2024/2025 HCCA General Members Meeting
Location: Orange, Virginia

Date: ***Monday 28th April 2025***
Time: ***8pm***

1. **Call to Order (20:01) -** **Russell Holden**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance -** **Don Plumb**

3. **Board Member Roll Call -** **Rusty Berg**

The following board members were present for the meeting:

President	Doug Tomb
Vice President	Jim Skillicorn
Secretary	Rusty Berg
Treasurer	Kim Simoni
Chairman of Board	Russell Holden
Don Plumb	
Jeff Lesher	
Don Azevedo	
Peter Jakab	
Terry Cole*	
Vince Altieri	
Jim Diener*	
Jamie Holmes	

*Attended meeting after role call was complete

The following board members were not present for the meeting:

Daniel Case
Jeff Chattin

4. **Recognition of Guests -** **Rusty Berg**

Rusty reviewed the attendance sheets and announced the following names:

Tracy Lesher
Alex Jeffrey
Lindsey Jackson
Joyce Azevedo

Pat Hanggi
Morris Cameron
Bill Adams
Clark Adams
George Cole
James B. Cross
Kathy Kemerer
Daryl Kemerer
Alan Gross
Tilly Garnett
Roger Garnett
Jack Diemert
Jim Ryan
Gil Fitzhugh
Duane Perrin
Mary Alice Siebert
Janice Altieri
Mary Travis
Keith Billet
Margot Schwarz
Edna Cross
Laura Darby
Beverly Tomb
Todd Smith
David Deardorff
Kervin Myer
Karl Darby
Alex Joyce
Rob Caldiera

5. Previous Meeting Minutes

15th March 2024 Members Meeting
Motion to approve Jim Skillicorn
Seconded by Don Plumb

Unanimous approval

6. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve Jamie Homes
Seconded by Kim Simoni

Unanimous approval

7. Past Presidents Report

Russell expressed his gratitude to serve as the exiting president

Commented on the projects that the board had worked on. Specifically referenced the committee members who supported the efforts that the board kicked off

Reference the gazette scanning project. Mentioned that the library was now engaged to begin the scanning of the documentation off all the published gazettes

The project will cover every published gazette from the early published years all the way through the modern published copies. There has been a delay, but he reported the project will be completed this year

Russell commented on the shift of the fiscal year which allows for touring in states that have nicer weather in later months, as the shift moved the required date from the end of the fiscal year for the General Members meeting.

Russell commented on the work done starting at the Chattanooga Convention with Coker and the tire work and mentioned that the tire survey has been completed and will help to ensure that the tires the club have indicated which will help to get the tires the club needs into production.

Rusell commented on the updates to the awards status and the introduction of the Joyce Chase Award. Kim added an additional comment on the inaugural award Joyce Chase Award which will happen at the closing banquet of the convention. Kim highlighted the qualities of the candidates for the award and the donation that will occur to Joyce's preferred charity as part of the award.

Russell commented on the introduction of the Officers and Directors insurance to the regions through the national insurance policy.

Russell commented on the regional outreach program as part of the initiative of the board to continue to understand how the regions are doing.

Russell commented on the working with the gazette editor to include more technical content within the Gazette. Tracy the editor commented that there is always more opportunity to have content published in the gazette

8. Incoming Presidents Report

Doug commented on the status of the regions of the club, and indicated that the board recognizes the importance of the regions in the activities of the club

Doug commented that providing pizza before the members meeting appeared to help to drive attendance at the General Members meeting.

Doug commented on the criticality of support that members provide to help other members with their cars and how it encouraged members with getting their cars on the road and at events. This support helps everyone to be able to attend with the cars that we care for.

Doug commented that the focus of the upcoming year will be to ensure that the board listens to what the members and regions need to ensure that the club can continue to prosper.

Doug called upon the members to revitalize the enthusiasm to help get folks involved with the hobby (help someone you see in need), backing up his previous comment about supporting other members with their cars.

Thanked Vince Altieri, Janice Altieri, and Beverly Tomb for their help in putting on the nation convention and tour.

9. Treasurers Report

Kim reported that board voted in 2024 to change the fiscal year from running from October through September to January through December.

Kim commented that there were some orphan months related to the change over which impact the quarterly reports

Reported that at the end of Q1, the club was in the red by roughly $12k, which is to be expected based on the overlap months. This was also driven by expenditures related to printing the gazette and the overlap months, and a large order of new merchandise for the club.

Based on experience, the numbers should settle out as the time passes.

Kim reported that there was also a review of the articles of incorporation from 1940 to ensure that there was no need to update the bylaws which would have driven a filing with the secretary of state of California. Kim reported that the documentation has been updated and filed with the appropriate legal entities.

Kim reported that a review of the club investment accounts will being in Q2 of the year to ensure that the club is using the funds as best as possible.

10. Items from the Floor

Edna Cross commented about attendance of younger kids at the convention and commented that she had her grandkids on the tour. She commented that folks

should look to bring their children and grandchildren on these tours, even if it means they are out of school for a brief period of time.

Tracy Lesher commented about Elliot Golden a new member that has joined the club. Elliot saw the postings about the convention on Facebook and approached the group at the hotel. Tracy reported that Jeff Lesher got him to go for a ride, and then Rusty Berg got him to hand crank his 1910 REO, and then Tracy and Jeff had him drive the 1915 Overland back to the hotel, and that he will be joining the tour on 4/29. Kim sponsored a new membership for Elliot.

Beverly Tomb commented on the work for the convention and thanked Tilly Garnett for baking delicious treats and commented on the younger members in attendance

Jim Cross commented on having so much fun with a relatively low amount of gas. He commented that the key thing for the club is to get more people involved in the hobby, and that it starts in the home and getting family involved with the hobby, and that it is crucial to get the kids involved as they are the future of the hobby

Daryl Kemmerer commented on having children and younger family members involved in the club. He commented on taking his cars to a local lake, and commented on the interaction with a 5 year old son and his mother, and how he had the young kid set behind the wheel of the car for his mother to take a picture of him in the car. These moments are important and help to engage younger folks within the hobby. It is important these cars with folks to get them hooked. He commented on the current practices of restoring a car and going to shows to earn trophies. He commented on an early experience with a Model T under restoration with his father, and experiences that form important memories. He commented on being involved heavily in the EMF/Flanders automobiles and working with members across the country including finding floor mats for the early EMFs and Flanders and getting an original floormat replicated, and how one member of the club was involved in getting the dies made to make a replica run of the mats. He commented with authority that if we want to keep the hobby going along, the members of the club need to help each other with their cars

Carl Darby commented about spousal voting rights for members. Jeff Lesher offered a comment, as the chairman of the bylaws committee, that during the review of the articles of incorporation, it was discovered that the articles state that a spouse is supposed to have voting rights in direct conflict of the bylaws. Jeff is working in his role as the chairman to review the bylaws and correct the discrepancies between the bylaws and the articles of incorporation.

Jim Ryan commented about getting younger adults exposed to the skills need to maintain the automobiles. He commented about vocational education in the high schools when he was growing up, and about the decline of vocational education in

the high schools in his area (Northern California). He commented on the fact that the lack of this opportunity in education is causing risk for the future of the hobby. He encouraged folks to speak up in their local communities to ensure that these chances for education do not fall by the wayside for future generations. He commented about being able to work with his hands early on in his education, and also that a mentor of his established this love of working in mechanical arts. Russell commented, in support, that the club is working to review work that had been done years ago within the club, and that this is being incorporated into the education section of the website. He commented that Peter Jakab (Smithsonian Background), and Chris Brewer, John Smith, and Terry Cole are working on the education committee to begin bringing the educational content of the Horseless Carriage club to schools (i.e. what is a Wood Spoke Wheel versus a Wire Spoke Wheel). He commented that the HCCA website ends up being a first website reported in an internet search with regards to antique automotive hobby searches and that the educational committee is to working to expand the clubs reach.

Roger Garnett commented about the perceived board comunication on social media. While the club posts on social media, there is not as much promotion going on (Who are we, what are the ongoing events, what is the core message of the club). He commented that he would like to see more proactive usage of the social media to promote the club. Doug commented that for a portion of time the website was the primary focus of the committee, and also commented on the review of the older HCCA YouTube videos that have not been update in 13ish years. Doug commented that putting content together for the website and social media is best done by the members, who can easily share the ongoing activities of the membership. Doug commented that it will help if members step up to share more content on the HCCA Facebook webpage, and also commented that the club could use help in having a volunteer to support the social media pages through proactive activities. Roger will bring some further thoughts to the committee.

Jim Diener commented about the status of the vehicle he had stolen which is still is process with the Bakersfield District Attorney. He commented that vigilance is necessary when locking cars (keep an eye for someone on a laptop nearby as they can steal the lock codes). He commented that his work on contacting the regions and the fact the roster numbers and contact information were outdated and the board needs to focus on keeping that up to date.

Rob Caldeira commented that he is in contact with Peter Gariepy and had some ideas for improvements to the websites. He will reach out to the board to follow up.

11. Round Table

Daniel Case:
Don Plumb: Very productive meeting, and commented that the board will work for the membership
Jeff Lesher: Will address the bylaws discrepancy. Requested for any interest in the Hershey Hangover Tour this year to reach out to him

Jim Skillicorn: Jim commented on the importance of the regional groups for the future of the club. He commented on the board project to reach out to all of the regions. He stated that approximately 40% of the regional groups were discovered to be inactive. He requests that each of the board members reach out the active regions to understand what "works" and share that information with him. He mentioned the HCCA Website calendar, and stressed the importance of using that calendar to coordinate events amongst the regions to ensure that overlap does occur at the same. He commented that the NJ region has already updated the calendar.

Jim announced that the national convention will be in Friant, CA, 5/6 – 5/10 of 2026. The host hotel will be the Table Mountain Hotel and Casino. He mentioned that the team putting the event on will be himself, Don Azevedo, and Rob Caldeira

Jim Diener: Nothing further to add
Kim Simoni: Nothing further to add (Thanked folks for attending)
Peter Jakab
Jamie Holmes
Rusty Berg
Terry Cole:
Vince Altieri
Don Azevedo: Don commented that a key thing on an overnight tour to help with the spread of the hobby is to have a stop with the cars on tour at a local school (i.e. High School for California Rendezvous IV) and also commented on the importance of having cars on display for the public to view (great opportunity to recruit new members). He mentioned that the local high school jazz band is excited to be involved, and mentioned that it helps sometimes to be in period dress to get folks drawn in. He mentioned that the local school got involved in body work, and the auto-shop has a Model T that they put in parades with great pride. Any exposure is good exposure for the club. Sometimes adding a stop in the public and showing the car can help to draw in public interest.

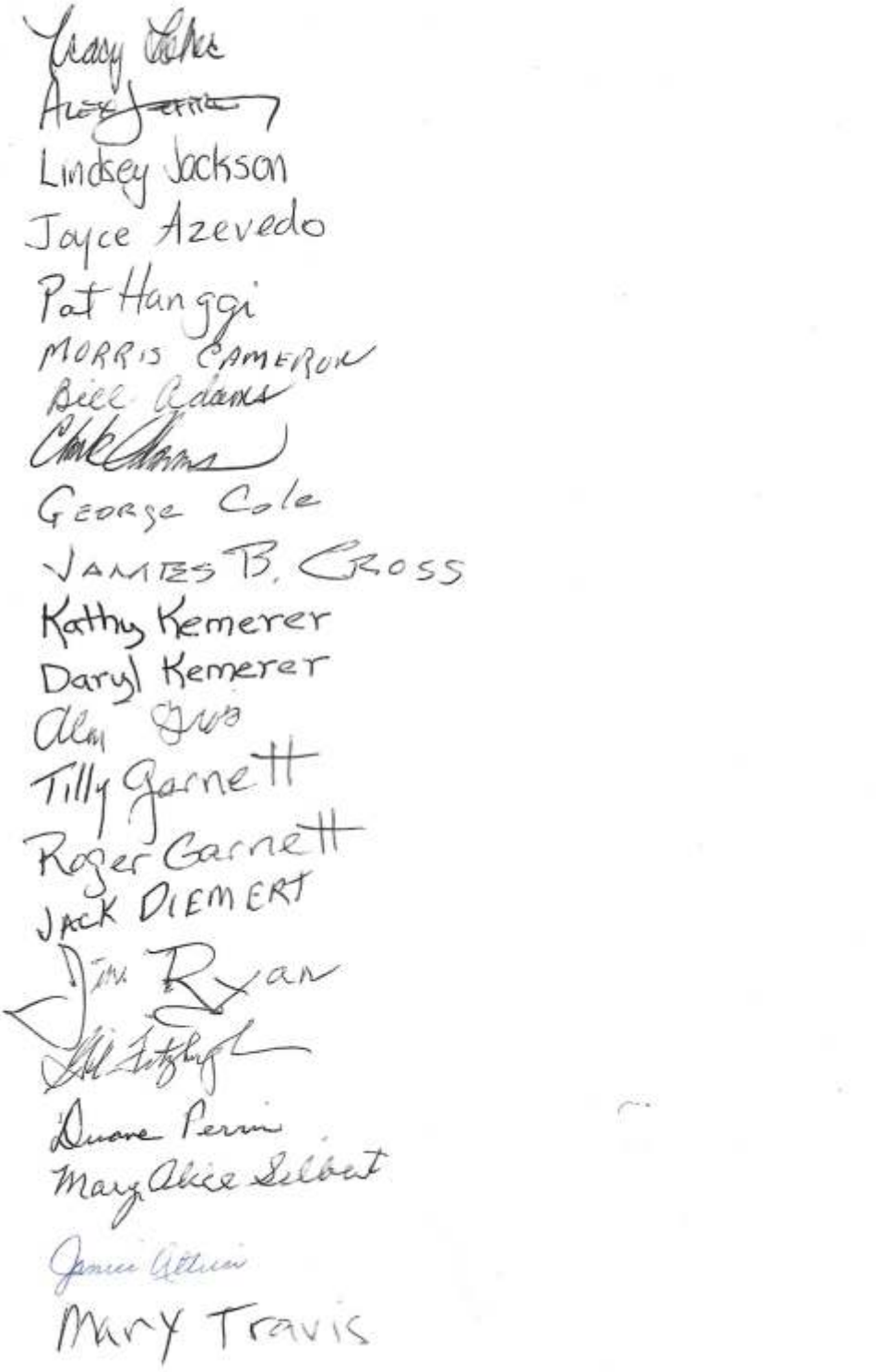
Russell Holden: Russell thanked the large attendance and interaction at the meeting tonight. Without these interactions things cannot move along.

Doug Tomb: Doug commented on the upcoming day of touring. It looks to be a good day.

12. Adjournment (21:12)

Motion to adjourn by Rusty Berg
Seconded by Terry Cole

General Members Meeting Attendee Signatures



Keith Billet
Margot Schwarz
Edna Cross
Laura Darby
Beverly Tomb
Todd Smith
David Deardorff
Kervin Myer
Karl Darby
Ally Joyce
Rob Caldiera