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*Bay Area  
Horseless Carriage Club*



## BAY AREA HORSELESS CARRIAGE CLUB

### MEET YOUR NEW BOARD FOR 2008

<b>Chairman &amp; Tour Chairman</b>	<b>Don Azevedo</b>
<b>President &amp; Treasurer</b>	<b>David Pava</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Don Johnson</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Kaaren Brommer</b>
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>John Morrison</b>
<b>Authenticity</b>	<b>Bill Cassidy</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Doug Durien</b>

### ANNIVERSARIES

<b>NICOLAUS</b>	Stan	Carole	Jan. 16, 1960
<b>PAVA</b>	David	Patricia	Jan. 19, 1997
<b>BOYDEN</b>	Jim	Jean	25-Jan
<b>HOLTHAUS</b>	Mark	Terri	Jan. 27, 1996
<b>ARCHER</b>	Ed	Karen	Jan. 31, 1959

### BIRTHDAYS

<b>MORRISON</b>	Carolee	1-Jan
<b>RYAN</b>	Matt	2-Jan
<b>LAGORIO</b>	James	6-Oct
<b>MCCLISH</b>	Barbara	9-Jan
<b>NICOLAUS</b>	Carole	9-Oct
<b>JOBE</b>	Larry	11-Jan
<b>LIDLAW</b>	Stu	11-Jan
<b>FORBES</b>	Mark	13-Jan
<b>BROMMER</b>	Kaaren	20-Jan

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.

**ADDRESS:** c/o President **PHONE:** c/o President

**WEBSITE:** [www.BAHCC.org](http://www.BAHCC.org)

### **EDITORS and OTHER NOTES:**

We hope you all had a wonderful Holiday Time. Our family has been busy with family visiting from New Zealand and staying with us for the past couple of weeks. It has been great having our little Grandson here in California. He was also baptized on Sunday, so of course we had a party for him as well. The Gazette is a bit later than usual due to the family time, but I hope you all understand. We did not have much in the way of contributions this month - so hope for more for the next issue. Please email, fax or send newsletter contributions to Muriel Lundquist by the 22nd of the month.

## January 2008 - Presidents Message

By David Pava

I first joined the BAHCC in 1975 when I bought my first brass car – a 1914 Ford Touring replacing my '27 “T” Roadster. I have been an active touring member ever since – other than 3 years when I lived and worked in San Diego and was a member of the La Jolla regional group. My guess is that I have served on our board for more than 15 years and this will be my second term as your President.

I want to thank all of you who have placed your confidence in my leadership. The BAHCC is unique – it is a very special group of people with diverse backgrounds, occupations, training, education and life experience – all brought together by a common interest in keeping our brass era automobiles on the road – enjoying the sights, sounds and smells of slow back road touring in our (primarily) open cars. I hope to preserve our heritage of near monthly tours complemented by interesting meetings and other relevant social events.

I am delighted that we have an outstanding board that will help make that a reality. After two back-to-back terms as our President, **Don Azevedo** becomes our Chairman. Don has also accepted the very important job of Tour Chairman - plus he volunteered to take over the job of Swap Meet Chairman from me. With Don's help I am absolutely confident we will have an excellent Touring Season and a very successful Swap Meet.

New to our Board is **Don Johnson** who will serve as Vice President. This is Don's first term on the Board and it is wonderful to have a newer member of the club step up to a leadership role. I am personally looking forward to working with Don and getting to know him better.

Also new to the Board is **Karen Brommer** – who has been acting as our General Meeting Secretary – we already know she takes excellent, detailed minutes and I am very pleased we again have a lady on the board. I fondly remember **Ernie's** positive influence on the male dominated board.

With some new hardware in the club – I have already put our Authenticity “god” **Bill Cassidy** to work. I am always astounded by the wealth of knowledge he brings to our membership. The balance of the 2008 board is made up of two familiar faces whose contribution to the club is measured in decades not years; I am sure that Hospitality will be well taken care of by **John Morrison** and that **Doug Durein** will do his best to help us attract new members.

While not Board positions, there are others whose regular contribution to the club significantly benefits our membership. In my opinion, one thing that really sets our club apart is the quality of our Gaslight Gazette; and I am a firm believer in the continuation of a print publication – as a complement to the electronic version now available. **Muriel Lundquist** does an outstanding job as Editor and the consistent quality of our monthly publication is a clear testament to that. I know you all appreciate member submitted tour reports and articles plus regular contributions from **Esther Snoopy**. From what I can tell the Gaslight Gazette is read cover-to-cover by most every member of the club as soon as it shows up in your mailbox and/or email.

There are times when all of us are feeling a little “under-the-weather” and it is always great to be remembered by our friends in the club and our Sunshine Lady **Sue Durein** is always there to keep us informed and spread the cheer!

The BAHCC was one of the first HCC chapters to have a website and it has become an integral part of our Swap Meet promotion and administration as well as an excellent resource for our membership. I have retired as Webmaster, and you will find my replacement **Erika Kopman** is much more talented than I am at this sort of work. She has already made some improvements to the site including adding a Reference Tab where you will find current and back issues of the Gaslight Gazette and other handy items like our expense reimbursement form.

Last, but certainly not least, special mention must go to **Norm Schwartz** who with the help of **Adria** serves as the Registrar for our Swap Meet. For years the Swap Meet has provided the funding that enables our club the luxury of not needing to “pass the tin cup” on tours and keeps the cost of our dues and other events quite reasonable. When Don and Norm ask for your help for the Swap Meet this February, please volunteer. There are jobs suitable for all – and everyone's help is appreciated for set-up on Saturday and on Sunday.

Finally, the Board has asked that I continue as Treasurer during my tenure as President and since our By-Laws do not prohibit it - I have agreed to do so.

This is a great club because of its people and I hope I did not inadvertently overlook anyone helping in a leadership role this year. If you would like to become more involved please let any of the Board Members know and we will be sure to find the job that is right for you. All the best for a happy touring season.

## **You are Invited!**

**What:** An informal Dinner with BAHCC Friends

**When:** 6:00 PM Before Every General Meeting (except April and November)

**Where:** Silver Palace Restaurant  
6516 Moraga Ave  
Piedmont, CA 94611  
(510) 339-9380

**Cost:** The total bill divided by the number of people –  
Typically \$10 - \$13 a person - tip included.

**RSVP** Not needed – just show up!

### FOR SALE:

1911 Model T Touring. Serial #63400 former AACA National 1st winner, older restoration, complete car. Transmission needs work, beautiful body, leather upholstery and brass. Body dark blue, fenders, running boards, splash aprons, hood and wheels black. Includes set of all white smooth tread tires (new, never mounted). \$26,500. Phil Lawrence, 11328 Yuba Ridge Drive, Nevada City, CA 95959. (530) 273-2415, tinlizzie1911@yahoo.com

## **HAYWARD SWAP MEET & CAR SHOW**

**THE ORIGINAL BAY AREA SWAP MEET SINCE 1952**

All Makes & Models of Cars & Parts For Sale

**CAL STATE UNIVERSITY, HAYWARD, CA  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2008, 6 AM – 2 PM  
Rain or Shine – Every Bay Area Car Club Invited!**



# Old Sacramento Train Trip

Saturday, January 5, 2008

Board the Amtrak Capital Corridor Train #724 at either Jack London Square or Martinez for a chauffeured train ride to Old Sacramento. Meet at the Jack London train station at 8:30 a.m. (train leaves at 8:53) or in Martinez at 9:15 a.m. (train leaves at 9:44). We want to have everyone on the same train. Eastbound Train #724 will arrive at Old Sacramento at 10:55 a.m. I know Sacramento area members will meet us at the station. We will be visiting the Towe Museum, courtesy of member George Sherman. There are many interesting sites and shops in the area to visit.

We will be returning on Westbound Train #745 leaving Old Sacramento at 4:40 p.m., arriving in Martinez at 5:40 and at Jack London Square at 6:38. Members of the Santa Clara Model T Ford Club and the Mid Peninsula Old Time Auto Club are also going to Old Sacramento on the same train, so we should have a merry old time riding the rail! Be sure to bring your walking shoes.

The regular cost for the round trip tickets are \$44 (J L Square) and \$32 (Martinez). We can purchase "10-Ride " tickets (5 round trip tickets) for \$26.20 each (J.L. Square) and \$20.60 (Martinez). The total cost for the 10-Ride tickets is \$131 (JL Square) and \$103 (Martinez). If there are not enough people for the 10-Ride tickets, you can ask for 15% discount for senior citizens. I will have one person coordinating the purchase of the tickets for each station, so let me (Don Azevedo) know if you are coming.



**”THE CHASE” – by Clive Cussler,  
published 2007                      BOOK REVIEW**

Although the story starts in mid twentieth century with the raising of a Baldwin locomotive and box car at Flatland Lake, Montana, this yarn is really about the “who and why” the locomotive ended up in Flatland Lake in 1906.

Travel back to 1906 with Clive Cussler, who has been dazzling readers for over thirty years (33 books so far), as Cussler weaves a tale of intrigue with his main character, Joshua Cromwell, a prominent San Francisco businessman, and his socialite sister Margaret Cromwell. They live on Nob Hill, own a large bank, and support various philanthropic events in San Francisco. Everyone is under Cromwell’s sphere of influence including the cops.

The story continues with what seems to be an unrelated series of twenty bank robberies from 1904 - 1906 at various western towns, Bisbee, AZ; Bozeman, MT, Ryoline, NV, Telluride, CO and others. Ultimately they tie together to San Francisco. Each robbery takes place just as the bank received funds for the miner’s payroll, and in each of these robberies, the robber gets away without a trace. As a reader, you feel a definite presence is at each of these robberies, and marvel at Cussler’s ingenuity and intrigue.

Add a 1904 Rolls Royce, a 1905 Locomobile speedster, and a 1906 Ford Model K into the



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LOCOMOBILE 1904

equation, plus a cameo by famous opera singer Enrico Caruso who is in San Francisco to sing at the San Francisco Opera House on opening night April 11, 1906. And of course, you know what happened the following day, “the disastrous San Francisco Earthquake” – April 12, 1906. By then the “bad guys” had been identified, and the detectives are ready to apprehend them. But, as a result of the earthquake, buildings collapse, and the bad guys get away by chartering a Southern Pacific locomotive from the rail yards in San Francisco.

Adding to the mayhem and mystery, Mr. Jonathan Bell, a seasoned young private detective working for the Van Dorn Agency in Chicago is charged by his boss to find out “who done it”. And, of course Bell’s love just happens to be the lovely Marion who is Cromwell’s secretary. Well, I won’t give away all the story.

And then, after Mr. Bell unravels the mysteries of the robberies, a statewide chase ensues in Bell’s Locomobile (supposedly the same car that won the Vanderbilt cup); the Rolls is featured in another drive with Cromwell and his chauffeur to San Francisco Barbary Coast, and is later used for looting of the bank.



FORD MODEL K

Clive Cussler is one of the most intriguing story tellers, and is one of the most technically correct authors. Many of his stories are fashioned after “fact”, and whether the Flathead Lake railroad is one of these, he hasn’t said. When it comes to historical old automobiles, Cussler, a definite car enthusiast, defines every idiosyncrasy on the old cars from the driver setting the spark, setting the throttle, spinning the crank, easing off on the clutch. You can hear the tires blow out when hitting a rock, and patching the tubes before the next blowout. The wind is blowing past your face, and you can picture the roads in 1906, honking horns to get cars and hay wagons out of your way. He owns quite a collection of Pre-War cars including some of the rare horseless carriage cars described in this book.

The book is Cussler’s latest, and is an easy read. I really enjoyed the excellent historical view of the old West and San Francisco, not to mention the action scenes. Cussler has done a great job creating fact/fiction in “The Chase”. You’ll enjoy it.

Reviewed by : Eric Lundquist

BAHCC Minutes—Bd. Mtg. Of 11-14-07 (as yet unapproved)

President Don Azevedo called the meeting to order at 7:52 PM.

Board Secretary John Morrison read the minutes of the board meeting of 10/17/07 and they were approved as corrected.

Treasurer Dave Pava reported the Club is solvent, the budget continues on track, and the biggest income and expense item remaining for 2007 is the Holiday Party.

Doug Durein presented a check in the amount of \$414.41 to the Club, thereby closing out the Calistoga Tour account. Doug D. and Doug K. were applauded for a job well done!

Joyce Azevedo reported she still has a few receipts to turn in from the Ice Cream Social and the Pumpkin Tour (about \$100 total or less).

Communications: Dave Pava reported he has heard of a 1910 Model T for sale and will post it on our bahcc.org website.

Membership and Hospitality Chair Joe Sernach reported nothing new this month.

Authenticity Chair Bill Cassidy also said there was nothing new at this time.

Joe Sernach reported he redid the alphabetical split for future potlucks to effect a better balance of main course items, salads and desserts. He will forward it to Editor Muriel.

Future Tours and Events: Don reported the Sunday after Thanksgiving will be the Holiday Tour, and the tour map will be made soon. We will meet at 9:00 at the Rudgear Road Park and Ride. He also mentioned the 2008 Blossom Tour will be May 1 – 3 (Thurs. – Sat.) in Gilroy. Registration forms are available on the national website (hcca.org), and our club will be responsible for the hors d’oeuvres on the first night.

New Business: Election of Officers—Don read the list of proposed new board candidates—incumbent Dave Pava, Kaaren Brommer, and Don Johnson. Doug Durein moved these names be approved for presentation at the 12/8/07 BAHCC Annual Meeting/ Holiday Party, Joe Sernach seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Kaaren Brommer gave special thanks to Don Azevedo for the great he has done for the last two years as our President, which was followed by a warm round of applause by all.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Morrison, Board Meeting Secretary

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