



*Bay Area  
Horseless Carriage Club*



## BAY AREA HORSELESS CARRIAGE CLUB

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### DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2009

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: 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 NOTES:**

Happy Valentine's Day and Happy February!  
Can you believe this weather? Hopefully the rain doesn't come when we are ready to start our touring. We want it now not later, but right now I guess we will take what we can get or be in for no gardens and very short showers. Well, the editor is back in town and ready to put together some great Gazette's with your help - so remember to take and send those pictures and articles in by the 22nd of the month.

EMAIL UPDATE FOR Ed and Karen ARCHER  
please change to Karened4@att.net



## **February 2009 - Presidents Message**

### **By Don Johnson**

Our Club's first business meeting of the year was a memorial service for our long time devoted member, Al Luis. The large turnout was gratifying. Several people traveled a long distance to honor our friend. There were many reflections by members and friends. At the end of the memorial we all sang a special song prepared in memory of Al. I thank Carolee and John Morrison along with Esther and Joe Sernach for their efforts arranging this tribute to Al.

I was unable to attend however, I understand the Amtrak Train ride to Old Sacramento was a lot of fun for all. Some of the activities included visiting the Towe Auto Museum and The California State Railroad Museum. The day was finished off with a Mexican dinner in Martinez.

Our first gathering of the year "Saturday Morning Get-together" was a success. We met at our new member, Whitney Haist's Beautiful garage. After enjoying Coffee and donuts, we got to see Whitney's car, truck and stationary engine collection in a shop that was so neat and clean that you could eat off the floor. I am looking forward another one of these events soon.

Our National Tour committee is working hard to finish up the loose planning ends for our The Golden Gate Wine County Tour, May 17-22, 2009. There is still time to sign up, if you have not done so already.

Hope to see you at our meetings.

# SNOOPY

By  
**Esther**



Our January memorial meeting went very well. **Al Luis** was remembered for his kindness, gentleness, and his willingness to help out where ever needed. Many members told stories about Al and the words were very touching and greatly appreciated by Alice. **Al & Alice** were married for 71 years and joined the BAHCC in the early 70's. I think they attended every club meeting (as I remember it) with a very few exceptions due to illness. Even after Al was no longer able to drive their 15 White they were always there to support the club. Al's smiling face will be greatly missed. Alice plans to continue coming to the meetings whenever she can get a ride.

Our condolences to the **Brommer** family. Kaaren's mom passed away in December after a long illness. We also send condolences to **Lynn & Frank Forbes** as Lynn's father also passed away in December. Our sincere sympathy to both families.

From the comments I heard about the "first Saturday garage tour" to **Whitney & Diane Haist's** garage/house, the guys were really impressed. Apparently, Orinda city ordinances do not allow for a separate large garage no matter how large the lot is. But, their lot was large enough to split into 2 parcels and they built a second home. Very nice looking house from the outside but a little strange inside. After entering into a family room/kitchen area you go down a few steps to a very large "recreation room" with a 20+ foot ceiling. The furniture consist of a nice auto hoist, lathes, drill presses etc. Yes, it's really a garage. There is also a second room that's a wood shop and an attached 3 car garage. It's full of cars that Whitney has restored and 2 that he is working on, a 1911 Cad. And a mid 20's Buick.

Received an email from a very very happy, soon to be, **Grandma Anino**. Daughter Rebecca called to report that their baby will be born in August. All you Grandmas know how exciting that 1<sup>st</sup> grandchild can be. **Rae** is on cloud nine.

Here's some surprising news, **Dan & Mary McEachern** came to the January meeting and Dan said that that is the first meeting he has attended in 37 years. Now that you see how nice we all are, maybe you will join us again before another 37 years pass (ha-ha).

**Bill O.** is back home in Berkeley. I know he will greatly appreciate a phone call or a drop by visit once in a while.

So pick up the phone and give him a call.

Now that **Charles E.** has completed the restoration on the Mitchell (and it's a beauty by the way), he bought another project. Charles bought the 1912 Model T Ford formally owned by Max Pottle, and before that by Bob Forbes. He's going to put a stock engine in it and restore the car to original condition. I'm not sure if that means a ground up restoration job or not but knowing Charles and from the looks of the Mitchell, it will be a beauty when it's done. And I know it won't take as long as the Mitchell did.

Can you believe that after 51 years in this club (gosh I'm getting old although I joined when I was 13) I'm finally going to get to see the "Candy Store Car Collection" in Burlingame, something I've looked forward to for a long time. **Ed & Karen Archer** are going to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding Anniversary there. Congratulations to both of you. We wish you many more years together but I won't wish you 50 more cause that would make you too old to drive and what fun is it after you can't drive your antiques huh? (hee, hee).

Our Editor **Muriel & Eric** are on a one month land & cruise trip thru South America, the Falklands, & Antarctica. and are due back about the time I'm writing this. I'm sure we will have all kinds of new information for the next article. Oh yes, they still haven't bought a suit case big enough for me to fit in. Darn (ha ha).

**Jim R.** reported that on Christmas day **Kathy** tripped over a new tool Santa brought him and broke both of the bones in her wrist, compressing one of them so it's now too short (ouch). Kathy is wearing a special contraption to stretch that bone back out. She said most days she's pretty good but for a few days after each doctors visit to adjust the setting on the contraption, the pain sets her back a wee bit. It's her left hand and wouldn't you know it, she is left handed. She said, "I didn't eat out in public for a while". Jim is now chief cook and bottle washer. Only 6 more weeks to go, hang in there Jim.

I talked to **Ann Rothwell** the other day. She said she is doing OK, feeling good and is keeping very active in her church.

**Steve R.** had Thanksgiving with **Maggie Wiedenmayer**. She is also doing quite well. She moved up to Murphys to be closer to her family. Said she just loves it up in the mountains.

Till next time, Snoopy

# INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chet and Marlene Zimmerman provided this link for some interesting Model T. Ford car history. For those of you with computers this is a video worth seeing. Just click this link to see the making of old wooden wheels, by hand mostly, Henry riding the 15th millionth Model T off the production line and the places that car could go. Enjoy the film.  
The link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S4KrIMZpwCY>

## **Our monthly BAHCC Board meetings will be hosted at the following board members in 2009.**

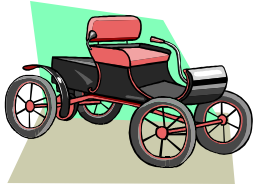
February 18,	Kaaren Brommer
March 18,	John Morrison
April 15	Johnny Crowell
May 12	Don Johnson
June 17	Dave Pava
July	No Meeting
August 19	Don Azevedo
September 16	Bill Brommer
October 21	John Morrison
November 18	Dinner meeting, Location to be announced
December	no meeting

### **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

FRANCIES	LeRoy Joyce	Feb. 4, 1956
ZIMMERMAN	Chet Marlene	Feb. 9, 1952
HOFFMAN	Steve Diane	Feb. 13, 1982
HOLTHAUS	Don Barbara	Feb 9, 1952
BROMMER	Bill Kaaren	Feb. 19, 1965
VOLQUARDSSEN	Lee Mariann	Feb. 25, 1951

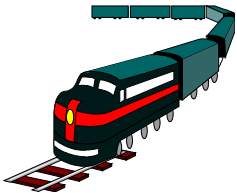
### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

SILVEIRA	Barbara	Feb. 3
MACCALLEN	Roger	Feb. 6
HOFFMAN	Diane	Feb. 7
CROWELL	Christine	Feb. 9
GURNEE	Anne	Feb. 10
FAULSTICK	Wil	Feb. 15
ZIMMERMAN	Marlene	Feb. 17
EBERS	Charles	Feb. 21
PAVA	David	Feb. 23
CRUZ/ZYLSTRA	Harold	Feb. 24
CESARI	Jim	Feb. 24
DUREIN	Susan	Feb. 27



### Saturday Nuts & Bolts Get Together

Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> Whitney and Diane Haist opened up their shop and garage for close inspection by the Nuts and Bolts Gang. Wow, were we impressed! What a place to work and play. Whitney has about every tool and piece of machinery one needs for restoration efforts. He has a way to go on his newest project, a 1911 Cadillac touring. Whitney even started a 3 HP one-cylinder engine for the group. About 12 club members and guests enjoyed visiting the Haist garages.



### Trip to Old Sac on Amtrak

Nineteen members and guests boarded the Amtrak train in Martinez on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, joining J. W. and Barbara who boarded in Oakland. Our destination was Old Sacramento where we were greeted by members Rae and Joe Anino. The group soon dispersed to their planned destinations, some to their favorite restaurant and some to one of the many museums in the area. For us who visited the Towe Museum, we were met by George Sharman and Bob Hopkins both long time members of our club. George graciously sponsored our group into the museum. Rae and Joe also accompanied us to the Towe so we have plenty of docents helping us. Three in our group took various modes of transportation to the Ford Barn in Rancho Cordova to purchase some parts. Upon returning to Martinez, we enjoyed a great dinner at a local restaurant before heading home. The weather was great and company enjoyable. Members brought guests that also enjoyed the trip.



## 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' 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 cancellation is received before March 1, 2009.

# Golden Gate Wine Country Tour Registration Form

## Driver

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ HCCA Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number (that you'll have on tour): \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact you by e-mail for confirmations and tour up-dates? Yes / No

## Car (limited to vehicles manufactured in 1915 or prior)

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style: \_\_\_\_\_

License Plate (include State): \_\_\_\_\_

Has this car ever been on an HCCA National Tour before? Yes / No

## Passengers

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult: \_\_\_\_\_ Child Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Lodging

*Make your reservations directly with the hotel or RV campground.*

Check One:  Hotel  RV  Other

## Liability

I hereby agree to enter the above listed vehicle in the Horseless Carriage Club of America Golden Gate Wine Country Tour of 2009. In consideration of the right to enter this event and for other valuable considerations, I (we) do hereby agree to indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless The Horseless Carriage Club of America and its Regions, Officers and Representatives from and against any and all claims, costs, liabilities and attorney's fees arising from damages or injury, actual or claimed, of any kind of nature, to property or persons, resulting from my (our) participation in the Golden Gate Wine Country Tour of 2009. The owner/driver has proof of bodily injury and property damage liability insurance on the entered vehicle in the amount of at least \$100,000 per person, \$300,000 per accident bodily liability and \$100,000 property damage liability, or \$300,000 combined single limit liability insurance.

Insurance Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Term Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_\_\_

The owner/driver certifies that the described vehicle entered in this event meets HCCA safety rules and has duly passed the requirements of the motor vehicle authorities or other governing bodies in the state in which the vehicle is registered, and the vehicle shall be legally registered and/or licensed. The Horseless Carriage Club of America and its representatives will not, and cannot, be held responsible for the "safety certification" of any participating vehicle.

Signed (Owner): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_





We will miss you Al!

Al Luis will be remembered as a long time friend and member of the BAHCC. He passed away on December 24, 2008.

Club members and friends remembered Al at a special meeting held in his memory on on regular club meeting night January 7, 2009. His wife Alice wrote the following thank you to all those who attended.

I want to thank all the wonderful people that came to the BAHCC meeting on Jan. 7 to honor my husband Al.

To think of all the things that were remembered - some were from the very beginning when we drove the White for the first time on a long tour. Some were from recent times.

I also want to thank the friends that came from far away. I loved seeing those friends again.

I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Love  
Alice

## ANTARCTICA EXPEDITION

Did you know that the 7<sup>th</sup> Continent, Antarctica, is as large as Australia, and 50% bigger than the United States. In 2004 Holland America Line added “Antarctica” to its 17 or 21 day itinerary from Rio De Janeiro to Valpariso, Chile. This is a trip of a lifetime.

Our adventure (Jan. 2-26, 2009) started by flying to Santiago, Chile, then boarding a first class bus to Mendoza, Argentina through the Andes Mountains and a 9000 ft pass. We could have flown directly, but read about this trip in another book, and it provided beautiful scenery, and an excellent 250 mile vista into the wine country of central Argentina. We opted out of a 20 hour bus ride to Buenos Aires, and flew 600 miles to this 1800’s renaissance city resembling Paris. Florida Street, the famous shopping district, was excellent for shopping and dining on Argentine beef.

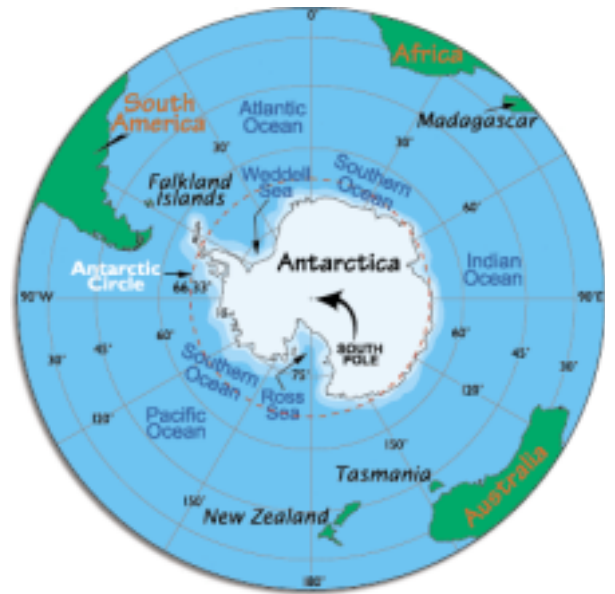
After two nights in Buenos Aires, we boarded our 5 Star home on the seas, Holland American Lines “Amsterdam”, a 1300 passenger liner built in 2000. The 17 day voyage took us down the east coast of South American, to Antarctica, then up the western coast of Chile to Valpariso, Chile. Other passengers boarded four days earlier in Rio de Janeiro for a 21 day cruise. The ship was full, mostly of Americans and Canadians. Excellent ship, excellent food, excellent entertainment. Nicely done, again by Holland America Lines.

Our first stop was the Falkland Islands where the British fought a “War” with Argentina in 1984. The Falkland’s, consisting of several hundred small islands east of Argentina, have no trees, no minerals, but loads of wild life, penguins, seals and birds as well as 1200 humans plus 2000 British military. And, a lot of wind. Sometimes passengers can not get ashore due to the wind, which gusts 50 knots and more, but we got ashore, looked at the penguins, and got back on the ship. On the windy days the penquins hunker down, or else they are blown into the sea.



Leaving Falklands, “Amsterdam” took us 600 miles across Drakes Passage on the southern tip of South America into the islands of the Antarctic Peninsula. Antarctica is a sanctuary by treaty which will not be developed by anyone. Presently 1200 researchers live at numerous “base camps” from various countries. The research season is short, about 3 months, December to February and few remain behind for the long “winter”.

During the three days we were there, “Amsterdam” cruised through hundreds of islands, past thousands of birds, penguins, whales and of course numerous icebergs. During the day, our “ice captain” and “Antarctic explorer”, both of whom had spent over 40 years each in this area lectured as we watched the scenery go by. By 10 AM the first morning, our “ice captain” counted 802 icebergs. The largest - 1 mile long, and smallest - 20 feet long, 90% of which is underwater. The smaller ones could easily “open” up the side of the ship, so “Amsterdam” steered clear, sailing through the bergs, but still very close for a good look at the penguins sunning themselves on the bergs before going swimming.



On the third “Antarctic Day”, our ship stopped to pick up 10 staff at “Palmer Station”, the United States Antarctic research facility, the summer home for 45 researchers. While onboard, the Palmer staff lectured about “life at Palmer Station”. Palmer staff were particularly happy to enjoy “a salad” as fresh food and fruit were delivered only every six weeks to Palmer. For the previous six days, they had been fogged in and hadn’t been able to get out of their huts, hence they were happy to see us. Our entire trip was almost fog free, wind free and iceberg free, but these same problems had plagued the same cruise three weeks earlier.



Leaving “Antarctica”, we headed North 600 miles north through Drakes Passage, to Ushuaia, Argentina, the southern most town in the world. More penguins, and a chance to see the other numerous ships that did “Antarctica Expeditions” including “Marco Polo II” (A&K high end explorer ship refurbished 1993 ref:



website: orient.com), and “Minerva” (refurbished 1996). See: adventure-life.com for full list. In Santiago we met some Minerva passengers, and inquired about their cruise. Minerva charged \$12,000 for 16 days versus our cost of \$2500 for 17 days; half of the Minerva’s passengers got seasick during the Drake crossing; and, they were disappointed as they couldn’t land in the Falkland’s because of wind. Our adventure on the 5 star “Amsterdam” was without incident, no seasickness as it was a much larger ship and a better value.

Enroute to Valpariso, Chile we stopped twice arriving in Valpariso on Jan 24<sup>th</sup>, then took a bus for a two hour ride to Santiago for an overnight stay, and return by air through Atlanta.

For those who have an interest in South America and Antarctica, this is definitely a very relaxed, interesting, affordable 5 star way to see it in the comfort of home. A day or two in the major cities of Buenos Aires, Rio or Santiago would be recommended also. Holland America lines provides this cruise only four times a year (Dec/Feb) and is usually sold out.

Eric and Muriel Lundquist  
January 2009



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