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Horseless Carriage Club*



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The **BAY AREA HORSELESS CARRIAGE CLUB** "BAHCC" was founded in 1951 by and for the automobile antiquarians dedicated to the preservation of PRE - 1916 ancient motor vehicles. "BAHCC" is one of the numerous Regional Groups of the Horseless Carriage Club of America "HCCA" which has 4600 members nationwide. "HCCA" membership is required of all active touring Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club Members, but is not required for "Associate" members. New membership into our club is invited.

BAHCC TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR TOUR/SWAP MEET INFORMATION: 510-835-6069

MEETINGS: First Wednesday @ 7:30 PM monthly (except July and December - no meeting) at Piedmont Community Hall, Piedmont, CA near Piedmont City Hall. (Public Phone at the hall: 510-547-9311) April and November are potluck dinners starting at 6:30 PM. Guests welcome. Special presentations at meetings.

BOARD MEETINGS: Third Wednesday (except July - no meeting) at various homes. Members welcome.

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EDITORS and OTHER NOTES:

The Gazette is published monthly unless otherwise noted. With touring season underway remember to bring your cameras and take pictures and submit them to the editor along with notes or articles. Tour Chairs please make sure that you have someone responsible for the write-ups and pictures for each tour. THANK YOU in advance for your contributions.

The Editor will be out of town from October 25th thru November 15th. A smaller Gazette may go out before the 25th with important reminders or information, but not the full publication. Keep that in mind when submitting your contributions for November.

Please email, fax or send newsletter contributions to Muriel Lundquist by the ***19th of October.***

President's Message

September is history and we had two excellent outings for our vehicles. The first was History Days at Kelley Park in San Jose sponsored by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club. I suspect there were about 140 pre-World War II vehicles on display. Our Horseless Carriage Club was well represented. Thanks John M. for bringing tables and chairs and organizing the sign-ups. The following Saturday we combined our Ice Cream Social with Santa Clara HCC's Tri-Tip BBQ Tour. This joint tour was great with a lot of new faces to meet and new vehicles to inspect.

The end of September means a big change in the weather as autumn enters the scene and we say good bye to summer. We only have two more outings for our cars before winterizing them. Let's all try and attend the Pumpkin Tour (October 28) and Holiday Tour (November 25) and end the year with a bang. Make sure you have the Holiday Party on your calendar for December 2nd. I know Santa is planning on attending for young and old alike.

The end of September also means Hershey is coming up soon. For you novices, the biggest swap meet in the world occurs every year right around Columbus Day in Hershey, PA. The Antique Automobile Club of America sponsors the event and to many of us it is like being a kid in a candy store without your mom watching. I've got my reservations and can hardly wait. There is also a BIG car show and if the weather holds out, we will be very lucky.

This Wednesday is monthly club meeting. We are having a "What's It Night". Bring anything that you think will stump the experts in the club and we will all have some fun. Everyone has a unique item around the house or shop. Bring it out. We will be announcing the nominations for the Board this Wednesday and then voting in November. We have three Board members whose terms are ending.

Don Azevedo

Pumpkin Tour 2007



When: Sunday, October 28. Rain or Shine.

Where: Meet at the Ruder Road Park and Ride just south of Walnut Creek on Highway 680 at 9:00am (Leave at 9:30)

Why: To drive our cars on a nice Sunday and be with friends of like mind.

Who: All club members and friends and guests.

We will be traveling to Livermore to a pumpkin patch and corn field maze. We will travel from there to a restaurant for lunch. Maps and details at the next meeting.

SIGN UP ON WEDNESDAY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING.

Call Don Azevedo (925) 427-6624 for more particulars.



SNOOPY

By
Esther

It's been rumored that **Bill & Lee G.** have a beautiful Pope Hartford Roadster. I say rumored because not many BA members have seen it or are sure they have one. It must be so as they have won some more trophies. They received a 1st in class at the Shriner's Concours. This past weekend they drove up to Murphy for the Ironstone Concours. Lee said it poured buckets of rain, but that didn't slow them down, they took Best in Class again.

Chet & Marlene Z. also attended Ironstone and they also took 1st in class with their 1906 Franklin.

Ray G. & Doris K. were there also. With the pouring rain, Ray said "to heck with it" and didn't take the Mitchell out of the trailer. Earlier in the month they had the Mitchell at Pebble Beach where they took a 3rd place trophy.

Larry & Nina J. showed up at Ironstone with their 30 something Franklin. Nina took the show as she was wearing a spectacular 30's era beaded dress. It was complimented with a stylish hat and a long cigarette holder with a lit cigarette. Lit with a light but looked so cool. You know how much she can liven up a place and I'm sure she did. All in all they all had a great time, rain and all. Congratulations to all the winners

The joint barbecue/ice cream social tour was quite a success. About 20 cars full of people showed up at **Eric & Ramona A.**'s museum Saturday morning. After much time tire kicking and enjoying the museum and cars, we took off around 11:00 for a 50 mile tour along the hill sides of Gilroy, San Martin and Morgan Hill. The BA club was well represented by the following members: **Sam & Ann G., Jack K., Mike & Judy M., Don & Joyce A., George & Genelle A., Bruce Z & friend, Fred & Nancy B.** along with **Jennifer & Harry** and their 3 children. **Norman & Adria S.** & daughter & **David P., Mark F. & his son Andrew, Don & Barbara H., and Tom H.** who was the tour chairman. **Bill & Lee G.** came to visit at lunch time. We were served a wonderful BBQ lunch, tender tri tips, chicken, beans, salad, etc.

Don & Joyce brought home made ice cream plus a couple of moist apple cakes that Genelle made. Thanks to all that worked so hard to make it such a good time.

John & Carolee M. missed the tour as they were attending an Awards luncheon where John received a Lifetime Achievement Award for his many years of dedication to education. Congratulations John, you earned it.

In the last Snoopy, I said that **Kay C** was taking Kemo. Well that's just not true, she did have some radiation treatments but she's all done with that and she is feeling pretty darn good. Glad to hear that, take care Kay.

Not such good news on **Frances L.** She slipped on her kitchen floor and broke her hip. Keep her in your prayers, and Fran, we hope you'll be on your feet soon.

The holiday season is just around the corner. That means our Holiday meeting and dinner dance is getting closer. There will be a sign up sheet at the Oct. meeting. Not sure of the price so just bring your check book, sign up, and give a check to Carolee. If you ladies (or Gents) decide you want to decorate a table, just let Carolee know.

Well, I'll tell you one thing, **Marylou** and I decided we aren't as young as we used to be.(or thought we were). **Anna** and her cousin walked circles around us back in Tennessee at the quilt fair. Meet at 8:30 for breakfast and on the move the rest of the day. Crawled into bed at 10:30, after we had our nightly dish of ice cream. Good time, but pooped when we got home. Phew!!!!

We sure had a lot of wonderful 1 day tours this year and it took a lot of time and effort by the tour chairman's to plan and organize the tours, all for the benefit and enjoyment of the tourist. I congratulate you all for making our club so active and enjoyable. Now lets all show some common courtesy and let the chairman know when you can't make it as they have to make proper arraignments for lunch etc. and often wait around for the no shows.

See you next time, SNOOPY

Byron Park Tour Sunday, August 26, 2007

The Krispy Kremes were out, the coffee was made, the orange juice was cold and here came the smiling faces. First to arrive was Erica

Kopman with her co-pilot Bill Ortman followed by the Schwartzs with Adria's mother, Sara, and uncle, Leo, (residents of



Bryon Park) in the back seat. Then came the Azevedos, the Pavas, Bill Cassidy and the Durien's. The Sowell along with Emily and her friend, Matt, and the Morrisons were already on hand tending the coffee and helping out with trailer parking and unloading.

After filling up on donuts and beverages there was a short driver's meeting before the group headed off through the hills of Walnut Creek to the Byron

Park Residential Community where we picked up our resident host, Max Zehngut, his daughter, Carolyn Marsh, son David and three grandchildren before commencing on a scenic tour through Lafayette and the Orinda hills so thoughtfully mapped out by Bill Cassidy.



Returning to Byron Park our cars were allowed to park in the circular driveway in front of the residence. There we were on view for everyone to see – residents, family, friends and staff. We divided our group for the lovely brunch provided for us so that there were always plenty of BAHHC members on hand to answer questions or give rides.

As so often happens on a tour we were met with a serendipitous event in the person of Joan Thompson who along with her husband had



been a long-time member of the Santa Cruz Regional Group. She was on hand with her beautiful hat collection, which she generously allowed several folks to borrow while having their pictures taken with the cars. She also had on display pictures of period dress and a photo of herself and her husband, Dick, in the horseless carriage they used to tour in for many years.

I think it is safe to say that a good time was had by all before the drivers and passengers of the seven antique cars headed back down the road to our respective homes and the anticipation of the Club's next tour.

Carolee Morrison



REPORT ON ANTIQUE CARS IN HISTORY PARK, SAN JOSE

The weather on Sunday, September 9th was spectacular for this 7th annual event sponsored by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club, and the BAHCC was out in force for a wonderful time. The setting is a restored, turn-of-the-century village several blocks long and wide with an amazing array of commercial and residential buildings faithfully restored and maintained by San Jose citizen volunteers, and every year there is more to see.



Many people dress in period costume, although it is certainly not required. The village is alive with activities on this day each year—over 140 antique cars (pre-1946) either parked or driving about, an antique trolley giving rides to all comers, vintage motorcycles and bicycles (including several high wheelers being driven around the village by riders in costume), small and large antique fire equipment on display (including a 1905 Fire Chief's Cadillac), collections of stationary engines

(some running), many of the historic homes and buildings open and on display, antique trucks and other sorts of machinery about, live music, and so much more.



The BAHCC has the perfect area each year—a street set aside for us right in front of the antique hotel there which has, among other things, an operating ice cream shop featuring the best root beer floats on the planet.



We set up the same tables, chairs and umbrellas we use at the Fourth of July barbecue, so a bright, sunny day is no problem. And the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club has a big barbecue going just a hundred feet or so away



from where we are, selling reasonably priced hamburgers, various types of “big meat” sandwiches, chips, soft drinks and other goodies.



The overall attendance at this annual event is in the thousands, and everybody is busy having an absolutely fabulous time. Our members involved this year were Tony Wollesen, Sam and Anne Gurnee, Bill and Lee Gularte, Don and Joyce Azevedo, Bill and Kaaren Brommer, Don Johnson,

Ben and Erika Kopman, Bill and Lee Gularte, John Morrison, Walter and Ruth Sowell, Frank Swensen, J. W. and Barbara Silveira, Jim Boyden, and Norm and Adria Schwartz.



Don Azevedo and Bill Brommer gave rides in their one-cylinder “thumpers” to several thrilled passersby, and we all saw lots of people we knew from other HCC

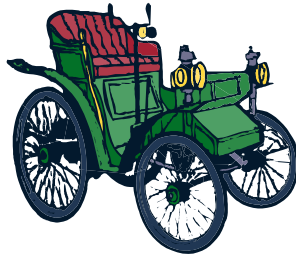
regional groups, Model T, Model A, Early V8 clubs and other classic car groups.



If by chance you haven't made this event yet, those of us that have hereby urge you to put it on your calendar for the second Sunday in September, 2008. Come with or without your antique vehicle and with or without period costuming. It's simply a glorious day, and the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club is to be highly commended for all the hard work done to put this on every year and keep making it better and better.

John Morrison





POTLUCK DINNER

October 3, 2007

SET-UP @ 6:30 - DINING @ 7:00

It's Potluck time again.
Let's all come out for a delicious meal
to share with other club members and friends.

FOOD INSTRUCTIONS:

MAIN DISH — F-L
SALAD ————— M-Z
DESSERT ————— A-E

The Club supplies the coffee/tea, soft drinks and Ham.
Secret chefs will prepare the Ham.

Please bring your own dishes, table service, glassware and decorations.
Remember to wear your name tags!

What's It Night

So what is a **What's It Night?** This is when members bring an item that is unique. Something that you have difficulty figuring out what it is or what it does! It can be something that is very old or new, big or small and doesn't have to be car-related. It is fun trying to figure what things are.

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR "WHAT'S IT" TO OUR OCTOBER 3, 2007 MEETING!

Pencils

Excerpts taken from an article by Martha Fehl for Antiques and Collectibles Journal that Malcolm Lewis provided.

The history of pencils is very interesting. Pencils originated in Borrowdale, England in 1564 after the discovery of a large graphite deposit. You see the stuff in the middle of a wooden pencil is graphite, not lead. Since graphite is very soft and brittle, it was first used by wrapping pieces with string. In 1761, Kaspar Faber inserted graphite pieces between wooden sticks that had been hollowed out by hand, thus the wood-cased pencil was born. Eighty years later, Kaspar's grandson took the round pencils and made them hexagon shaped. The pencils were now easier to hold and did not roll off the desk or table. In 1795, a French chemist named Conte ground the graphite to powder and mixed it with clay. By changing the amounts of clay he could make different degrees of hardness for the writing utensil. Today the #2 pencil is the most popular and the number refers to the hardness of the "lead". The War of 1812 cut off the European pencil supplies so American cabinet makers began inventing machines to produce pencils. About 100 years ago the eraser was placed on one end. Teachers did not want erasers as they thought it would encourage children to make mistakes. Cedar is the preferred wood for pencils as it strong and does not splinter. Today's pencil factories realize they are made from a renewable resource, so they manage the plants so there are no wasted materials. The sawdust and wood shavings are mixed with a petroleum-based wax and the gooey dough is extruded through a mold and out comes a log. It is packaged and called a Duraflame Log for your fireplace. If this information is of interest to you, ask Malcolm Lewis why pencils are yellow or what famous writers and artists used pencils. Thank you Malcolm for this intriguing article.

CLASSIFIED!

FOR SALE:

Brass Headlamps for sale

- (1) E&J #376, no cracks in brass, 9" Dia. lens, burner, cracked reflector \$250;
- (1) Grey & Davis #69, no cracks in brass, 9 7/8" Dia. lens, burner and good reflector \$350

Pete Rich modelt@sonic.net 707 887 8735

WANTED:

Ruxtel axle for "Jack Rabbit," the grandkids model T.

Fred Byl, 12961 Skyline Blvd., Oakland, CA 94619. 510-531-9181

Ice Cream Social/Tri Tip BBQ/Joint Tour with Santa Clara HCC

On September 15th members and guests from both the Santa Clara Regional and the Bay Area Regional Groups converged at Eric and Ramona Anninger's home in the Gilroy foothills. Eric and Ramona met us as we arrived and were the perfect hosts all day long.

Eric's barn is a museum filled with vehicles and displays. A few of the different makes of cars include Stutz, Packard, Cadillac, Buick, Reo, Ford, Essex, Jackson, Whiting, Lincoln, Maxwell, Cartercar, and Hupmobile, plus a number of other vehicles owned by friends. There are also a number of early motorcycles. Eric's shop is well equipped and even has a foundry. Behind the museum is the "hill" that is covered with parts and pieces of old cars just like we could find a few years back. We also enjoyed the view from the front of the museum of the valley and Gilroy in the distance.

We visited and viewed the many vehicles in the "barn" until Tom Holthaus said, "let's go touring". Tom drove Eric's Model A roadster and everyone followed for a picturesque tour of the south Santa Clara Valley and two of the reservoirs on the west side. The pace was leisurely and roads excellent for the 39 mile run. We only had one minor mishap when a tire went flat on Fred Byl's Model T. It was soon fixed and we were back on the road. The grade on Roop Road is a good test and Eric's private driveway is even steeper, but everyone made it both up and down safely.

Upon returning to the Anninger's home and museum on the hill, we were delighted to find Chef Dave Agalotas and helpers were ready to serve up lunch. The offerings included BBQ tri tip, BBQ chicken, frankfurters, potato and toss green salad, chili beans, French bread and your choice of refreshments. After dinner watermelon and homemade ice cream with all the toppings satisfied everyone's sweet tooth.

The tour was well attended with approximately 65 people attending. BAHCC members included the D Azevedos, G Azevedos, Blacks, Byls, Boydens, M Forbes, Gulartes, Gurnees, T. Holthaus, D, Holthaus, Kopp, Morris, Pava, Schwartz, SernachWolleson, Zillmer and Zimmerman. Some are members of both clubs. This was a great idea for a joint tour and we should consider doing this each year. We had great weather, super food, plenty of cars to drool over, and new folk to get to know. Everyone attending had a very enjoyable day. Thank you Eric and Ramona and the Santa Clara Regional Group.

EVENTS CALENDAR FOR THE BAHCC

October 3	POTLUCK DINNER AND MEETING "WHAT'S IT NIGHT"
October 9 - 13	HERSHEY SWAP MEET
Oct. 19,20,21	Honeymoon Tour - SCVHCC - Jamestown
October 28	Pumpkin Tour
November 25	Holiday Tour
December 2	Holiday Party

Roads in the United States in 1909

State	All Roads (miles)	Improved Roads (miles)
Alabama	50,089	1,780
Arkansas	36,445	236
California	46,653	8,803
Colorado	30,214	178
Connecticut	14,088	2,360
Delaware	3,000	66
Florida	147,374	885
Georgia	57,203	1,634
Illinois	94,141	7,924
Indiana	68,306	23,877
Iowa	102,448	1,664
Kansas	101,196	273
Kentucky	57,137	9,486
Louisiana	24,897	34
Maine	25,528	2,323
Maryland	16,773	1,570
Massachusetts	17,092	7,843
Michigan	69,296	7,025
Minnesota	79,324	6,247
Mississippi	38,698	149
Missouri	108,133	2,733
Montana	22,419	65
Nebraska	79,462	23
Nevada	12,585	65
New Hampshire	15,116	1,293
New Jersey	14,842	2,422
New York	73,798	5,876
North Carolina	49,763	1,259
North Dakota	59,332	212
Ohio	69,439	23,462
Oklahoma	43,554	000
Oregon	34,258	2,589
Pennsylvania	99,777	2,161
Rhode Island	2,361	1,021
South Carolina	41,830	1,878
South Dakota	59,295	151
Tennessee	48,988	4,285
Texas	121,409	2,128
Utah	7,090	608
Vermont	14,521	1,953
Virginia	51,812	1,600
Washington	31,998	1,976
West Virginia	26,178	254
Wisconsin	63,593	10,663
Wyoming	10,447	153

Source Tin Lizie by Philip Van Doren Stern

(Do you know which states are missing and why? Answers on Wednesday.)

MINUTES OF BAHCC BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 15, 2007

President Don Azevedo called the meeting to order at 7:26 PM at the Sernachs' home.

Board Secretary John Morrison read the minutes of the June 20, 2007 board meeting and they were approved as corrected.

Treasurer Dave Pava passed out a financial statement as of August 15, 2007. As of this meeting we were still on track with the budget.

Communications: We again looked over the latest HCCA Regional Groups Newsletter briefly. Don stated that he had sent a letter to the Santa Clara Regional Group and that a reply was received already from Jeremy Wire regarding hospitality at the Bay Area and Blossom Tours. By mutual agreement each club will supply their own hospitality after next year's Blossom Tour.

Membership Report: Joe Sernach reported "nothing new". Don said he had contacted HCCA Executive Secretary Paul Anthony's office and was told that BAHCC membership applicants Ogden and Crowell were current, but applicant Metais is not at this time.

Hospitality Report: Joe Sernach said there was nothing new with hospitality.

Reports on Past Tours and Events: Don reported the Fourth of July Parade and barbecue at the Morrisons' was very successful.

Reports on Future Tours and Events: Don covered the Martinez Museum Static Display (8/19), the Silver State Tour (8/20 - 23), the Byron Park Car Show and Brunch (8/26), Antique Autos in History Park (9/9), and the joint tour with the Santa Clara Regional Group (formerly Ice Cream Social) in Gilroy (9/15).

Old Business: Don announced our prior concern about possibly having to raise dues, primarily because of increased postage costs to mail the

Gazettes, had been resolved by Muriel Lundquist. She found out we could mail it for less by folding and stapling it. Don said more savings could be achieved if some members are willing to receive the Gazette electronically. Don will check with Muriel regarding wording and will put a notice in the Gazette. He said the dues raise question can now be put on hold for this year.

New Business: We discussed the passing of our beloved member, Ed Hector. John Morrison moved we donate \$100 to the HCCA (now approved and able to receive tax deductible donations). Joe Sernach seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Swap Meet: Joe Sernach reported he had submitted our reservation request to CSUEB for the 2008 BAHCC Swap Meet. (No response yet.)

Joe Sernach mentioned that Chairman of the Board Doug Durein (not present tonight) needs to move forward with the Nominating Committee's activities so that the upcoming vacancies for 2008 are filled.

President Don adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM to delicious refreshments by Joe and Esther.

Respectfully submitted,

John Morrison, Board Secretary

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

BYL	Fred	10/3
HOLTHAUS	Barbara	10/7/32
FORBES	Ernie	010/08/29
BANDUCCI	Art	010/09/33
SILVEIRA	J W	10/17
NELSON	Bill	10/21
SOWELL	Ruth	010/21/58
GREEN	Ellen	10/23
MACCALLEN	Anna	10/26
CALDEIRA	Kay	010/28/40
FRANCIES	Joyce	10/30

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