



HORSELESS CARRIAGE REPLICA NEWS



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## HORSELESS CARRIAGE REPLICA NEWSLETTER

A Publication dedicated to the reporting of news, events, articles, photos, items for sale, etc, having to do with replica horseless carriages.

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### 2016 Christmas & 2017 New Years Issue

Greetings to all...Due to medical issues that came up as a result of a neck surgery performed in November 2015, yours truly has been recuperating slowly this past year. Still not quite right yet but then my wife say's I've always been like that... I still have some tingling in the fingertips but have been slowly acclimating myself to a bit of shop work & that feels real good. We did make the trip to Dallas, NC for the yearly HCRB Meet in October but to my disappointment got rained out. Our yearly visit with Ms Daphene Peach was wonderful as always.

I arrived early on Tuesday and got to visit with Larry Cook, Richard and Ellen Huffman along with Louie and Janie Lippo, all also early arrivals on Wednesday. By Thursday evening the weather forecast was indicating heavy rain on Saturday with no chance of clearing. I therefore posted on the HCRB Group for the late (out of state) arrivals should consider cancelling their trips to Dallas this year. As predicted it was a gully washer all day on Saturday.

We pulled out early on Sunday morning just as the sun rose and was told later how it turned out to be a beautiful day...

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# The Good Weather Did Come

By

Larry Cook

Again the Cotton Ginning Days was a wash out due to the rains from hurricane Matthew threatening the coast of North Carolina. But come Sunday when a lot of folks had packed up and left the sun popped out and it was absolutely beautiful. Was glad that some of the flea market vendors were still there and some good stuff was to be found. I had recently gotten back to appreciating fishing and was on the lookout for good "old" fishing gear. I found a couple of good deals on rods and Penn fishing reels that still work fine & even got a new rod given to me by Louie Lippo!

During the rambling around I came across some Homelite chainsaws. At one time there was a manufacturing plant in nearby Gastonia, NC that built these saws. My younger brother had worked there for many years building and testing these saws. Since he is retired he took up the hobby of collecting and restoring these machines. I found 4 of them on a trailer that was in the flea market area and picked out 3 of the smaller saws and asked what they wanted to sell them for. Well the price for the 3 of them was definitely a fair price and not expensive so I bought them and gave them to my brother.

Below are photos of his restorations. All of them run and perform just like brand new. He completely disassembles & repairs whatever and re paints them to their original colors. After he has ran them and put them to the test he lets them run out of gas. Then they are put in his museum area and on display.





He has mentioned the fact of using one possibly on a Horseless Carriage as a power source...

## Computer Woes

As usual when you least expect it, something's bound to break down. I had gotten a couple of articles from two Members that I had slated for this Issue but once again I experienced another crash & lost the contact's names & article information. So if those two Members are reading this, please resend your info for the newsletter. I had purchased a two hard drive system but had not set it up yet but it is up & running now...It's been a rough year guy's, so don't be too hard on me.

## Dallas, NC Park Changes

I am not yet certain how the planned changes at the Dallas, NC park will affect where we will be allowed to set up for the 2017 CGD Meet. I spoke to one CGD official about the subject and was told that I would be informed well ahead of the due date of the event in order to inform our Group Members...I am counting on that we have enough space to continue with all of our events...

Get in on the fun, start planning now for the 2017 HCRB Meet in Dallas, NC...

CYA There !



## In Closing

As most HCRB Members are already aware from the HCRB Group blog, there were several new HCR's started this past year as evidenced by the new pictures that pop up occasionally. I have had unusually high mail orders for plans also, so I know there are quite a few being started.

It is great to hear from a new Member who just found out about our hobby. The average person has no idea how far this hobby has reached. At the moment HCR builds are taking place in Spain, France, Australia, Canada, New Mexico & other states across the US.

In closing I wish to thank all of you that have contacted me throughout the past year with get well wishes. I wish also to thank the new Members of our HCRB Group & to thank those that have visited the [www.HorselessCarriageReplicas.com](http://www.HorselessCarriageReplicas.com) website, downloaded Newsletters or ordered plans from myself or one of the other providers.

May all of you have a MERRY CHRISTMAS this year, be safe in your travels & have the HAPPIEST of NEW YEARS.....:)

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