



# **BAY AREA HORSELESS CARRIAGE CLUB**

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#### **DATES TO REMEMBER in 2009**

January 17, 2009	Old Sacramento Train Trip
February 22-26	Rollin' in Vegas
HCCA 2009	National Tour and Convention
March 19-20	Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet
April 16-18	Bakersfield Swap Meet and Tour
May 17-22	Golden Gate Wine Country Tour

### 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:** <u>Third Wednesday</u> (except July - no meeting) at various homes. Members welcome.

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

WEBSITE: www.BAHCC.org

#### **EDITORS NOTES**:

We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and we wish you a very Happy New Year. Our house has been its usually holiday busy with friends and family visiting. We feel very blessed to have all the activity all around us.

The year is starting out busy for our car club with the now annual train trip to Old Sacrament on the calendar. Be sure to sign up and join the fun day. Feel free to bring other family members, grandchildren or friends. This is a great way to introduce new people to our club, even without our cars.

Remember to send or email articles and pictures to the editor by the 22nd of the month.

We have just received news of the passing of Al Luis on Christmas eve morning. Our prayers and thoughts go out to his wife Alice and family. We will email more information as it becomes available.



Meet our New President Don Johnson and wife Pam

January 2009 - Presidents Message By Don Johnson

Our thanks to David Pava for last year's great leadership, including being our club's Treasurer.

I want thank you all for selecting me for your club leader. I am looking forward to working with this year's board of directors. We will have two new Board members; Johnny Crowell and Bill Brommer. They will be replacing Doug Durein and Bill Cassidy, who will be stepping down. Thank you for a great job, Doug and Bill. Johnny will be our new Vice President and Bill will be our Membership Chairman. I want to thank Muriel Lundquist for agreeing to continue editing the Gaslight Gazette and Karen Brommer for continuing to be the club Secretary.

The Board of Directors will be putting together a calendar of activities and tours for the coming New Year. I hope you all will be thinking about what tours and events you would like to see and stepping up to help our Tour Chairman, Don Azevedo, with your ideas and help.

We will be starting off in January with our annual Old Sacramento Visit by Amtrak Train from the Bay Area. See the attached flyer for further details.

Our National Tour, The Golden Gate Wine County Tour, May 17-22, 2009 is quickly approaching. If you are planning on attending please send in your deposit so we can plan how many participants will be attending.

I am looking forward to continuing our club's newest activity. The hands-on get together at various members garages or shops to see demonstrations and get help on those car repair problems.

I hope you all had a great Holiday. Our annual Holiday Dinner–Dance was wonderful. I would like to thank Carolee Morrison for all her efforts in making the event so special.

Hope to see you at our meetings. Have a great New Year.

Don



### Past Presidents Message

### December 2008

As the year, and my term as President comes to a close, I want to wish every member of club a healthy and happy holiday season!

Patricia and I are looking forward to seeing you at our Holiday Party on Saturday, December 13. If you have not made your reservation yet, don't miss out ... contact Carolee Morrison right away and confirm your attendance – everybody would love to see you there!

At the joint Board Meeting on November 19 the roles and responsibilities for our 2009 Board were confirmed as follows:

2009 Board:

Chairman	David Pava
President	Don Johnson
Vice President	Johnny Crowell
Treasurer	David Pava
Secretary	Kaaren Brommer
Tour Chairman	John Morrison
Membership	Bill Brommer
Authenticity	Don Azevedo

2009 Committee Chairs:

Swap Meet	Don Azevedo
Hospitality	Joe and Ester Sernach
Gazette Editor	Muriel Lundquist
Sunshine	Sue Durien

We also welcomed new member Whitney Haist to the club and learned that a former member Bob Rosen will be rejoining. Welcome to both.

I will see you down the road,

David



## Golden Gate Wine Country Tour - Information

The Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club, in conjunction with the Santa Clara Valley & Santa Rosa Regional Groups, invites you to join us for a week of touring in Northern California. The tour will take place May 17 - 22, 2009. We plan to keep the daily mileage under 100 miles and to use roads that do not challenge our vehicles' climbing or braking abilities. Our tour will not be an endurance contest for man or machine. We promise an enjoyable tour with great people. We also welcome children of all ages, as the future of our hobby depends upon them.

Preliminary Tour Features:

- Welcome BBQ on Sunday after a short local tour
- Tour a vintage, working lumber mill in the Redwoods
- Tour along the Russian River to the Pacific Ocean and along Highway 1 with lunch at the historic Occidental Hotel
- Bus excursion to San Francisco: guided tour in vintage touring cars, visit the Academy of Arts<sup>1</sup> Classic Car Museum, shop in Union Square and experience Fisherman's Wharf
- Tour Napa Valley with stops at wineries, antique shops and other points of interest
- . Tour to Sonoma and the Valley of the Moon
- Thursday evening banquet at the hotel

Period clothing is recommended and appreciated, but not required. (Wear casual clothes and a coat to San Francisco.)

Tour headquarters will be at the Flamingo Resort Hotel. Reservations at the Flamingo must be made separate from the Tour. Special rates of \$119/night will be provided to participants when you mention the Horseless Carriage Club. Breakfasts are included with the room.

#### Flamingo Resort Hotel

2777 Fourth Street Santa Rosa, CA 94505 (707) 545-8530 or [800] 848-8300 Fax: (707) 568-0442 RV Parking is at: Sonoma County Fairgrounds 1350 Bennett Valley Road Santa Rosa, CA 95404 (707) 293-8410

You will be notified of the tour cost as soon as all activities are finalized and meals are determined. Full payments must be received no later than March 1, 2009.

To register send a \$50 deposit, payable to the BAHCC, and the attached form to: John Morrison 1450 Grand Ave. Piedmont, CA 94610 (510) 655-6128

Full refund of deposit will be made if cancelation is received before March 1, 2009.

# Golden Gate Wine Country Tour Registration Form

### Driver

Name:		
	State: Zip C	
Phone Number:	HCCA Membership #:	
E-mail Address:		
Cell Phone Numbe	er (that you'll have on tour):	
May we contact yo	ou by e-mail for confirmations and tour up-dates	s? Yes / No
<b>Car</b> (limited to vehicles m	anufactured in 1915 or prior)	
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Model:	Body Style:	
License Plate (inclu	de State):	
Has this car ever b	een on an HCCA National Tour before? Ye	s / No
Passengers		
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Wine Country Tour of 2009. I erations, I (we) do hereby agr Club of America and its Regic liabilities and attorney's fees of property or persons, resulting The owner/driver has proof of in the amount of at least \$100	ove listed vehicle in the Horseless Carriage Club of Ame In consideration of the right to enter this event and for ot ee to indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless The ons, Officers and Representatives from and against any of arising from damages or injury, actual or claimed, of any from my (our) participation in the Golden Gate Wine C f bodily injury and property damage liability insurance 0,000 per person, \$300,000 per accident bodily liabilit \$300,000 combined single limit liability insurance.	her valuable consid- Horseless Carriage and all claims, costs, y kind of nature, to ountry Tour of 2009. on the entered vehicle
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# **INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **Saturday Morning Get Together**

Club members and friends are invited to Whitney and Diane Haist's shop on the first Saturday after the January Club meeting (January 10<sup>th</sup>) from 9 to noon. See a great shop camouflaged as a home and a recently purchased 1911 Cadillac under restoration. Bring a project if you wish or just come to kick tires. Perhaps we can convince Whitney to start one of his one-cylinder gas engines. Meet us at 12 Sunrise Hill Road, Orinda. Whitney's phone number is (925) 253-1333. See you Saturday! *Check Yahoo Maps for directions or call Whitney.* 

## **NEW MEMBERS FOR 2009 AND THEIR ADDRESS:**

Bob & Louise Rosen 112 Estates Dr. Piedmont, CA. 94611

Lynn & Jeanne Kissel 9121 Loyola Way Livermore, CA. 94550

Whitney & Diane Haist 12 Sunrise Rd. Orinda, CA. 94563

Mike Hammitt called Past President David Pava and asked him to submit this to our Gazette.

Good talking to you today. I am Mike Hammitt from Brownsville Oregon. You mentioned that you would be willing to ask around for me about parts that I am looking for, and run it also in your clubs newsletter. *I am looking for an engine and transmission for an aircooled IHC highwheeler. I am also looking for a complete highwheeler of any make to purchase.* Any help would be greatly appreciated. Thanks for your help! Mike Contact at Mike Hammitt (hcca member) 541-466-3020 or mnjs63a@centurytel.net



# SNOOPY by Esther

The 2009 touring season is just around the corner. So guy, it's time to think about getting your cars ready . Check the breaks and tires and fix up all those little mechanical things that you do each year. And Gals, we have to get out the needles and thread and patch up the antique clothing as there are still some tours that request them. As much as I dislike mending them (I have been doing it since 1957—Gads, I'm old, not really as I was only 10 years old when we joined the club in 57!!!!) I must admit it does add a touch of class to the old cars.

Your committee is hard at work on the May National tour the club is sponsoring. We are very grateful to have the Santa Clara and Santa Rosa Regional groups help with tour planning. Sure makes it easier. Soooo, mark your calendar for May 17 to 22, and send in your \$50 deposit now to give the committee a much needed head count. Do it if you are even thinking about attending as it helps with planning meals and other activities.

No swap meet on February this year—as you know, it was moved to Aug.30<sup>th</sup> because of the better weather. Again, mark your calendar now so you don't end up with a conflict.

The Holiday party was a huge success ~~ the dance floor was full most of the time and as usual, the Hometown Band played great dance music and smooth background as we sang Christmas carols. Joe took care of the bar again and said he was surprised at how little hard liquor was ordered, mostly wine. Everyone must have had an enjoyable time as the party lasted several hours after diner.

By the way, if the club ever needs more income, we could probably rent out the "Girls Only Chores Line" that danced up a storm. Woo hoo, what a good time they all had. Swinging arms, shaking boodys, and dancing feet. YOU GO GIRLS.

One last note, our thanks yet again to **John & Carolee M.** as they do all the planning and organizing etc. Also thanks to **Susan D. & Ellen G.** setting up the hall and setting the tables etc. and to all those gals that brought the great table decorations. Every bit of help makes it easier for Carolee and we do want her to keep on doing this.

It's always good to see friends and remember the "good ole times" we had with those not able to attend for one reason or another

This year we had several newbie's at the party. Mark & Veronica Cerruti came with their children, Samantha & George. They are so cute and well behaved. Seemed to be having a good time too. Always fun to watch the little ones.

**Bob & Louise Rosen,** past members of the club, came to the party with 2 guests. They had also attended the last tour (Blackhawk) and have now rejoined the club. We look forward to seeing them and their 1912 Cad. on many tours. Are your guests prospective members Bob? We welcome Bob & Louise back into our fold.

Lynn & Jeanne Kissel, are also new members who came to the party. Lynn, you may recall, was driving down Niles Canyon in his 1924 Kissel speedster when he saw some of our cars touring on the ice cream social. He stopped to visit and ended up joining the tour. He subsequently joined the club and recently bought a 1914 Kissel touring model 40. They are very enthusiastic about their cars so I know we will be seeing them on the tours and at meetings. Welcome to the group.

Whitney & Diane Haist came on the Blackhawk tour as quests and attended our Holiday party. They had a good time and have decided to join our group. They have a ——-1911 Cad that Whitney is working on. We have an active group and we look forward to your participation. I'm sure you will enjoy being members.

Ladies, don't let the thought of antique clothing discourage you. A lot of gals just wear dusters, long skirts, and blouses while touring. If you enjoy the antique clothing so much the better as they add to the enjoyment people get when they see our cars go by.

Health updates ~~~ Alice L. tells me that Al is still very weak and that it's easier for him to get around when he uses a wheel chair. They very much enjoyed the card you all signed at the party and all the other others as well. Getting card perks up Al's days and they are very grateful for them. Talked to **George S**. the other day. They are both doing OK. Just aches and pains like we all have as we get older. He said N. Cal Regional Group had a party to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Dinner was served at the antique airplane hanger at Mather Air Force Base. George said he and Fran really enjoyed seeing all their "ole" friends that are no longer able to tour.

**Bill O.** is doing about the same, just a little more forgetful. (welcome to my club!). Several of the guys showed up at Bill's for there "first Saturday" get together. They relieved Bill of some of his old rust.

**Rae A**. is also doing quite well. In January she will have another MRI to see if she can start driving and working again. Rae is always so full of energy, I'm sure it's hard to be home bound all the time. Joe sold the 11 Buick, model 21, he bought from "good old Charlie". Didn't hear who the buyer was.

I sadly report that we lost our good friend **Doris Kindsberg-Gibson** after her long fight with cancer. Living in Turlock she didn't make it to meeting, but those of you that knew Doris will remember her and Ray driving one of those beautiful cars Ray restored. Doris loved the antique clothes and loved touring. Let me tell you, if you were with Doris when she laughed, you'll long remember her infectious giggle and her wonderful smile. She was a good friend and always made you happy to be around. She will be greatly missed. Our condolences and prayers are with Ray and family at this time.

The saga of the Paterson goes on and on. After 2 short trips around town, one of the new cylinders leaked water into the oil. Joe cried and cussed up a storm. However 2 new one have already been delivered and only need some minor machining. Hopefully, Patty will be up and running again within the next few weeks.

The **Sowell's** Cad is all finished (I think), so we hope to see them on the tours this year. It's almost a saga to rival the Paterson.

Don't forget to sign up for **Azevedo's** annual train trip to Old Sacramento on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

See you next year at the January 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting Here's wishing you all a happy, safe touring year.

SNOOPY

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

GREEN	Richard	7-Dec
RYAN	Kathy	11-Dec
LUIS	AI	13-Dec
CHMIELEWSKI	Joe	17-Dec
RITCHEY	Lillian	17-Dec
STONE	Robert	18-Dec
MCEACHERN	Mary	21-Dec
VOLQUARDSEN	Marianne	21-Dec
BERTOLOTTI	Joan	22-Dec
HOLTHAUS	Tom	23-Dec
METAIS	Bernard	23-Dec
BORBA	Bill	26-Dec
AZEVEDO	Joyce	26-Dec
REAK	Bea	27-Dec
ANINO	Rae	28-Dec
BUTLER	Layden	29-Dec
DECEMBER ANN	<u>VIVERSARIES</u>	

# GREENRichardEllenDec. 13, 1969LUNDQUISTEricMurielDec. 14, 1968

### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

NICOLAUS PAVA BOYDEN HOLTHAUS ARCHER JANUARY	David Jim Mark Ed	Jean Terri Karen	Jan. 16, 1960 Jan. 19, 1997 25-Jan Jan. 27, 1996 Jan. 31, 1959
MORRISON	Carolee		1-Jan
RYAN	Matt		2-Jan
LAGORIO	James	6-Oct	
MCCLISH	Barbara	9-Jan	
NICOLAUS	Carole	9-Oct	
JOBE	Larry 11-Jan		11-Jan
LAIDLAW	Stu 11-Jan		11-Jan
FORBES	Mark		13-Jan
BROMMER	Kaaren		20-Jan

# BAY AREA 2008 HOLIDAY TOUR submitted by Don Azevedo

The holiday tour is an annual tradition with the BAHCC that signals the end of the touring season. Weather permitting we bring out our four-wheel treasurers one last time before draining the water from the radiator and putting the cars to sleep for the winter. The Sunday after Thanksgiving found us all huddled together around cups of Starbucks coffee and delectable donuts trying to stay warm on that foggy morning. Many who came mentioned "It was sunny at my house" but alas the sunshine was eluding us at the Rudgear Park and Ride that morning. One guest, who lives close to the starting point, drove to the starting point in a modern car just to see if these folks from the BAHCC were crazy enough to tour on a cold and foggy morning. We were. Nothing seems to stop this group from touring together with old cars and old friends.

Once two gallons of coffee and a huge pile of donuts were downed, tour leader Don Azevedo rallied the troops to hand out printed instructions to our destination, the world-famous Blackhawk Museum in Danville. Everyone donned their fur coats or down jackets, grabbed their lap robes and piled into the antiques. With a tug on the crank or a foot on the starter button each auto was fired up and ready to depart.

Our first few miles were through the sleepy towns of Alamo and Danville and on out into the countryside. Last year while on some of these country roads, we spotted some flocks of wild turkeys. However, we saw none on November 30. We surmised that it was too close to Thanksgiving and all the turkeys were still in hiding-fearing they would end up on someone's dinner table.

Upon arrival at the Blackhawk Museum we were escorted up to a show area where are cars would be displayed and properly "diapered" while we toured the museum. Inside the car museum there was a feast for the eyes. The first floor showroom was full of sports cars by various manufacturers. The second floor held a collection of classics, mostly from the 1930's. In a side room several men looked like the giant Gulliver as they worked on a miniature railroad layout. Men and their toys!

Upon leaving Blackhawk we toured to Livermore to Orozco's Mexican restaurant where a room was set up just for us. We devoured bowls of chips and salsa and visited with one another as we waited for our delicious lunch. After lunch we toured back to Walnut Creek or just went home-whichever was closest. There was only one casualty that day and that was a flat time on George Azevedo's 1914 Ford. Thanks to all who braved the cold foggy weather to make the tour a success.

#### Those in attendance were:

Don & Joyce Azevedo with guests Lloyd & Jane Riggs and Alex Azevedo & Lindsey Ball, Dave Pava with guest Roger Hoffman, Charles Ebers and guest Bill Austin, Bill Cassiday, Norman & Adria Schwartz, Whitney & Diane Haist, Johnny & Christine Crowell, George & Genelle Azevedo and guests Eric & Mona Anninger, Lynn & Jeanne Kissel, Doug & Marylou King, and J.W. & Barbara Silveria.





















# Holiday Christmas Dinner and Installation of 2009 Officers

Our annual dinner and installation was held at the Piedmont Hall on December 13<sup>th</sup> with the *Homegrown Band* entertaining us. Dinner and arrangements were made by our own Carolee Morrison and a wonderful time was had by all. It was fun to watch and join in with the many dancers and singers of the evening who truly enjoyed the music and company. Joe kept the refreshments flowing and the surprise Santa and helper with packages for everyone added to the Christmas Spirit. Great job Carolee and all who helped her with the arrangements.































# Old Sacramento Train Trip Saturday, January 17, 2009

First trip for 2009 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. Sign up at the January Club meeting or call Don Azevedo (925) 427-6624. We can purchase 10-pack tickets at a reduced rate. A 10-pack is 5 round-trip tickets. A single round-trip ticket from Martinez to Old Sac and back is \$32. A 10-pack for 5 people costs \$96, or \$19.20 each. So we want to buy 10-pack tickets if possible.

Boarding Station	Departure Time	Single Ticket Cost	10-Pack Cost (for 5 people)
Jack London Square-Train 724	8:53 AM	\$46	\$138 (\$27.60 each)
Martinez Train 724	9:44AM	\$32	\$96 (\$19.20 each)

Train 724 arrives in Old Sac at 10:55AM.

We will leave Old Sac on Train 747 at 5:40PM.

Train gets into Martinez at 6:40 and we will go to La Tapatia for dinner.

If you board the train at Jack London Square, you will return at 7:31.

Be sure to let Don know if you are coming so we can try to get 10-pack tickets.

Here is a taste for what is available in Old Sacramento:

Towe Automobile Museum	California State Railroad Museum
Discovery Museum History Center	Old Sac Schoolhouse Museum
Wells Fargo History Museum	Wine Tasting
Gift Shops	Restaurants and Cafes



### BAHCC JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2008

Prepared by David Pava

The Joint Board Meeting was called to order by President Pava at 7:50 PM at Uncle Yu' Chinese Restaurant in San Ramon.

All current and new Board members and their significant others were present with the exception of Kaaren and Bill Brommer who were both not feeing well. Also in attendance were Joe and Esther Sernach in acknowledgment of their work on the Swap Meet and Snoopy column respectively, plus Erika and Ben Kopman in acknowledgment of their work on our website.

David Pava began the meeting by thanking all who had contributed to the success of our club by serving on the Board and committees this year. He also welcomed the new Board members.

Given the absence of our Secretary the minutes of the prior board meeting were not read or approved. No Treasures report was made.

A discussion of who would fulfill the various officer and committee chair positions followed. It was motioned and seconded that following appointments be made:

Board:

Chairman President Vice President Treasurer Secretary Tour Chairman Membership Authenticity David Pava Don Johnson Johnny Crowell David Pava Kaaren Brommer John Morrison Bill Brommer Don Azevedo

### Committee Chairs:

Swap Meet Hospitality Gazette Editor Sunshine Don Azevedo Joe and Ester Sernach Muriel Lundquist Sue Durien

The above were affirmed by unanimous consent.

John Morrison asked for clarification: if former member Bob Rosen needed to reapply for membership – or if he could simply pay his dues to rejoin. It was agreed he could pay 2009 dues and rejoin the club.

Don reported that several cars had signed up for the Blackhawk tour on November 30.

Joe Sernach reported that we may have a refund of approximately \$300 coming from CSU Hayward for overpaid swap meet expenses.

David Pava reported that we had received an application from Whitney Haist to join the club and that 2009 dues were included. This was affirmed by unanimous consent.

John Morrison reported that we now had approximately 30 deposits for the Golden Gate National Tour.

Doug Durien recommended that the new Board continue the proposed updating of our By-Laws to more accurately reflect current Club policies. President Pava confirmed that in his role as Chairman next year he will facilitate that process.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 and dinner was served.

