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*Bay Area  
Horseless Carriage Club*



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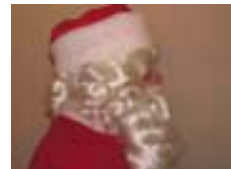
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The **BAY AREA HORSELESS CARRIAGE CLUB** "BAHCC" was founded in 1951 by and for the automobile antiquarians dedicated to the preservation of PRE - 1916 ancient motor vehicles. "BAHCC" is one of the numerous Regional Groups of the Horseless Carriage 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:**

By the time you receive this it will be December and the Holiday rush will be well on its way. It is a wonderful time of the year with bright colors, lots of shopping, and gatherings with friends and family. May the joy of the Season be with you all. Remember the Holiday Dinner on the 8th and we will look forward to seeing you there.

Please email, fax or send newsletter contributions to Muriel Lundquist by the 22nd of the month.

## President's Message

You should be reading this between Thanksgiving and Christmas and just before our annual Holiday Party. I hope each member makes an effort to attend the Holiday Party on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Let's celebrate this holiday season together and visit with friends. I know Santa and his helpers are anxious to see each of you.

Retailers want you to believe this is the time to shop and buy everything you can. I think it is a good time to be thankful and reflect on friends and family. There may be good friends that you haven't seen or talked to in a while. Consider calling them during this holiday season. As a youth I remember my mom always having a small loaf of home-made bread or something special from the kitchen on-hand for friends that might drop by. Our BAHCC family lost five members this year. Let us remember the families of Betty, Ernie, Max, Ed and Marion.

A History Quiz was placed in the Gaslight Gazette last month. The intent of the quiz was a joke and an example of the problem of not knowing the context of statement- ie. the danger of taking things out of context. There was no intent to hurt anyone's feelings; however, some misunderstood the intent of the quiz. I support our editor, as does the entire Board, and feel Muriel does a great job as our editor. I have visited with Muriel and we agree our club should not be a forum for political or religious beliefs or views. I am sorry feelings were hurt and truly hope we can put this behind us.

The end of the year is quickly drawing to an end as is this, my last President's Message. I think the BAHCC has had a great year and I have been honored to be your president. We had a great Bay Area Tour and many one-day tours and outings. Thank you for all the support you have given me. I trust you will continue supporting the new president and the Board as each of us work hard for you. I am excited with our two new Board members, Kaaren Brommer and Don Johnson along with the new slate of officers. I will introduce your 2008 President at the Holiday Party.

Don Azevedo

### BAY AREA HORSELESS CARRIAGE CLUB      2007 SCHEDULE

DECEMBER	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	26	26	27	28	29	30	1
	2	3	4	5 NO CLUB MEETINGS	6	7	8 CHRISTMAS PARTY
	9	10	11	12 NO BOARD MEETINGS	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27	28	29
	30	31	1 NEW YEARS DAY				

#### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR BAY AREA HORSELESS CARRIAGE CLUB

Jan. 5	Train Trip	Old Sacramento	
Jan. 26-27	Swap meet	Modesto Area "A"s	Turlock Fairgrounds
Feb. 24	Swap meet	Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club	Hayward      CSU Campus



## SNOOPY

By  
**Esther**

The old saying, "no news is good news", sure doesn't apply to this column. I NEED NEWS !!! So get on the phone and start telling what's going on in your area.

We have two very happy families in the club. The **Luis's** granddaughter presented them with their first great grandchild. It was touch and go for a while as "Katlin" came into this world on August 12<sup>th</sup> weighing just 1 lb. 5 oz. Alice said, "just imagine holding the equivalent of 1 ½ lbs of hamburger in your hand". That's how tiny the baby was. Katlin is a fighter and now weighs 5 lbs. and will hopefully be home for Thanksgiving. What a great gift to be grateful for. Out best wishes to all.

The **Morrison's** will also be celebrating a wonderful gift this Thanksgiving day. Two in fact. Their daughter Nancy, brought twin boys into this world on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>. Nick weighed 4 lbs., 4 oz. and Matt was 4 lbs., 8 oz. With Jack, that makes 3 boys. Will there be a little sister down the road?

Now for our Boo-Boo update. **Doris K** is slowly but surely gaining her strength back after her recent surgery. She is now home recovering from having a couple of cancerous growths removed from her face. But she is doing well. Hang in there kiddo, the worst is over.

Former member **Jan Neil** is now battling a bout with cancer. After her recent surgery, she will go the usual round of treatments. Susan D. said she is very upbeat. Out prayers and wishes are with her.

After his recent hernia surgery, **Don R.** can't do anything for 6 weeks. That includes cranking his cars. Lillian asked him if that was going to turn him into an *old crank*? ha- ha!

After a short stay in rehab. after breaking her hip, **Francis L.** is back home. Her daughter is giving Jim a hand until Fran is on her feet again.

Outboard motors are just as hard to crank as old cars. **Harold Z.** knows, he was cranking away on a boat motor when POW!. A pain shot through his shoulder. They will still make it to our Holiday Party as his surgery is after that. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> is his date to have it repaired. Good luck Harold, let that shoulder rest and mend real good The 08 touring season will be here before you know it.

Now for some good news. **Bob Hopkins** is "seeing" a lady friend. And when he's not seeing her, he's talking to her on the phone. Good for you Bob. I know how lonesome life is when you loose your long time mate.

Speaking of being lonesome, **Bill O.** is fortunate enough to have a friend that trains sheep dogs. She also has horses and sheep and Bill spends a lot of time giving her a hand repairing things and doing all the other chores. It sure beats being home alone huh !!.

**Joyce A** changed jobs. After working at John Muir hospital for quite a while, she took a job with a smaller company where she could use her business skills and she loves it. YOU GO GIRL.

**Eric & Muriel L.** took of with their church group for quite a trip to Greece, Turkey, Italy, and Israel. Muriel said they enjoyed Israel the most as they had visited the other places before. It's always good to be home again huh?

**Harold & Marge C/Z** also took an interesting trip. They enjoyed their time on the big, beautiful QE2. Like the old days of cruising, it was tuxedos and evening dresses etc. Very formal ! After disembarking, they flew to Ireland for the rest of their vacation and then flew back home. Marge said they had lots of long days at sea and spent a lot of time coming and going to airports, but it was well worth it.

Those of you who missed the last pot luck meeting also missed a great story that **Ed A.** told about the Southern Cal. Fires and touring. Seems there was an endurance run in the same area and about the same time that the fires were breaking out. Everything started out OK but as the fires spread they approached the road that the tour was on. When they drove over some hills they came close to the fires. Ed and some of the others got through OK but several cars were turned back as the fire was getting to close. One poor guy had to abandon his "T" and evacuate the town he was in. Lucky the fire never got as far as the town the "T" was in. **Don and George A.** were also on the tour and were part of the group that got turned back. Quite a time was had by all. What a mess, some couldn't get to their meals places or even their motels etc. First piece of good news was non of the cars were lost. Second piece of good news was all the men made it also. JUST KIDDING GUYS, we know you come first.

We end this with a very sad note. Long time member **Marion Borges** passed away suddenly. She had hip replacement surgery and never made it out of the hospital. What a shock for Gary. All us "old timers" fondly remember what a kick she was when on tour. We miss touring with her. We want to express our deepest condolences to Gary and the family.

Now don't forget the Holiday party on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Call Carolee before Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> so she can get an accurate head count. Everything is set for a great party, now all we need is for you all to show up.

See you at the party,

SNOOPY



## Old Sacramento Train Trip Saturday, January 5, 2008

First trip for 2008 has been planned and we hope everyone can make it! We will be leaving the antique iron in the garage and taking the Amtrak Train to Old Sacramento. We will be joining the Santa Clara Model T Ford Club and the Mid Peninsula Old Time Auto Club on the train so there should be some familiar faces. Members from those clubs will board the train in San Jose. We will be boarding at the Jack London Square or Martinez stations. Times and costs will be in the January newsletter and presented at the January meeting. **PUT THIS EVENT ON YOUR CALENDAR. IT WILL BE FUN.** Here is a taste for what is available in Old Sacramento:

Towe Automobile Museum  
Discovery Museum History Center  
Wells Fargo History Museum  
Gift Shops

California State Railroad Museum  
Old Sac Schoolhouse Museum  
Wine Tasting  
Restaurants and Cafes

For more information contact tour chairman Don Azevedo at (925) 427-6624.



# Pumpkin Tour

## by Garfield



My name is Garfield. I am a big red Model 37 Buick born in 1914 and I want to tell you about this year's Pumpkin Tour. My caretakers, Don and Joyce Azevedo and I, left our residence in Pittsburg about 8:00 AM and drove to the meeting place in Walnut Creek. Soon after arriving a beautiful blue Cadillac, born in 1912, drove in. Dave Pava was driving her and boy she looked fine. I have toured with her before and she was sounding and looking great! Then Barn

Fresh came lumbering in with Bill Cassidy and Doug Durein. Barn Fresh is an old Ford that looks like it just came out of a farmer's barn. Old BF (born in 1914) could sure use a face lift (coat of Japan Black) and upholstery stitched up. I must say, the old boy does run well, so I guess looks are not everything. Really I am happy to see un-restored vehicles like BF. It brings back a lot of memories.



Just about then a Checker Cab drove in tied to a tall enclosed trailer and you will never guess what emerged from that trailer. A cute red Ford Pie Wagon. She was a 1912 model and did I say she was cute? I think I am in love. I could smell the fresh pies. Her caretakers Bill and Kaaren Brommer really did a great job on fixing her up. All of a sudden a sharp Cadillac drove in with Walter and Ruth Sowell and John and Carolle Morrison and grandson Jack. This old boy is green and is very beautiful and is a year younger than the other Cadillac.

We sat around and told old war stories while our caretakers had donuts and coffee and outlined the activities for the day in a driver's meeting. J. W. Silviera, Barbara Silviera, Norm Schwartz and Charles Ebers also



arrived (without historic vehicles like us) and soon we were all ready to depart. I took the lead. I thought it was because I looked so fine, but Don said it was because he was the tour leader. We took all back roads that I must say were nicely paved as compared to the roads we grew up with. Scenery was enjoyable and we saw numerous flocks of wild turkey. Boy I bet they are in hiding now!



About half way to Livermore we noticed two of our group was not with us. I was worried as one was the little red Pie Wagon and the other the early Cadillac. After a little wait they caught up. The T had a couple of loose wires causing her to backfire and loose power, nothing very serious. Soon we arrived at G & M Farms in Livermore at a Corn Maze and pumpkin patch. Jack sure was excited. I had to laugh



as he picked pumpkins to load up in the Cadillac. The cow train was very cute. Some of the people took to the corn maze and others wandered around the old farm and answered questions about us. (I visited with the cute little Pie Wagon and she gave me her number.) Barn Fresh started giving me a bad time as he also likes the Pie Wagon and I told him to go get a paint job!



After about an hour we drove into town and parked at a restaurant for the drivers and passengers to eat lunch. Again, us historic vehicles sat parked at on the street and got caught up on recent operations and repairs our caretakers were doing to members of our fraternity. We have some talented members and some great vehicles that are being worked on to get back on the road. There are some of us that have been so run down that we about give up ever running on the road again. However, there are a lot of people tackling the challenge of a restoration project and we appreciate the effort. We want nothing more than to again run on the road, showing off our majestic lines or curved fenders with our polished brass or shining nickel while we offer comfort to our passengers. Our horns, whistles and unique engine sounds (especially with the cut-outs open) remind observers of days-gone-by. We love it when heads turn and they point to us affectionately. We take pride in our place in American history.

Well, we made it safely back to Walnut Creek and said our good-byes. It was a wonderful outing with super weather, good food and great company (especially a little red Pie Wagon). I understand we have another tour after Thanksgiving. Hope to see you then. By the way, I am called Garfield cause I have MacBeth lenses on my headlights and the eyebrows are painted red. Those eyebrows and the lips on my front fenders remind people of Garfield the Cat. So now you know. See you on the next tour.



## 2007 HOLIDAY TOUR

Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup> dawned overcast and cold. The day found many hearty souls and their eight cars out for an early morning drive. Although everyone complained that they had too much to eat for

Thanksgiving, they still managed to enjoy donuts and Starbucks coffee. We gathered at Rudgear Park N Ride in Walnut



Creek on that brisk morning, made small talk and kicked tires (or re-assembled a spring shackle on a 1909 Ford.) The 17 hearty individuals pulled out at 9:40 a.m. and headed out on some familiar roads.

Instead of stopping at our usual Holiday Tour “hot spot” (the Orchard Nursery in Lafayette) we drove right passed it this year in order to spend time at the

Martinez Historical Society Museum at the end of the tour. But, I’m getting ahead of myself.

There were many happy faces and purring automobiles as we toured Happy Valley Road, Bear Creek Road and

Alhambra Valley Road en route to Martinez. Once in Martinez, Norman & Adria Schwartz took the lead from tour leader Don Azevedo and led the procession of automobiles to the Museum.

Once there, our hosts led us into a gathering of artifacts of days-gone-by. Each room on both



floors were beautifully staged and we milled around for an hour or so before someone made the call for another leg of the tour, the one to the restaurant for lunch. The REO led the entourage to The Copper Skillet where we had a great lunch and wonderful fellowship.



Once back on the road we traveled back to Rudgear Road. As we traveled, folks dropped out of the caravan to return to their homes. Thanks to Don Azevedo & Norman Schwartz for putting together the route and the maps and thanks to Norman & Adria Schwartz for arranging for the Museum to be opened just for us on that day. I was so impressed with the quaint museum that submitted my paperwork to become a member!

Thanks also to the following individuals who came and brought their cars.

- 1909 Ford Model T-Bill Austin-passenger John Morrison
- 1912 Buick Model 29-Doug & Susan Durein
- 1912 Cadillac Model 30-David & Patricia Pava
- 1914 Ford Model T-Bill Cassidy-passenger Charles Ebers
- 1914 Buick Model 37-Don & Joyce Azevedo, passengers George & Genelle Azevedo
- 1914 REO the 5<sup>th</sup>-Norman & Adria Schwartz
- 1930 Model A-A400-J.W. & Barbara Silveira
- 1931 Auburn Boattail Speedster-Lloyd Riggs (friend of Don and Norman)

Joyce Azevedo





## **BAHCC MINUTES OF 10/17/07 BOARD MEETING**

President Don Azevedo called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM at the Dureins' home.

Board Secretary John Morrison read the minutes of the 9/19/07 board meeting and they were approved as corrected.

Treasurer Dave Pava passed out a financial statement as of 10/16/07. He reported that World Savings (our bank) was purchased by Wachovia. He also stated that we received \$1,000 in reimbursement from the 2007 Bay Area Tour and that we still have approximately \$3,000 remaining in this year's operating budget.

Communications—Joe Sernach brought a "Defender Flyer" with him (a publication that monitors legislation that can affect the old car hobby) and offered to share it.

Joe also reported that there was nothing new with regards to membership at this time.

Authenticity Chair Bill Cassiday also stated there was nothing new, and he passed around the Club binder.

Hospitality Chair Joe Sernach reported that everything is fine in that area.

Past Tours and Events—President Don reported on the weather at the recent Hershey Swap Meet. It was generally good except for Thursday morning, when there was enough rain that blue tarps covered the vendors' goods and the shoppers were doing their best to find an awning or tent to stand under.

Future Tours and Events—Don reported that the Pumpkin Tour will be 10/28 and sign-ups are already done. The Holiday Tour will be the Sunday after Thanksgiving, and the Holiday Party will be December 8<sup>th</sup>. The 11/7 general meeting will be the potluck.

Old Business—There was a discussion of the progress on finding willing board nominees and of the possible positions next year's members might

fill. After discussion, it was moved and seconded and passed unanimously that the nominees be Kaaren Brommer, Don Johnson, and Dave Pava. Regarding the Swap Meet, it was confirmed that we do have our traditional space at Cal State East Bay formally reserved.

New Business—Don suggested the November board meeting be a joint one with this and next year's board members and spouses as well as the gazette editor and swap meet registrar and spouses, and that the club cover the cost of the meal. Joe Sernach moved that this be approved, Dave Pava seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Don set the meeting to be at Marie Callenders in Concord on 11/14 at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM to treats courtesy of Susan Durien.

Respectfully Submitted, John Morrison, Board Secretary

### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

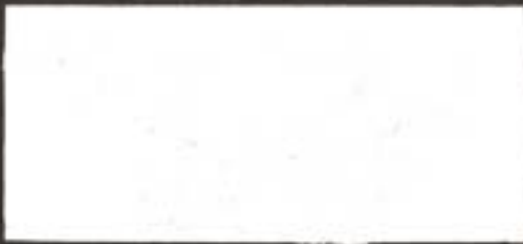
<b>GREEN</b>	Richard	12/7
<b>RYAN</b>	Kathy	12/11
<b>LUIS</b>	Al	12/13
<b>CHMIELEWSKI</b>	Joe	12/17/20
<b>RITCHEY</b>	Lillian	12/17
<b>STONE</b>	Robert	12/18
<b>MCEACHERN</b>	Mary	12/21
<b>VOLQUARDSEN</b>	Marianne	12/21
<b>BERTOLOTTI</b>	Joan	12/22/48
<b>HOLTHAUS</b>	Tom	12/23
<b>BORBA</b>	Bill	12/26
<b>AZEVEDO</b>	Joyce	12/26/53
<b>REAK</b>	Bea	12/27
<b>BUTLER</b>	Layden	12/29/47
<b>ANINO</b>	Rae	12/28/49

### **DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

<b>GREEN</b>	Richard	Ellen	Dec. 13, 1969
<b>LUNDQUIST</b>	Eric	Muriel	Dec. 14, 1968
<b>BLACK</b>	Alan	Anne	Dec. 31, 1993

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