On August 26, 1920, American women secured the right to vote with the adoption of the 19th Amendment. One hundred years later, we honor this hard-won victory by celebrating “Women at the Wheel” at Old Car Festival. Women have owned and driven cars from the beginning. Bertha Benz tested husband Karl’s Patent-Motorwagen with a 65-mile road trip through Germany in 1888. Alice Huyler Ramsey became the first woman to drive coast-to-coast across the United States in 1909. Electric car manufacturers like Baker, Milburn and Anderson Electric frequently marketed to female drivers, while Model T ads promised “freedom for the woman who owns a Ford.” The automobile arrived at a time when women made new inroads in the workplace and in civic engagement. It’s not too much to say that the car, with its freedom of mobility, helped them get there.