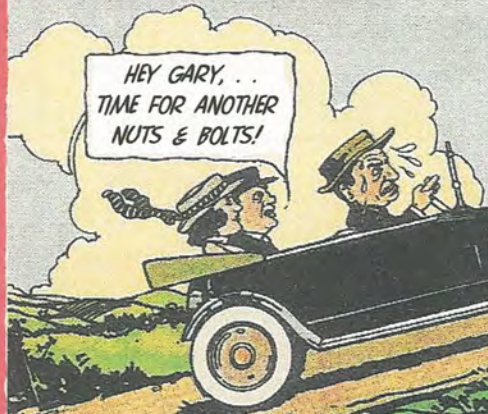
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Presidential Limo?

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Knock

# Nuts & Bolts

**Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Mills' Firehouse 31645 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Niles, California**

**9AM - Noon**

**GARY'S MODEL T FORD AIN'T RUNNING RIGHT AND NEEDS AFIXIN'**

*Stop by, lend a hand and get your hands dirty! If you're not so mechanically inclined, come anyway, set a spell & have a cup o' joe and a doughnut or three!*

Gary Mills (510) 656-9192

Tony Wollesen (408) 406-6639

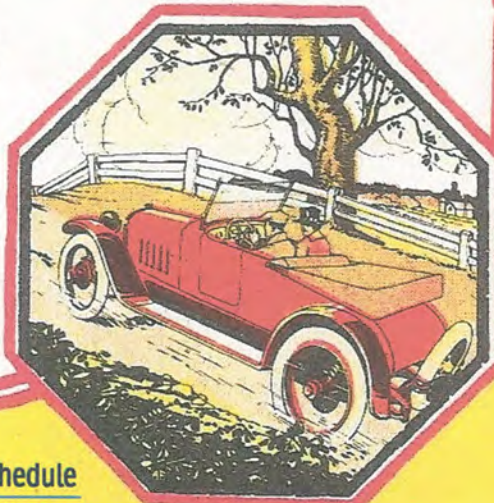


**Before**

***Need help with  
your car?***

**HOST A "NUTS & BOLTS"  
AND THE GANG WILL  
HAVE 'ER BACK ON THE  
ROAD IN NO TIME!**

Results may vary



**After**

**Contact Tony Wollesen to get on the Schedule**

(408) 406-6639

[aawollesen@gmail.com](mailto:aawollesen@gmail.com)





# Do You Need a Name Tag?

We are going to be putting in an order for Name Tags. Do you or your Spouse need one?

*If you want a Name Tag and you're not on this list, call or email Eric Larson*

## Name Tag List

Gerald Robinson  
Steve Jackson  
Rob Caldeira  
Pam Caldeira  
Vince O'Brien  
Carol Graves  
Anthony Dewitz  
Gary Mills  
Jim Lukash  
Leslie Lukash  
Olivia Lukash  
Orin Kerr  
Cristine Crowell  
Jim Pappakostas  
Margie Pappakostas  
Bruce Tschida  
Wendy Tschida




(707) 974-4296

[hpranch@interx.net](mailto:hpranch@interx.net)

*Name Tags are FREE to Members!*







# Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum

## NorCal Packards January Event

Join us as we host the Horseless Carriage Club for our annual January movie event at the Niles Essanay Silent Movie Museum

Sunday, January 14th

10:00 am – 2:00pm

ESSANAY Silent Movie Museum

37417 Niles Blvd, Fremont, CA

### Schedule

Coffee and donuts at 10:00 am

Catered lunch at 11:30 am

Movie starts at 12 noon

### Parking

Early birds get to park on the street in front of the museum. Plus we can use the large lot across the street from the museum.

### Exclusive Opportunity

After the movie ends, Gary from the HCCA will lead us on a tour of several buildings in Niles that contain antique cars and collectibles (located just 2 blocks from the theater).



# NorCal Packards – Horseless Carriage Club

## ESSANAY Silent Movie Museum Combined Club Event

Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am – 2:00pm

### ESSANAY Silent Movie Museum

37417 Niles Blvd, Fremont, CA

Please send the coupon below with check by January 5, 2024. We need a final count for lunch sandwiches, coffee and donuts. For questions please call your tour organizer, Mike Solomon 916-365-1887

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Cost is \$20.00 per person with lunch - includes coffee and donuts on arrival, theater admission, and lunch with a sandwich, chips, cookies and water.

Make your check out to NorCal Packards and mail to:

Michael Solomon, 1700 Pleasant Ranch Court, Placerville, CA. 95667

Ham and Swiss Cheese \_\_\_\_\_

Turkey and Swiss Cheese \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian Avocado \_\_\_\_\_

Total (times \$20) \_\_\_\_\_





# Calendar

**BAHCC Events  
are Highlighted**

Contact the Editor to  
add a pre-war auto-related  
event to this Calendar

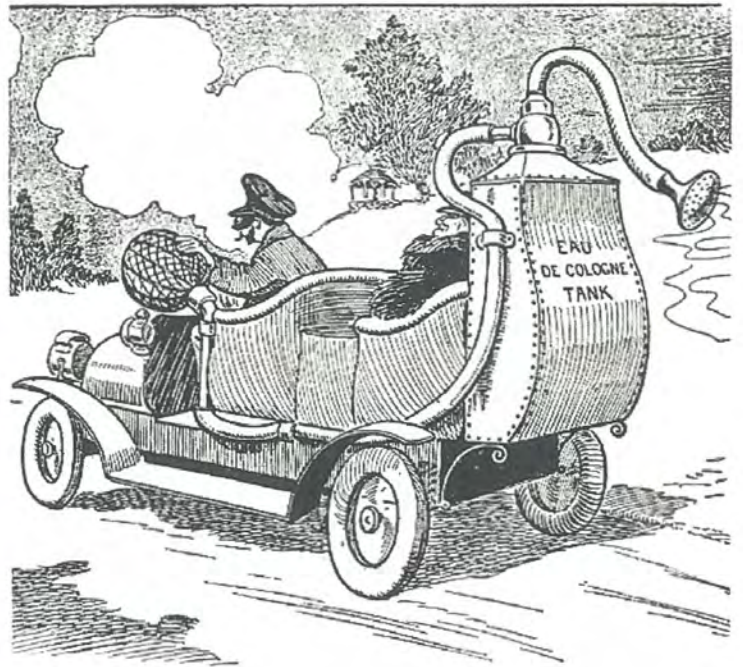
Month	Date	Event	Location	Details	Contact
JANUARY	wed 1/3	General Meeting		<b>zoom</b> 7:30 PM	Contact any Board Member if you do not receive zoom invitation
	sun 1/7	Nuts & Bolts	Niles, CA	<i>See Flyer</i>	Gary Mills (510) 656-9192
	sun 1/14	Joint Tour, Lunch & Movie w/ NorCal Packard Club in Historic Niles.	Niles, CA	<i>See Flyer</i>	Rob Caldeira rob@robertcaldeira.com
	wed 1/17	Board Meeting		<b>zoom</b> 7:30 PM	Board Meetings are open to all Members Contact any Board Member to receive zoom invitation
	1/27 & 1/28	Turlock Swap Meet	Turlock, CA		turlockswapmeet.com
FEBRUARY	wed 2/7	General Meeting		<b>zoom</b> 7:30 PM	Contact any Board Member if you do not receive zoom invitation
	sat or sun	Valentine's Tour & Luncheon		<i>Volunteer NOW to host this popular Event in your area!</i>	
	wed 2/21	Board Meeting		<b>zoom</b> 7:30 PM	Board Meetings are open to all Members Contact any Board Member to receive zoom invitation
	sat 2/24	ALPCA License Plate Swap Meet	Niles, CA		David Lacey dslacey1967@gmail.com
MARCH	wed 3/6	General Meeting		<b>zoom</b> 7:30 PM	Contact any Board Member if you do not receive zoom invitation
	3/15 - 3/20	HCCA National Convetion & Tour	Nashville, TN		hcca.org
	TBD	Green Brass Tour	Niles, CA		Tony Wollesen (408) 406-6639
	3/15 & 3/16	Chickasha Swap Meet	Chickasha, OK		Mike or Susie Ersland (405) 224-9090
	wed 3/20	Board Meeting		<b>zoom</b> 7:30 PM	Board Meetings are open to all Members Contact any Board Member to receive zoom invitation
APRIL	wed 4/3	General Meeting Potluck & Auction	Piedmont, CA		Piedmont Community Hall 711 Highland Ave, Piedmont, CA
	wed 4/17	Board Meeting		<b>zoom</b> 7:30 PM	* Board Meetings are open to all Members Contact any Board Member to receive zoom invitation
MAY	5/3 & 5/4	Bakersfield Swap Meet	Mc Farland, CA		Steven Chase (323) 497-0601 NewNorthSouth@gmail.com
	5/6 - 5/8	California Rendezvous	Paso Robles, CA		Jim Skillicorn (831) 455-5105 jimskillicorn@comcast.net
	sun 5/19	Friendship Day	Redwood City, CA		MPOTAC.com
JUNE	sun 6/2	Mother Lode Swap Meet	Auburn, CA		motherlodemodelt.com
	6/8 & 6/9	Endurance Run & Lowland Tour	Palo Alto, CA		scvmfrc.org
JULY	tue 7/4	Piedmont 4th of July Parade & Picnic	Piedmont, CA		bahcc.org
	7/18 - 7/23	4th Annual "Museum of the Horseless Carriage" Celebration of Brass	Hickory Corners, MI		museumofthehorselesscarriage.org

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Owner of the Auto.—At last, *at last*, I can enjoy motoring. How I must have distressed my fellow citizens when I left a trail of gasoline behind me!

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**New ~~Brass~~ IRON**

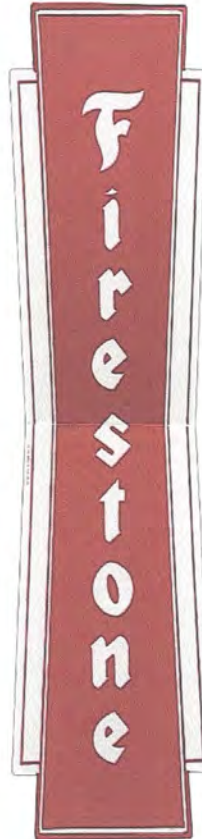
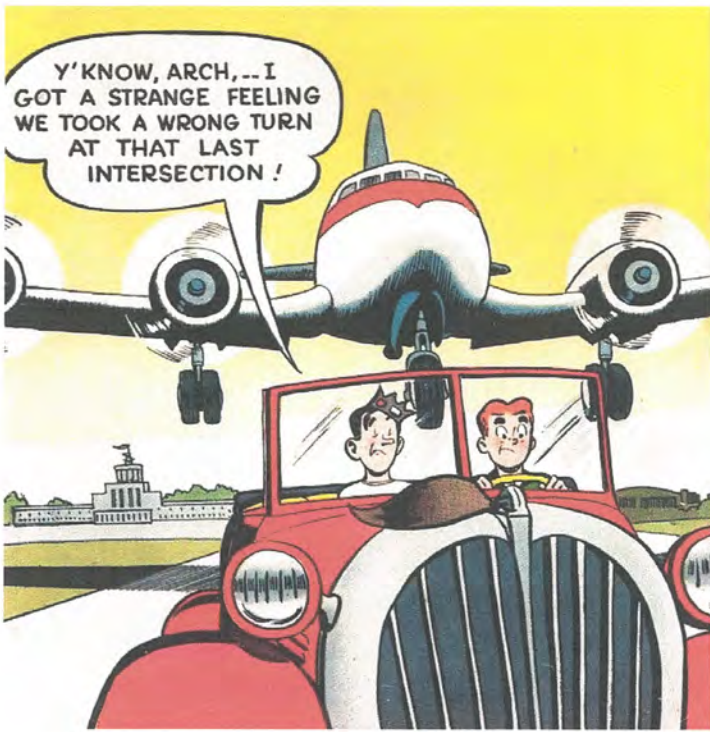
Whitney Haist with his new / old 1927 Caterpillar Model 20 Tractor

This was the first tractor offered by the newly formed company



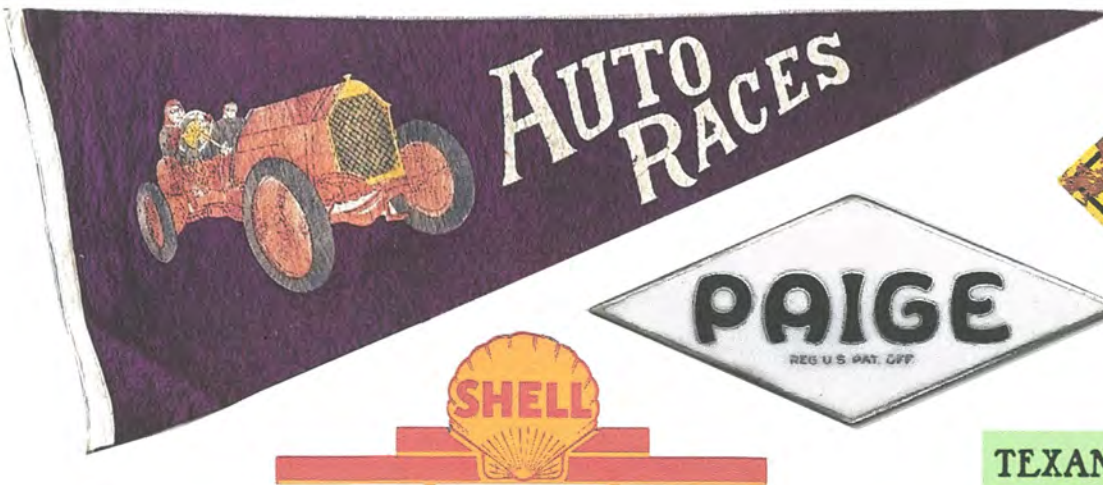
## Happy Birthday!

Carolee Morrison	January 1
Doug Marin	January 2
Matt Ryan	January 2
Anne Metais	January 3
Colin Feichtmeir	January 9
Jim Pappakostas	January 12
Mark Forbes	January 13
Kaaren Brommer	January 20
Bill Gularte	January 27
Karen Archer	January 31



## Happy Anniversary!

John & Kathleen Vitale	January 16th, 1982
Jim & Jean Boyden	January 25th
Ed & Karen Archer	January 31st, 1959



## TEXANS BECOME SCARED

The city council of Victoria, Tex., has passed a motor ordinance through its first reading, limiting the speed of motor cars in and through the city at a maximum rate of 6 miles an hour, and when turning corners at a speed of 3 miles per hour, the proper signal to be given before turning corners. There are six cars in Victoria now, and a number of complaints have been registered against the high and dangerous speed at which they are being propelled in the city. Victoria is only one of the cities in the Lone Star state to take up the motor question. Several others are discussing the adoption of ordinances.

Motor Age April 11, 1907

## We Have Moved

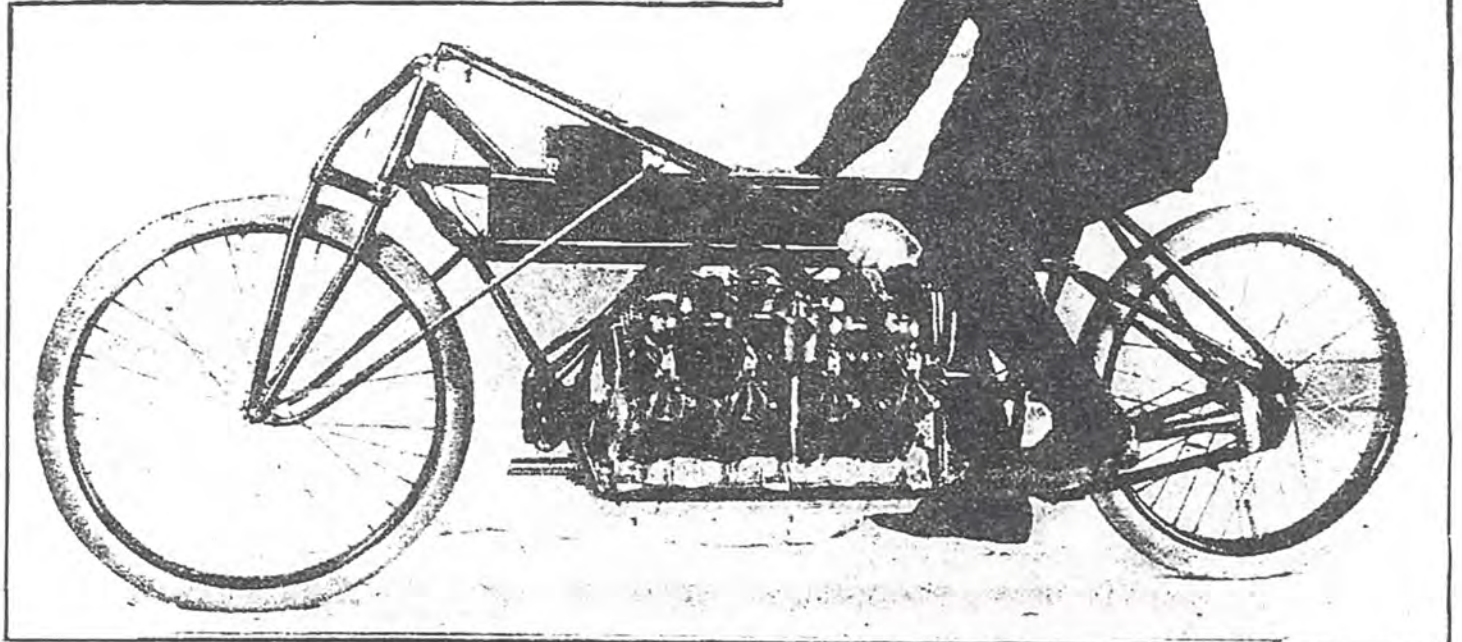
Fred & Nancy Byl  
314 Riverwood Lane  
Rio Vista, CA 94571





## MOTORCYCLE MADE FASTEST TIME ON RECORD

The largest and most powerful motorcycle ever built has recently been completed and entered the contest in the 1907 Beach races. It is an 8-



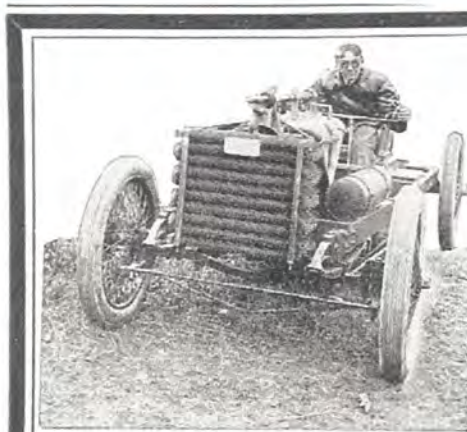
Courtesy C. H. Curtiss Mfg. Co.

### 40-Hp. Motorcycle Which Made a Mile in 26 2-5 Seconds

cylinder machine of 40 hp. The record for the 10-mile race is already held by the same builders who won the 10-mile race three years ago at Ormond Beach with a double cylinder machine in 8:54 2-5. Great expectations are placed on the performance of the new ma-

chine, which is driven direct with a one to one gear, with 26-in. rear wheel. The wheel base is 65 in. The entire machine weighs 300 lb. and is faster than any other mechanical motive power ever built by man.

*Courtesy of Don Azevedo*



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MR. BARNEY E. OLDFIELD

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## MOBILENE SHEET PACKING

In his recent successful attempts to break the world's records. The same gaskets stood all of the trials. He says:

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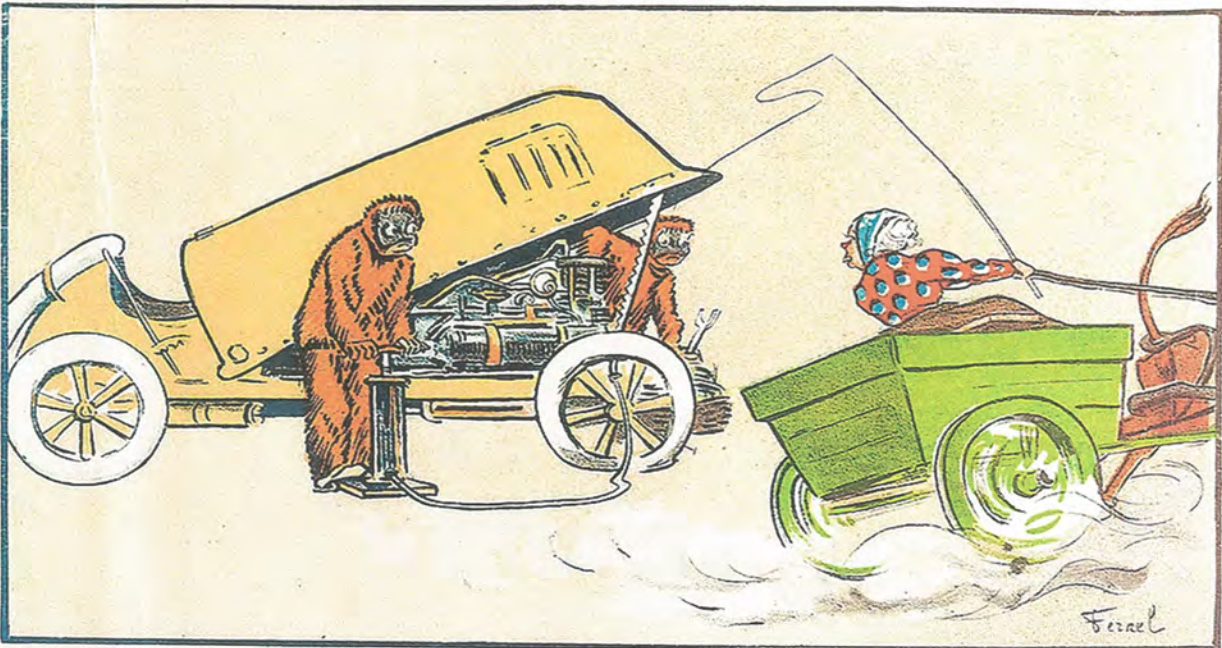
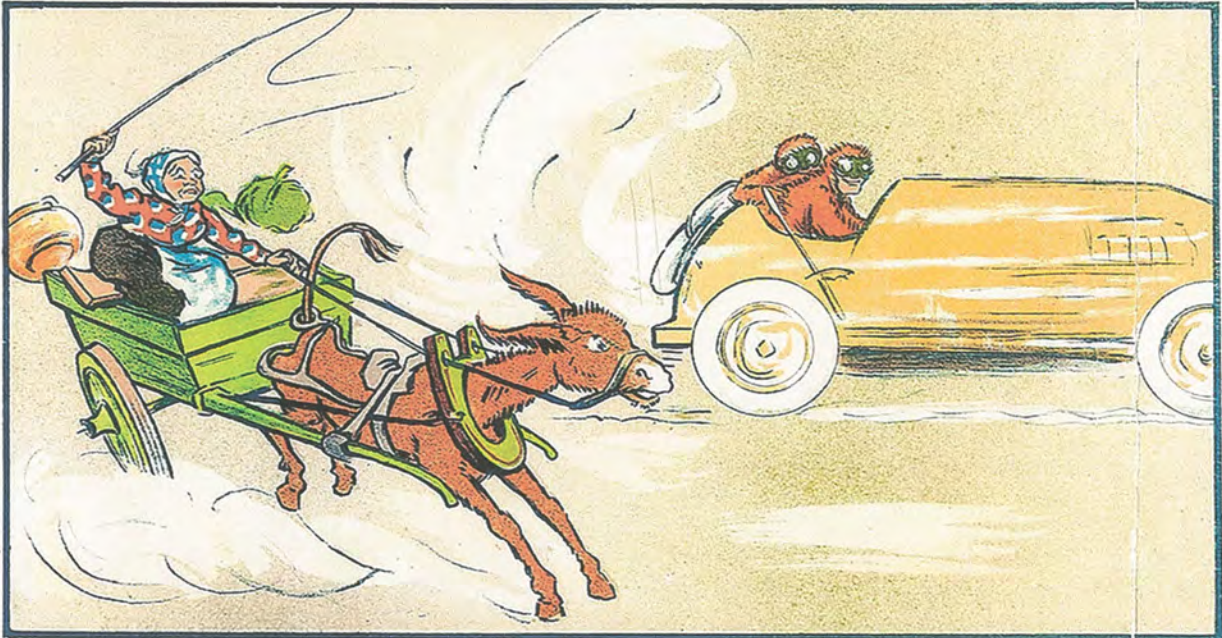
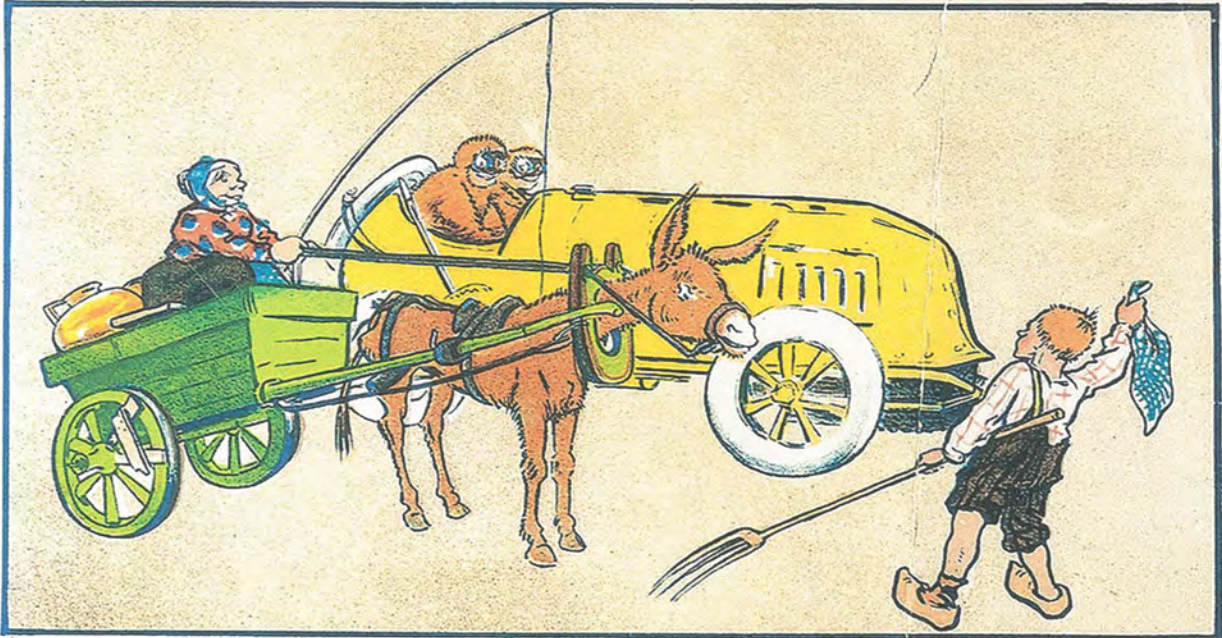
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# HCCA NATIONAL NEWS



Re: **Publication Awards; Hershey Tent; Incredible Opportunity! What's on the Calendar; ....**  
Issue: 2023-12-01 #12

## Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

- **Publication Awards Nominations** – Alex Huppe will be judging the HCCA Publication Awards again for 2023. Alex is pleased to receive nominations for awards from any HCCA member.

Further, he is open to any Website Nominations, including self Nominations, so please don't be shy.

Alex has asked that Presidents of all Regional Groups, and Affiliated Registers, submit examples of their publications to his address at:

Alex Huppe  
750 North Tamiami Trail  
Sarasota, FL 34236.

Or, via Email to: [alexhuppe@aol.com](mailto:alexhuppe@aol.com)

The deadline for submissions is December 31, 2023. Don't let the holidays get in the way. Send in your submission Now!

- **Hershey Tent Heroics** – President Mike Reid reported: "The tent at Hershey this year was very well managed by Vince and Janice Altieri, with help from Andy and Tricia Wallace, following the sudden, unexpected, late departure from this responsibility by the planned managers. With the help from many Club volunteers, the tent activities, the merchandise sales, and the Barbeque were very successful." Hurray for all of the HCCA Volunteers who stepped up, and made it happen!
- **Incredible Opportunity!** – Are you putting on a Tour or HCCA event? Want to create some excitement? How about displaying an HCCA Crest (9 feet high) at your event. It is available, shipping required. Contact Don Plumb or Terry Cole for details. Act Now!
- **HCCA Tri-Fold Pamphlet** – Attending a local car show or car event? Why not take along some HCCA brochures to hand out?

What, you don't have any? Just contact your Region President, or the HCCA Office. Lindsey will be happy to mail you some. [office@hcca.org](mailto:office@hcca.org)

- **What's on the Calendar** – The Latest from the HCCA Gazette and Website:
  - **HCCA National Convention and Tour**, Chattanooga, TN. March 15-20, 2024. Sponsor: Tennessee Regional Group. Host: Jeff Stumb, 423-385-4414, [jeff@greatrace.com](mailto:jeff@greatrace.com) Host Hotel: The Westin, 423-531-4653 (Hotel)
  - **8<sup>th</sup> HCCA International Tour**, Tweed Valley, Queensland, AUS. May 26 – June 2, 2024. Sponsor: South East Australian Regional Group. Hosts: Russell Holden and Michael Holding. 757-434-0056 (Russell – US). Email: [russell@oldworldlamps.net](mailto:russell@oldworldlamps.net) (Russell), [mholding@netspace.net.au](mailto:mholding@netspace.net.au) (Michael).
  - **Celebration of Brass IV, Show, Swap Meet, and HCCA Tour**. Hickory Corners, MI. July 18-23, 2024. Sponsor: The Museum of the Horseless Carriage. Contact: Paul Sloan, 313-702-5555. Email: [paul.james.sloan@outlook.com](mailto:paul.james.sloan@outlook.com)
  - **Adventures With Tin Lizzie in the Hungarian Landscape – The Jozsef A. Galamb Memorial Tour**, Budapest, Hungary. August 15 – Sept 4, 2024. Contact: Frank Seress, 818-254-6797 email: [sarikatime@yahoo.com](mailto:sarikatime@yahoo.com)
- See the Gazette and Website for updates.

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