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**About Us**

The Santa Clara Valley Horseless Carriage Club is a family oriented club dedicated to the preservation, restoration, and enjoyment of automobiles from the “Brass Era”. The club activities include local and regional tours, social events, and restoration assistance and advice. Our membership totals over 50 families primarily in the Santa Clara Valley and Northern California, and welcomes new members who share our passion for these historic automobiles. We meet the first Friday of every month at 8:00 PM at the Church of the Nazarene, 635 Calero Avenue in San Jose.

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### 2011 EVENTS AND TOURS

Oct 5-8 HCCA in Hershey, Pennsylvania  
Dec 3 Annual Christmas Dinner

### 2012 EVENTS AND TOURS

Feb 15-20 HCCA 75th Anniversary Convention in Van Nuys, California  
Mar 15-16 Chickasha, Oklahoma Pre-War II Swap Meet  
May 16-19 Blossom Tour  
July 1-6 HCCA National Tour in Colorado Springs, Colorado

### 2011 MEETING AND REFRESHMENTS

October Meeting at restaurant \*  
November 4 Mirassou  
December 3 Christmas Party

\* Look in your USPS mail box for the postcard announcing the General meeting time and place.

### OCTOBER SPECIAL DAYS

3rd K. Kay and Bill Lewis - Anniversary  
7th Barbara Holthaus - Birthday

(Contact Mona Anninger at [monas4440@verizon.net](mailto:monas4440@verizon.net) or 408-221-7014 to add your Special days to our list.)

The Horseless Herald can viewed on the World Wide Web at  
<http://www.scvhcc.org/newsletter.html>

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### SCVHCC GENERAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2011

Meeting held at the Valley Church of the Nazarene.

Meeting called to order at 8:00 P.M. by President Mona Anninger.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bill Lewis reported that we have \$12,157.29 plus an additional \$133.00 in the bank.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

We had a report from the Railroad & Garden tour. Everyone enjoyed it and will be looking forward to it next year.

We also had a report on the state of the 501-C3. The Horseless Carriage is trying to establish an educational fund. At this time it looks as if we will lose the 501-C3 status.

Allan Greenberg sent out an E-Mail asking how many cars will be coming to the History in the Park tour on Sunday September 11th,

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Christmas Party December 3rd, 2011. Jeremy reported that our down payment was due. Bill will send Mariani's Restaurant the check.

We are still looking at the price of hotel rooms for the night for those who would want to spend the night.

We still need to pick out the menu options, but it looks as if it will be similar to last year's menu.

Decorations have been chosen.

No report on the Choir that we had last year.

Blossom Tour date has been changed to May 16, 17, 18, & 19th.

Tony has the hotel and most of the route, ideas for the entertainment and food completed.

#### Raffle Tickets:

\$47 dollars was received and the winner was Jim Boyden, he received \$24.00 and the club received \$23.00

Two books were offered up for sale. One was 1913 Ford Model "A" Instruction Book and the other was 1913 Ford Model "T" instruction book. Karl Chulick offered \$20.00 for both books and no one challenged his offer so he took the books home for \$20.00.

#### SUNSHINE REPORT:

Joe Sernach has decided not to have therapy and just enjoy the rest of his days.

Joyce and Don Mirassou had a visit from Eric and Mona Anninger and they are reported as doing better.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED  
SECRETARY JULIE CHULICK

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### OLD CALIFORNIA TOUR 2011

SUBMITTED BY GENE HIRONIMUS

The 38th Annual Old California tour was centered in Jackson, California at the Rancheria hotel/casino and was held on September 14-17, 2011. The tour was sponsored by the Modesto Regional Group, HCCA in conjunction with the Central California and Santa Cruz Regional Groups. The tour was advertised with requests for but no requirement for period clothing. The tour also accepted any pre WWII cars – 1941 and older. Although not strictly horseless carriage, it provides an opportunity to try out some of the newer cars we own that usually just gather dust.

Wednesday was check-in day with an evening social time with lots of appetizers and drinks. Everything, from parking to unloading and checking in seemed to be well planned and ran smoothly. That is not always the case at these events. There was plenty of car parking and trailer parking available at the Rancheria. There was plenty of eating and drinking and socializing at the evening get together. We had a chance to meet and talk with several people that are not on our local tours.

Thursday was the first tour day with promises of easy paved roads and beautiful scenery. The promise of beautiful scenery was fulfilled to everyone's enjoyment; as to the easy roads, this apparently means paved (and repaved and patched).

We drove to Sutter Creek where we were allocated two hours for shopping and strolling or whatever. We then drove to Volcano for lunch at the St. George Hotel. After lunch we motored on some "easy" roads through Fiddletown, Plymouth, and Drytown on our way back to the Rancheria. We took time out for stops at the Sobon Estate Winery and the Bella Piazza Winery for tasting and shopping.

Dinner was on our own that evening, so we chose to visit the Prime Rib Buffet at the Rancheria Casino. With our senior discounts and a coupon in our goody bag, we managed to spend \$25 for dinner. Not too bad!

Friday was the last day of real driving, again to be on paved, smooth, scenic roads. This was correct except for six miles of road outside of Jackson. The Middle Bar road wanders down to the Mokelumne River and back up to civilization. There is not a smooth spot on this road and only wide enough for one vehicle in either direction. This should not be a problem since no local sane person would use this road and outsiders should not be able to find it. The previous time on this road was with our 1912 Mitchell and everything on the car shook loose. Needless to say my trepidations about the drive through here were all for naught, since our ride was uneventful.

We drove past Pardee Reservoir and headed for Lone for lunch on our own. We selected Chuck's Corner and were very happy with the selection. After lunch we headed back to the Rancheria through the very scenic Stoney Creek Road. The afternoon run was quite pleasant and a beautiful place to tour on great roads.

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The dinner banquet was in Ballroom A with cocktails followed by a delicious meal of beef or chicken, accompanied by an apple crisp dessert. Half and half raffles were available for \$10 and tickets were sold according to your height. Very expensive tickets for us guys that are only 5'5". Prizes were awarded and speeches spoken, then we retired for the evening.

Saturday's touring was a short poker run, wherein the drivers and /or passengers collected playing cards at various stops along the way. The prizes were to be awarded at the concluding brunch.

The brunch was served in the Ballroom and was a feast to behold or to eat if you prefer. The poker run prizes were awarded: the low hand went to Mike and Carolyn O'Neal and the high hand went to Dick and Mary Croly. The peoples choice awards were also presented: pre-16 to Charles Ebers in his 1910 Mitchell Touring and post -16 given to John and Linda Pearson for their 1931 Chrysler model CDE Roadster. The Hard-Luck "Trophy" went to Jim and Barbara Von Dohlen for their troublesome 1915 Dodge Brothers Model 30-35. Short speeches concluded the tour event and we headed for home.

Thanks to the Modesto group and supporting regional groups for a nice tour.



Post -16 Peoples Choice,  
Pre-16 Peoples Choice,  
and the Hard Luck car

**OLD CALIFORNIA TOUR**

PHOTOS BY GENE HIRONIMUS

Bob and Angie Taylor's  
1930 Ford Model A  
Roadster



Bud and Grace Pope's  
1913 Pope/Hartford



Jim and Loretta Cesari's  
1919 Buick Speedster



Judy and Gene Hironimus'  
1931 Plymouth PA Cabriolet



Mike and Dawna Robinson's  
Model A Ford



Ed and Maureen Krantz's  
1930 Whippet Model 96A



Ken Larson's Chevrolet



Model T Ford with  
Hollywood bullet  
holes



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Eric and Ken Larson's  
1925 Dodge Roadster

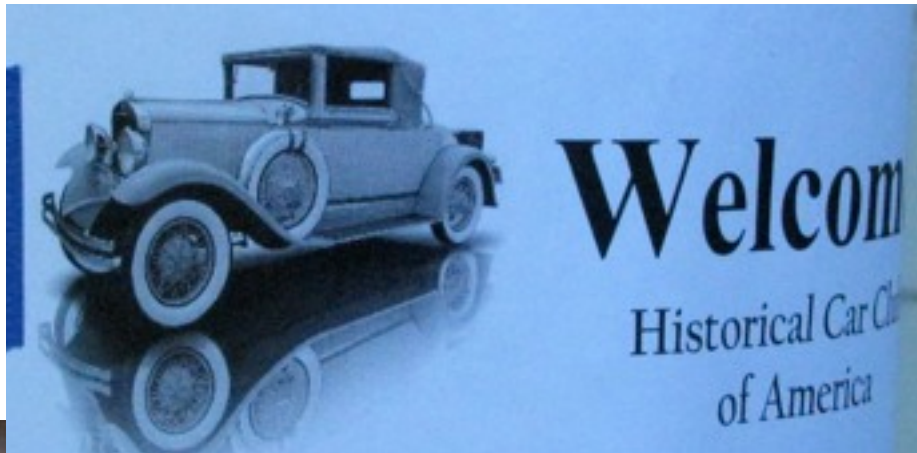


Victor and Linda Groah's  
1912 Kissel Model 450



Al and Myrna Traversi's  
1913 Ford Speedster





Reserved Parking on the Main street of Sutter Creek



Main Street of Old Lone

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Larry and Christine Harness  
1915 Model T Ford



Tony and Orene Savio's  
1933 Plymouth Roadster



Daniel and Carol Willson's  
1924 Franklin Model 10C

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At the table Ken and Eric Larson, Loraine and Mary Lou Cederlind, and Gene Hironimus



Lunch at the St. George Hotel in Volcano, California

Leroy and Pat Ehlers'  
1914 Buick B-24  
Roadster



**For Sale**

Original 1915 T touring with a newly rebuilt body by Ray Wells in San Diego. Pretty much every thing is there except the rear fenders and coil box lid. Car needs finishing. I don't have the time. I payed \$4300 for the body work and \$1500 for the Car, I'd like to get that back, or make an offer. Alan Black  
408-691-1534

**Editors' items For Sale**

1929 Ford Model AA flatbed truck- needs complete restoration- have new tires, steering wheel, muffler and radiator, needs matching driver side door. - \$2200.00



Automobile Quarterly - at least Volumes 1-35-  
negotiable price  
Gene Hironimus 916-686-7912  
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**Oct 6, 1866**  
**Steaming around Connecticut**

In the first use of a steam car to garner national attention, brothers Henry and James House transported a party of men in their House steam car from Bridgeport, Connecticut, to Stratford, Connecticut, on this day. With the assistance of his brother James, inventor Henry House had constructed the House Steamer, one of America's first steam cars, earlier in the year.

**Oct 1, 1908**  
**An American Legend Goes on Sale**

On this day, the Ford Model T was introduced to the American public, and Ford's affordable revolution had begun. Affectionately known as the "tin Lizzy," the Model T revolutionized the automotive industry by providing an affordable, reliable car for the average American. It cost only \$850 initially and seated two people.