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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 4th - Potluck Dinner and Club Meeting
November 7th - Nuts and Bolts - Doug King's house
November 8th - Field Meet / Reunion Event .
December - TBA Tour ?
Dec 12 - BAHCC Holiday Party - Piedmont Community Center.

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
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EDITORS NOTES:

What a great month of events with the Train Tour and our annual Pumpkin Tour. Our grandchildren joined us on the Pumpkin Tour and had a wonderful time with the Sernach's great-grandchildren. They ran through mazes, played in a corn (like sand) box and rode tractor and ponies. Then we came home to carve their pumpkins at our house. We were still finding corn in pockets and pants and shoes after we got home.

Our next meeting is our Pot Luck so be sure to check what to bring on the notice in this issue. Thank you to all of you that got your pictures and articles to me early. My daughter and family arrived from New Zealand on Friday, Oct 23rd and I wanted to have as much finished as possible before they arrived.

Have your articles for next month to the editor by the 22nd please.



November, 2009 – President’s Message

By Don Johnson

As my year as president is winding down, I look back at the wonderful year of activities we have had. It is you the members that have made it happen. We have had at least two activities each month, not including the general meeting.

Our Nuts and Bolts get-togethers on the first Saturday after the general meeting, at various locations, have been outstanding. Members, whether new to the hobby or an old timer, have learned something different. This activity provides members an excellent opportunity to get their restoration questions answered and great fellowsip.

This past month we had two outstanding tours. The first was held October 4, called the President Taft Steam Tour. Part of our club members traveled from Oakland with their antique cars and met up with another group that had traveled from Pleasanton, then proceeded on to the Pacific Locomotive Association Train Station in Sunol. The club had a great lunch and an interesting tour of the railroad yard where train cars and engines were in various stages of restoration. Later, the club was invited to join President Taft on a short ride on steam train with the actual observation car that has been recently restored, that the real President Taft rode 100 years ago to Yosemite National Park. On Sunday, October 18 we had the Pumpkin Tour. The tour took place in the east bay and ended up in Livermore. The pumpkin patch that we visited was the best that I have been to. It featured many free and for pay activities for the children. Activities included a corn maze, a hay bale maze, miniature train ride and animal exhibits. The day was finished off with an excellent Mexican meal.

Our next meeting will be a pot luck dinner and meeting. See the flyer for what food you are to bring.

Don Johnson



ANNIVERSARIES

RITCHEY	Don	Lillian	Nov. 8, 1985
CROWELL	Johnny	Christine	Nov. 18, 1995
STONE	Robert	Kelly	Nov. 19, 1995
MCCLISH	Don	Barbara	Nov. 23, 1956
MORRISON	John	Carolee	Nov. 27, 1982



BIRTHDAYS

BILLINGSLEY	Ken	11/1
JOHNSON	Pam	11/7
BYL	Nancy	11/12
SWENSON	Frank	11/14
MORRIS	Mike	11/15
CALDEIRA	Chet	11/17
HOFFMAN	Steve	11/27
RIGGS	Loyd	11/28
SILVERA	Mike	11/30



Snoopy
by
Esther

Not a lot to write about this month. I wish one of you would have an affair or do something illegal so there would be something exciting to report.

Oh, there is something! I'm leaving Joe —well just for 6 days. I'm going to South Carolina to attend my great nieces wedding. Good thing Joe knows how to Cook.

A little bird told me that **Ed A.** is still wearing a sling after his shoulder surgery. He said it takes forever to get his mustache curled, the one on the right side of his face is tough to do as he has to use his left hand. Hope you mend quickly Ed.

Talked to **Dick S.** the other night. He said that after all the procedures he has been through, he feels much better than he has in years. He might qualify for the Bionic Man of the year award. He was thinking of selling his Buick, but now that he feels so well, he's going to have a starter installed and start touring again. Go Dick.

We just came back from a really nice pumpkin tour. **Muriel & Eric L.** brought their 2 grandchildren. **Joe & I** brought 2 of our great grandchildren, and **Mark & Veronica C.** brought there 2 children. Boy did they all have a great time!! (we all did also even though it wore us out). It got a little cold going home, but no rain. A good time was had by all.

Chuck & Anne Ortman spent the weekend with **Bill O.** They brought him out to the Pumpkin Patch and of course, Bill always enjoys seeing the old gang. Two weeks ago his other son, Richard & his wife Hope brought him out to Sunol for the Train Tour.

Joe C. said he is still having problems after having his Carotid artery reamed out. Now he is scheduled to go back to the hospital on Nov. 2nd to have that "Man thing" done.. Hopefully, that will take care of all his problems and he'll be feeling good again.

Leroy & Joyce F. just got back from a 21 day tour of several states. Seems they were chased from one area to another to get away from harsh weather. They said it was still a good trip and good to be back home! You all know how that is.

The Paterson was awarded 4 prizes at the Pumpkin Tour. One for the best decorated car, another for the most decorated car, the third for the worst decorated car and the 4th, yes you guessed it, for the only decorated car. Ha-hah! Pay attention Ladies, the day after Halloween, *go to Target, WalMart, etc.* and buy decorations for next year at ½ or more off the list price. Let's plan on making it like the "olden days". Every one plan on decorating your car, it's fun and brings lots of smiles as you go touring along.

Don & Joyce A. have added another car to their barn. They bought a Model "A" coupe with rumble seat. The engine is in pieces but all there. Knowing Don, it will be rebuilt, installed and ready to go by the first of the year. Time to be thinking about an "A" tour next spring.

Had a call from **George S.** the other night. He & Fran are doing OK. Just the usual aches and pains like a lot of us. He said he goes out to the barn on most days and works on one of his antiques.

That's about it for this month. Remember what I said, do something naughty or nice so I'll have something to write about.

Snoopy

NUTS AND BOLTS NOVEMBER 7, 2009

Doug King will host the next Nuts and Bolts session on November 7 from 9:00 am to 12 noon. Come see his unusual collection of vehicles along with a great shop. Bring questions or projects to share. See you there.



POTLUCK DINNER

November 4, 2009

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 — A-G
SALAD — H-O
DESSERT — P-Z

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 you name tags!

BAHCC relives presidential history!

By Whitney Haist

In October of 1909, President William Howard Taft visited California to see Yosemite National Park. He traveled into the Park on the Yosemite Valley Railroad and more specifically on their Open Platform Observation car, the 330. The



YV 330, built in 1907, is on its way to full restoration today on the Niles Canyon Railway in Sunol, CA which hosted the centennial re-enactment of the historic presidential visit. On this October 4 the BAHCC was there with thirty three members and guests, many with attire and automobiles fitting the era. Following a fine club luncheon at Bosco's, there were red, white and blue banners and bunting, speeches, a combo band that played Hail to the Chief and other vintage tunes for the enjoyment of all. The President and First Lady, played by Mr. and Mrs. Doug Debs of the NCRy, arrived in Sunol in a 1909 Open Touring Paterson, owned and driven by Joe and Ester Sernach and were followed by a motorcade of a dozen or so Horseless Carriages, all from the BAHCC.

Following the usual Executive pomp and circumstance in Sunol, all officials and those from the motorcade traveled east on the Presidential Special replete with steam locomotive power. There was more music and food on board as the train treated the passengers to a portion of the railroad not normally traveled in revenue service.

John and Carolee Morrison lead a tour from the west and Joe and Esther Sernach lead a tour from the east to converged on Sunol.

Bill Austen's creativity and generosity produced pin back buttons bearing the likeness of the 27th President for our members to adorn. Even Norman Schwartz proudly displayed his support for the Republican President from Ohio that served from 1909 to 1913.



BAHCC members in attendance were:

Bill Austen ('09 Ford T), Don and Joyce Azevedo ('11 EMF), Bill Cassiday ('14 Ford T), Charles Ebers ('10 Mitchell), Dan Erceg (prospective member with a '15-'16 Pierce Arrow) , Whitney and Diane Haist, Bill Hund ('14 Ford T), Don and Pam Johnson and Matt, Doug and Mary Lou King ('14 T), Lynn and Jeanne Kissel ('38 Pontiac), Erika Kopman and guest (14 Ford T), Eric and Muriel Lundquist, John and Carolee Morrison ('12 Ford T), Bill Ortman, son and daughter-in-law, Norm and Adria Schwartz ('14 REO), Joe and Esther Sernach ('09 Paterson), J. W. and Barbara Silveira ('32 Ford Cabriolet), Walter and Ruth Sowell ('13 Cadillac), and Tony Wollesen ('14 Ford T).

An interesting side note: W. H. Taft was the first President to introduce automobiles to the White House stables. They were White Model M Tourers. I was informed by Dan Erceg that soon thereafter, two Pierce Arrows were added to the motor pool at the request of Mrs. Taft. One for official use and one for the opera.



Pumpkin Tour 2009

The absence of coffee and donuts were not enough to dissuade the BAHCC members from participating in the last tour of the season. This was certainly a day for family fun! Mark and Veronica Cerruti arrived bright and early at the Rudgear Road staging site with their children in their modern day car. Charles Ebers brought his daughter and guest Bill Austin and the Lundquists and Sernachs brought along their adorable grand children and great-grand children to enjoy in the fun! The Durreins were decked out in Halloween attire from head to socks and Pam Johnson, MaryLou King, Muriel Lundquist, Ester Sernach, Diane Haist looked lovely in the traditional black and orange Halloween colors. The Sernachs and Crowells decorated their cars with skeletons on the windows and side mirrors, ghoulish creatures on the headlights and bloody hands on the windshield to create a much more festive event.

The procession started out of the parking lot only to succumb to hungry stomachs and parched mouths and made a brief pit stop at the local "Great Donut" shop in Alamo. The group nearly wiped out all of the donuts and coffee in the store before departing on the "real deal" tour. The back roads of Alamo, Danville, and San Ramon were beautiful. Midway through the winding hillsides, the Brommer's vehicle blew a tire. John Morrison tried to come to their rescue with a new tube but after many attempts to resurrect the tire, it became clear that there was a hole in the tube. Don Azevedo stepped in and offered up a larger tube size to the cause. After pumping new life into their tire, they were soon on their way to join the rest of the group at the G & M Farms in Livermore.

Bill Ortman and his son and daughter-in-law joined up with the group at the Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze. There was much to do and plenty to see in the time spent there. There were pony rides, a straw maze, pedal carts, a cow train, farm animals and even a barnyard corn box. Many were tempted to blow the whistle and tell the children to get out of the box so that the adults could have their fun playing in the giant box of millions of corn kernels! Several families scored large pumpkins, Indian corn and gourds and many more with left with huge smiles on their faces.

After all of the hard work put into selecting the perfect pumpkin, everyone had worked up an appetite! The caravan proceeded to Casa Orozco for lunch. The waitress had her work cut out for her. She served the entire group and did it with ease and a pleasant attitude. It was a great meal with terrific conversation and fellowship. Lynn Kissel even provided an auxiliary map for those that wanted to go to a park after lunch so that kids could carve their pumpkins ~ thanks Lynn!

The majority of the club headed home after lunch but several stopped at Duarte's Garage and Lincoln Highway Museum. The structure was built in 1915 and was a car dealership situated on the original route of the Lincoln Highway. Through the efforts of the Livermore Heritage Guild, this building has been preserved. It was a very nice surprise stop and a lovely way to finish out the tour.

Submitted by: Ruth Sowell





President Don Johnson received this letter and the Board approved putting it into the Gazette.

Dear Car Enthusiast,

I represent AAA Picture Vehicles located in Los Angeles, California. Our company works with vehicle owners and production coordinators to rent vehicles for motion pictures, TV, commercials, photo shoots and special events. I am contacting you to offer your members the opportunity to become a member of AAA Picture Vehicles. We have the best selection, most affordable rates and proven reliability. Our company is fully insured and offers contracts specific to our client's requirements.

We would love to represent your members and their vehicle(s) and offer you the opportunity for your vehicle(s) to make money for you. Please visit our website www.aaapicturevehicles.com to learn more about our company and view vehicles we currently represent. We hope that your members will upload their information as well as pictures of their vehicle(s) so that we can start representing their vehicle(s) as soon as possible. Uploading your vehicle(s) to our site in no way binds you to the rental of your vehicle(s) and AAA Picture Vehicles in no way guarantees that your vehicle(s) will be hired. Our aim is to simply offer you opportunities to rent your vehicle(s) for television and film productions and special events upon your approval. Please contact us with any questions or concerns you may have at (213) 928-3258 or email us at contact@aaapicturevehicles.com.

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- Vehicle(s) year, make, model, color, and specifics such as convertible, sports car, etc.
- Personal contact information including owner's name, address, phone number (cell, home & office) and email address.

We look forward to representing your vehicle(s).

Sincerely,

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BAY AREA HORSELESS CARRIAGE CLUB

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER-DANCE
AND INSTALLATION OF NEW BOARD AND OFFICERS**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12th 2009

Piedmont Community Hall, 711 Highland Ave., Piedmont

6:30 COCKTAILS

7:30 DINNER

We will be entertained by our old favorites, the HOME GROWN BAND and their festive dancing music. A traditional holiday dinner will be provided by Steve Piane of Catering for All Occasions, and our favorite bartender, Mr Joe Sernach himself, will be serving up the libations.

\$25.00 per person or \$50.00 per couple

A great way to start the holiday, renew old friendships,
and meet the newer members.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1st

***Please bring one wrapped gift per person attending
and clearly label them as a Man's or Woman's gift.
\$15.00 limit per gift.***

FOR RESERVATIONS: CALL CAROLEE MORRISON 1-510-655-6128

Or mail your check and reservation to 1450 Grand Ave., Piedmont, CA 94610

You may also make your reservation at our Pot Luck meeting on November 7th.

Or Email: johnpmorrison@sbcglobal.net

NOTE: If you are willing to exercise your creativity by decorating a table, please
contact Carolee at the above number.



Hershey notes and pictures from “Old Car” website 10-15-09

Despite strong winds on Wednesday and a few minor showers on show day, the weather was great this year at the 2009 AACA Eastern Division National Fall Meet in Hershey, Pa., Oct. 7-10. Daytime temps were in the high 60s and low 70s, making for good hunting weather. Below are photos from the car corral, swap meet and Saturday’s show.



Grandma's Desk Holds Hidden Treasure

By Kelly Azevedo
Guest Columnist

I have a confession: I am obsessed with a desk. Not just any desk, however; after years of delighting in the press board, assemble-it-yourself IKEA type of furniture, I have found rhapsody in a desk. My grandma's desk.

Throughout the years I've sat in many desks. First was the old school desk with a flip-up top and attached seat. By the time I went to college, I had gone through five or six desks, from the press board number to one that was so shallow I had to sit at an angle to see my computer screen.

In the dorm rooms, we had the same style desk in six different rooms. Sometimes, the drawers were off track; other units were chipped, scratched and faded. All were heavy, hard to move and ugly. My first apartment featured a metal desk that could be moved on casters. Of course, doing so meant that all the items on the desk went careening to the floor. But it had wheels!

Then I fell in love with a large, pine, six-drawer desk that my grandma had used for years. I'd never really noticed it, buried under papers and housing a computer that my grandma tried to learn but never mastered.

One day, with permission, I decided to claim the desk as my own. I began to disassemble it. As I emptied the drawers, I suddenly found Jesus. No, really — a photo of Jesus hidden at the bottom of the desk, as if he'd misbehaved. Snickering, I grabbed some wood polish and began to scrub the unit, the cloth revealing inch-by-inch of beautiful craftsmanship and solid construction.

Sitting at this desk is like putting on my grandma's glasses and viewing her own world. She was the CFO for her family of six. Grandma encouraged us to manage our own finances and savings with the same diligence as she. She was a wonderful collector of cards, and not just for show; she sent them for each holiday, birthday, anniversary and accomplishment.

Once she gave my brother a card "for a BIG boy on his BIG day." At 23, he was not amused. I also received a card from the slightly disorganized card box addressed to "birthday-female."

But I find myself smiling as I sit down to write a sympathy card to a friend who has recently lost her father, because, at this old pine desk, it feels like a family tradition.

And although Grandma's computer rarely got turned on, knowing that she kept it teaches me to always keep learning. One of my aunts painted the power button with pink nail polish, so she could turn it on without calling her 7-year-old grandson to help.

I, too, must know how to ask for help when I am out of my element. Hidden inside the drawers and files are notes — lots of notes — a seldom-used journal noting Grandma's youngest daughter is pregnant with a boy; a reminder of an upcoming anniversary dinner; and notes from a Sunday sermon, all collected and stored, sometimes haphazardly, in this old desk.

Those notes don't speak of my grandma's cluttered desk or mind. Her notes, her desk, and her life represent the love of a thousand friends and the bond of a family connected by more than mere cards.

I, for one, am thankful that I can sit down every day at my grandma's desk and work, love and live as she did. Maybe that's the legacy in this wonderful piece of pine. Maybe my appreciation lies not with a desk, but the woman who occupied it.

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BAHCC General Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2009

A large group of 34 members filled the hall as President Don Johnson opened the meeting at 7:40 P.M. He welcomed visitors and asked Doug and Marylou King to introduce their family guests, Dick and Sharon. Birthday wishes were extended to J. W. Silveira and Ruth Sowell.

Walter Sowell made a motion that the membership should accept the September 2009 General Meeting Minutes as printed in the Gazette. This was seconded by Doug King. All voted yes.

As usual, Treasurer Dave Pava, offered a printed financial report reflecting the Club's current accounting figures. He discussed some Swap Meet items, the outstanding checks re: the National Tour and prepaid meeting hall fees. In closing, he said, "we are healthy and in good shape financially."

Communications: The BAHCC received a thank you note from Jeremy Wire of the Santa Clara Horseless Carriage Club for the recent refund check - a welcome surprise. Muriel offered "other" clubs' newsletters for sharing: the Cap Sheet and Duster Doings.

Don Azevedo has sent the Club Binder around the room for member review.

Esther Sernach reported on Sunshine events: Nancy Byl is fully recovered after her surgery; Joe Chmielewski is finding recovery slower than expected due to some complications post-surgery; Ed Archer is enduring the healing process after having his rotator cuff repair — no cranking any T's yet.

Kaaren Brommer gave an update about Bill and his adventures at Hershey - so far no rain — and the next Nuts & Bolts gathering will be at Doug King's home. No news from Johnny Crowell for the Vice Presidency or Don Azevedo on Authenticity.

Muriel Lundquist, Editor of the Gazette, requested that everyone get their articles or pictures for print to her asap as she has a tight calendar this month. Remember to keep the picture files separate from the text files.

Erika Kopman, Web Mistress, says if you check out the Website you'll soon see new pictures.

Eric Lundquist plans to send our BAHCC "dues" notice out with the November Gazette. He reminded everyone that dues must be paid by March or your membership will be cancelled. Don't forget to pay your national dues, too. There was a question directed to Eric: Can we ask folks if they would like to have their cars listed in the Roster? Johnny Crowell commented that while this info isn't for the general public, it would be beneficial for us to know what "other" cars are owned by members.

New/old Iron: Bill Austen says he has authentic "T" truss rod sets available.

Contact Dave Pava re: a 1919 Case auto/parts in the Danville area.

Norm Schwartz was surprised when he looked at his French book and saw a picture of Ed Archer and the Dreyer's Ice Cream truck.

Hospitality: Our thanks to Ben and Erika Kopman for the deliciously spooky desserts — Joe thinks they may include some bat wings, spider webs and eye of knut ?? — along with the pastry and ice cream treats.

Tours: John Morrison directed everyone to give their cars a polish and fill up the gas tank - in readiness for the upcoming Halloween Pumpkin Tour on Sunday, October 18 out to Livermore, to include a lunch.

And the final tour of the year: a Field Meet and Friends-Get-Together Tour in Pleasant Hill on November 8 at Diablo Valley College. Everyone should bring a folding chair and a friend !! We can all watch the fun as the drivers test themselves and their cars in competition with the field events. Also a BBQ lunch.

Past tour: Whitney Haist outlined the Sunol Tour on October 4, which included 16 cars. It really was a view into the past, "just like the old days", with people in period costume listening to a speech given by President Taft as he stood on the train's open platform with the train stopped at the PLA station. Thanks to everyone who made this enjoyable day happen.

Old Business: Pot Luck Dinner on Wednesday, November 4, 2009, set up early at 6:30, dine at 7:00 P.M. Check the Gazette to find out what you need to bring for the food category and what utensils to include.

New Club officers will be elected — do you want to serve on the Board?

The Club Holiday Banquet will be on Saturday, December 12, 2009, at the Piedmont Hall. Please contact Carolee Morrison for your reservation (\$25 per person). There will be music and dancing and plan to bring an exchange holiday gift.

Dave Pava announced that the Board members have had a discussion and plan to make a change in the BAHCC By-Laws regarding Board meetings. The change would be from: "X12 to X6 meetings per year." Comments were invited by the membership. This item will be discussed again at the October Board Meeting and voted on a second time.

A calendar item for next year is the opportunity to participate in the Palo Alto Concours show on Sunday, June 27, 2010, which will include a Horseless Carriage Class competition. Judges needed - any volunteers.

There being no further business on the agenda, President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:48 P.M.

Minutes submitted by
Kaaren Brommer, Secretary 10/21/09

BAHCC Board Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, October 20, 2009

Attending: Don Azevedo, Bill & Kaaren Brommer, Johnny Crowell, Don Johnson, John Morrison, Dave Pava. (At John & Carolee Morrison's home). Guest: Carl Ostrom (Carolee's Dad).

Don Johnson opened the meeting at 7:45 P.M. He asked, Secretary Kaaren Brommer to read the September 16, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes. There was one correction re: "New Business", the vote on the amended By-Laws should read: the motion passed with X4 yes votes and X1 no vote. Otherwise, the minutes were approved as corrected.

The financial report as noted by Dave Pava remains essentially the same as when it was presented at the BAHCC General Meeting of October 7, 2009, with all bills currently paid. Note: the bill for the Swap Meet toilets was less than budgeted. We have received a thank you letter from the Santa Rosa Horseless Carriage Club for the generous "National Tour" refund check. The bank account will be closed with the next statement.

Membership: Sharon Gooding emailed Bill Brommer a thank you for assisting her in the Roster update info.

Nothing new from the Vice President/Johnny Crowell or from Authenticity/Don Azevedo.

Hospitality: We are all set for the upcoming Pot Luck Dinner (Don Johnson will purchase/prepare bread loaves). Set-up early, ham to be heated & cut.

Future Tours: John Morrison held a Field Meet Committee Meeting and feels all is in place for the event and BBQ. Details include: a flyer in Gazette, confirm bathroom status, food, volunteers arrive early for set-up.

Events: Champagne Toast, Slow Race, Ladies "start your engines", Balloon Pop, What Does Your Car Weigh?, Blindfold Obstacle Test. Plan to invite other car clubs, everyone bring a friend- old or new, post a message on phone in case "RAIN event change". Don Azevedo made a motion to increase the amount normally used on a Tour - to cover the costs of a rental porta pottie. All voted yes.

As requested at the General Meeting - a letter of thanks will be sent by Kaaren to the Pacific Locomotive Association for the Sunol Tour.

Next Nuts & Bolts event will be at Doug King's home in Castro Valley. Bill to follow-up with Doug about activity suggestions.

Communications: A letter from AA Picture Vehicles inviting members to join their business offers of renting cars for movies and events. We think pricing info should be confirmed.

A flyer was received about a group trip to SEMA in Las Vegas, Nov. 3-6.

Old Business: A follow-up discussion was directed to all and the pros and cons of any change presented. A vote on Amending the By-Laws: "Article 7, Section 5 - Regular Meetings - The Board of Directors shall hold at least ten (10) regular meetings during the fiscal year at approximately thirty (30) day intervals." A motion was made by Dave Pava, seconded by John Morrison, to change the By-Laws to read: "The Board of Directors shall hold at least six (6) meetings per year." A vote was taken and the motion passed. (X5 yes, X1 no). Dave Pava will re-type the appropriate page and give the Board new copies for their reference. New officers signatures will need to be added. The next Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, at Johnny Crowell's home.

Old Business: Board Member Elections will be presented at the November General Meeting. Out-going members = John Morrison and Don Azevedo. New members will be elected. We want to extend our sincerest thanks to both John and Don for their many hours of dedicated work on behalf of the Club and for their continued support of the Club. The Joint Board Members Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at Casa Orozco(7995 Amador Valley Blvd.) in Dublin at 6:30 P.M. President Johnson will send out the invitations.

John Morrison offered his thanks to his father-in-law, Carl Ostrom, for sitting in on the meeting. Carl is 91 years young and an active member of the Lions Club (he and Don compared notes). He told us his first car was a 1927 Whippet with a Dodge and Model T in the mix of his driving days. We were glad for his attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M. with fresh pie and ice cream refreshments. Thank you John and Carolee.

Minutes by Kaaren Brommer on 10/21/09

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