



*Bay Area  
Horseless Carriage Club*



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The **BAY AREA HORSELESS CARRIAGE CLUB** "BAHCC" was founded in 1951 by and for the automobile antiquarians dedicated to the preservation of PRE - 1916 ancient motor vehicles. "BAHCC" is one of the numerous Regional Groups of the Horseless Carriage Club of America "HCCA" which has 4600 members nationwide. "HCCA" membership is required of all active touring Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club Members, but is not required for "Associate" members. New membership into our club is invited.

**BAHCC TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR TOUR/  
SWAP MEET INFORMATION: 510-835-6069**

**MEETINGS: First Wednesday @ 7:30 PM** monthly (except July and December - no meeting) at Piedmont Community Hall, Piedmont, CA near Piedmont City Hall. (Public Phone at the hall: 510-547-9311) April and November are potluck dinners starting at 6:30 PM. Guests welcome. Special presentations at meetings.

**BOARD MEETINGS: Third Wednesday** (except July - no meeting) at various homes. Members welcome.

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

**WEBSITE: www.BAHCC.org**

## **EDITORS NOTES:**

Our club has had an active January and I hope you had a chance to attend some of the activities. What a great way to start out the new year. The club is trying to welcome the ladies into new activities with the beginning of a ladies group. Thank you Pam for helping to get this started. I hope that many of you will find ideas to share in our Gazette to get a strong ladies column going. Again thank you to all of the contributors to this issue. I am very excited about the enthusiasm this month. Be sure to check out all of the new items offered. Try to have all of your items to the editor by the 22nd. Earlier is always OK.

## ***Kaaren's Kalendar***

The President's Agenda List this year promises lots of choices for action:  
Business -- dues are due - new Roster soon - Board discussion ongoing  
Tours -- creative destinations - good exercise for the cars  
Gazette -- new features - more stories and pictures  
Events -- some traditional - some brand new  
Membership -- expanding outreach efforts - welcoming new members  
Restorations -- old and new car activities - worth keeping an eye on  
Technology -- improved communications utilizing electronic skills  
Ladies -- educating each other - participation opportunities - new ideas

So, I invite you to climb aboard my "K" car and  
let's travel down the road together .....



### ***INCOMING MEMBERS ---***

We'd like to welcome new Club members Kent and Kristy Keyser of Los Gatos. Thanks in part to Kent's dad, Herb Keyser, they enjoy the car hobby by driving their 1908 Kiblinger Model H Runabout and their beautifully restored 1911 Model T Ford Touring. You may also know them by their club affiliations with the 1 & 2 Cylinder Touring Registry, Model T Club and Early V8 Ford Club.

Looking forward to greeting you both, Kent and Kristy, at the next monthly meeting or event.

The BAHCC Board & Membership

### ***CIRCLE OF FRIENDS -----***

In an effort to offer our Club members more opportunities to participate, we'd like to thank Pam Johnson, who graciously hosted our ladies group (while Don Johnson was busy holding the Nuts and Bolts session.) Carolee Morrison, Joyce Azevedo, Kaaren Brommer and Pam's discussions touched on a variety of topics which included: a Club historical scrapbook, hand crafts & sewing projects, multi-tasking assistance for Club promo tasks, travel spots, "how to" old & new, better communication tips, worthy cause donations and generally have fun.

The "Friends" would like to invite YOU to join in and continue to build on this good start.



## SNOOPY

By

Esther

Another good year of touring is behind us. Now it's time to for you guys (and gals) to polish that brass, check those brakes and all those other parts that keep us safely on the road.

Congratulations Whitney Haist and Ed Archer, our two new board members. Its always good to have new people serving with new ideas. Also, thanks so much to John Morrison & Don Azevedo who served so long and gave so much to the club. Our new President, Kaaren B., started off the new year with a very good meeting.

I hear that most of the usual attendees have signed up for the Social in Bakersfield. I know, I know, it's still called a swap meet, but for some of us non swappers, its just one nice social outing. There is a tour before the meet but we have never attended that, will have to try it one of these days. It's good to get reacquainted with long time touring friends from different regional groups all thou I must say, us seniors are starting to dwindle, then some of us are like the energizer bunny, just keep going and going.

There are quite a few Bay Area members attending the National Convention and tour in Laughlin, Nevada. If you haven't signed up, give some thought to joining those of us that have. Frank & Laura Hurley are putting a lot of time and effort into making this a fun trip. Think about it and you

can get more info on [hcca.org](http://hcca.org).

Don't forget, dues are due. Send your check to Eric Lundquist along with any corrections you want changed in the 2010 roster. Muriel & Eric are working on it right now and they want to have it all ready to go next month. Send your check in pronto!! Or you will not be in the next roster.

John M. reports that the field meet is still scheduled for this coming season. The committee is thinking about inviting other regional groups in the area to join us. That would make it a larger meet and much more fun. I think they are planning on different categories for different age and horse power cars? John will welcome any ideas or help you can give him.. More information elsewhere in the Gazette.

We send our condolences to Walter & Ruth S. and family. Walters Mother passed away last week. I'm sure Ms. Sunshine has sent them a card from the BAHCC expressing our sorrow to the family.

Speaking of Ms. Sunshine, we heard that Susan D. was down for a week or so with the flu and a nasty cold. Doug said Susan is all better now. It has been a heck of a cold season, so get will wishes to everyone effected.

It was nice of the Archers to pick up Joe C. to join them and the group on the train ride to Old Sacrament. To those of you that have asked, I called Joe and he said he is well on the mend. He's back to exercising and walking to get his strength back. He plans to come to the Feb. Meeting.

Hop-a-long Phyllis P. is also back to walking after her knee surgery, always good news!!

As hospitality Chairpersons, Joe & I want to say thank you to all those folks that brought delicious refreshments for our after meeting social time. After looking at this years sigh up sheet, I noticed that mostly the same name appear every year. We all enjoy the goodies. If your like me and don't like to or can't cook any more, you can always go to Costco, Safeway, or your friendly bakery to purchase something to satisfy our sweet taste buds. And we still need someone to sign up for September.

While I'm on my soap box, the same goes for tours. If your willing to put one on but your unsure on how to go about it, ask for a little help . Think about a touring area. No place to eat? That's OK, we can do box lunches or bring your own brown bag lunch. Sign up for a tour, someone will give you a hand.

Tony W. has the engine out of his Model T for a complete redo. I'm guessing that there were a lot of mile on that old engine. Hope its back on the road soon.

Heard it through the grapevine-Scott H. sold his 14 Cadillac. Don't know who bought it or where it went.

LeRoy & Joyce F. have a new (old) car. Not sure as to what kind it is but I'm told its an outstanding original. Excellent paint and no dents , etc. LeRoy is really

excited about it but I was surprised that anyone could get that worked up about -----ta daa-----  
--a peddle car.

Tiffany Ford in Hollister is celebrating it's 100 year anniversary, 100 years of continuous service. Each month they will be featuring and displaying different Ford models. In January, it was Model T's with a display of 1910, 11, 12, 13, 14 cars. February it will be Model A's , etc. Last Saturday, Ed A. gave a seminar on early model T racing. Heard it was very interesting and enjoyed by all in attendance. As a side line note, one fellow had a manifold cooker on his car. After the tour to San Juan, he treated every on to some peach cobbler.

Please give Susan D. a call if you are aware of any member that is ill or recovering from an illness/injury. If you can't get Susan, call me. If she doesn't know about it, nothing will be sent to the ill member, OK.

Check out the calendar in the HCCA Gazette and Gaslight Gazette for coming events and mark your own calendars now. Avoid those pesky conflicts. The holiday party for 2010 is on 1211. (haha). So mark off Dec. 11th on your calendar now as December is always a busy month.

And don't forget, SNOOPY always needs news, always, --- so call me!!!!

Till next month,

Snoopy

## *Old Sacramento Train Trip*

*By Don Azevedo*

Santa Clara Model T Ford Club members boarded the Amtrak Capital Corridor Train in San Jose on Saturday January 9th. The BAHCC group consisting of Don J., Walter and Ruth, Whitney and Diane, Ed and Karen, Bill C., Bill A., Joe C., Charles E. and me boarded the train in Martinez. The Santa Clara Club obtained half-price coupons for Amtrak so our transportation cost was cut in half. The train ride was smooth and relaxing. While in-route, we met new people in the hobby and visited with old friends and acquaintances. Our destination was Old Sacramento and the many attractions in the area. BAHCC members Joe and Rae Anino met many of us and after lunch provided chauffeur service to the California Automobile Museum (formally know as the Towe Museum). Currently, motorcycles are the featured display at the museum along with a great variety of cars. Others in our group wandered the streets of Old Sacramento and visited other places of interest in the Downtown area that were within walking distance. In the late afternoon we all assembled at the train station for the return trip. On the train Ed, Karen, Joe and I played a mean game of Hearts until we crossed the Delta and entered Martinez. Since we always have to eat whenever we assemble, we walked to a local Mexican restaurant for a great meal. I had many "buy one, get one free" coupons so we also saved on our meal. We were blessed with cool and dry weather and were able to visit with friends during a relaxing outing. This is a super event for the winter months when our cars are in protected garages and the weather can be questionable.





# Wooden Steering Wheels

*By Arend Stolte – Reprinted from the Running Board, Edmonton Antique Car Club Newsletter, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada by permission of the author / editor*

One of the challenges of restoring cars older than 1930 is restoring the wooden steering wheel rims especially on cars that have been out in the weather. The original wood is usually bad or missing.

Such is the case on the 1926 Chevrolet Touring sedan I'm working on. The wooden rim was missing and therefore the challenge was to manufacture one to look similar to the original.

Doing some research, I discovered that most 1926 Chevrolets had a six part steering wheel rim finger jointed together. Factories in 1926 would have used a big shaper to make the joints - I of course don't have such a tool. There are router bits available to make a finger joint, but they are not nearly big enough. I decided to use my table saw and a router

and make a steering wheel rim out of hickory left over from making the wheel spokes.



*The first step was to cut six pieces to form a hexagon. I wanted the rim to be about one inch in diameter. It also needed to fit the spider, so that determined the dimensions. On one end of each piece I needed fingers forming an "M" and on the other end I needed fingers forming a "W." These had to precisely interlock to make strong joints.*



*I used a tenoning jig on my table saw with the blade at an angle. This allowed me to run these pieces through safely and very accurately. Of course I tried it out on cheap wood before cutting into my expensive hickory.*



*When the joints were all cut they were glued with a waterproof glue (Titebond III) since it's an open car and subject to rainy weather. When the glue was dry, the inside and outside circles were drawn. The outside was cut on the bandsaw and the inside was cut with a jigsaw.*

*The next step was to cut the finger holds. I made a template that allowed one quarter of the rim to be cut at a time using a flush-trim router bit. All the edges were then rounded over with a 1/2 round over bit.*



*After some sanding, the rim was ready for a finish. I used exterior urethane. It contains UV inhibitors and gives a nice warm amber finish. Here is the final result.*

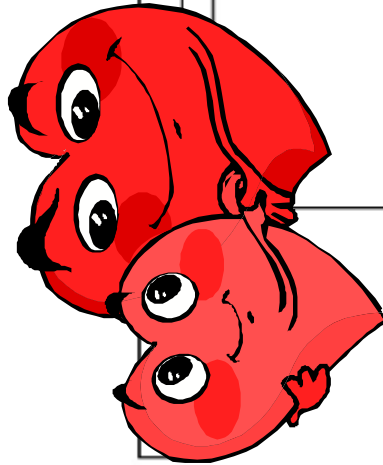






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LYNN AND JEANNE KISSEL'S 1914 KISSELKAR





# February 2010

	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 General Meeting	3	4	5
	8	9	10	11	12
	15	16 Board Meeting	17	18	19
	22	23 National Convention	24 National Convention	25	26
	28	29 National Convention and National "Route 66" Tour Laughlin Nevada			27
	7	13	20		
	14	21 Valentines Day Luncheon See Flyer			
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March 18-19 Chickasha Pre War Swap Meet    May 26-29 Santa Clara Spring Tour Solidad    August 29 Swap Meet  
 April 7 Poduck    June 27 Palo Alto Concourse    Sept 12th History Park  
 April ?? Field Meet    July 4th Parade inn Piedmont    December 11 Holiday Party  
 April 15-17 Bakersfield Swap Meet

## A Century Celebration by Kaaren Brommer

On Saturday, January 16, 2010, Bill and I drove down to catch the antique car display at Tiffany Ford in Hollister, CA. There were six wonderful Model T's, 1910 to '15, tucked into the entry alcove proudly protected by a neat white picket fence - with small signs listing the year, original purchase price and the current owners.

Nothing special you say - well, in this case it was the very special kick-off for a year-long monthly calendar of events to showcase Tiffany Ford now celebrating it's 100 th year in business. Congratulations !! With each month featuring a special car group.

Fourth generation Owner/President, Bob Tiffany, welcomed everyone and gave a brief history of the family venture over the years. Then, as the day's host, introduced the featured speaker, our own BAHCC member, Ed Archer, who fittingly had named his presentation, "100 Miles Per Hour in a Model T Ford" (the early racing days). Karen was there too as part of the greeting committee. And while many of us "drive" our antique cars, Ed really impressed me with the realistic view of the detailed efforts it takes to build, maintain and race a T speedster. "You have to finish to win", says Ed, "especially if you're competitive."

Then as the day continued there were other bonuses to enjoy --like meeting and greeting old and new friends from all of our affiliate Clubs who brought their cars and shared them on the parking apron. Some were "barn fresh" T's, snazzy speedsters, classy Model A's, Chevrolets, a newly restored Ford Cabover truck, topped off with a sophisticated tan Lincoln two-door.

A barbeque lunch filled everyone's tummies and gave those who wanted to participate energy to hit the road for a short local tour to San Juan Bautista.

Many thanks to Tiffany Ford for inviting everyone to their party and letting us share in this landmark California history making year.



**Read our new column for  
the ladies by the ladies!**

**CLOTHING OPTIONS**

**By Joyce Azevedo**

No, I didn't say clothing is optional, I said Options. Now is the time of year to start getting your antique or antique-looking clothing ready for touring season. You are probably sitting around watching TV or listening to a good CD and can use your hands without disturbing your viewing or listening. While you are logging in hours of watching the Olympics, you could be working on your period clothes.

Did you put all the clothes away clean and repaired after your last tour? What about buttons and seams? Did you eat too much dessert at the banquet and realize "I better lose a few pounds or I'm going to have to let this waistband out before our next

tour." Have you done it? Have you lost those pounds that crept onto your body after our national day of gluttony (Thanksgiving) or the holiday season or non-stop parties and gifts of candy and cookies? If not you may need to adjust your touring clothes or you'll be caught the week before when you start packing and think "where did this little outfit come from?" and realize, "Oh yes, I used to fit into this."

Maybe you have decided you want something new. You want something that isn't as thin as tissue paper and liable to rip if you let out a good sneeze. There are some stores where I have found skirts and blouses that would work for our hobby. Here are just a few  
Gentlemen's Emporium: [www.gentlemenemporium.com](http://www.gentlemenemporium.com) has a wide array of fashions and accessories for men and women. There are men's vests, suits,

hats, swimsuits and pocket watches to name a few of their items. Ladies, just because it has gentlemen in the title don't let that discourage you from looking here. There are skirts, blouses, hats, lingerie and accessories such as fans and parasols. There is even a closeout section where there are items on sale. One of our newer members turned me on to this web site and the clothes look well-made and authentic.

Thrift Stores and antique stores: I found some great boots at an antique mall in Roseville. Boots and shoes are hard to find in good shape in most sizes but don't give up. There are some treasures to be found at these places. You just need to be patient. Always take a tape measure with you when you go (in case there is no dressing room) and also some socks in your car or handbag in case you find used shoes you want to try on. I found a taffeta wrap-around skirt in Reno a couple of years ago that is in really good shape.

Christopher & Banks: This store is one of my favorites to find garments that are passable for "antique" clothes. Last year I bought a great wrap-around walking skirt that will fit in with our era of cars beautifully. It was regularly \$40.00 but the day I shopped there everything in the store was 30% off as they were clearing out items to get ready for the next season. It is very similar to a skirt I had seen in the gentleman's emporium web site for more money. I think this skirt will work very well for me with the Victorian era cars.

Chinatown in San Francisco has wonderful lace parasols for as little as \$25.00 in Battenberg lace and multiple colors. I have also found cotton parasols with beautiful embroidery work on them.

Don't give up on getting something ready for the spring tours-but the time to start is now.

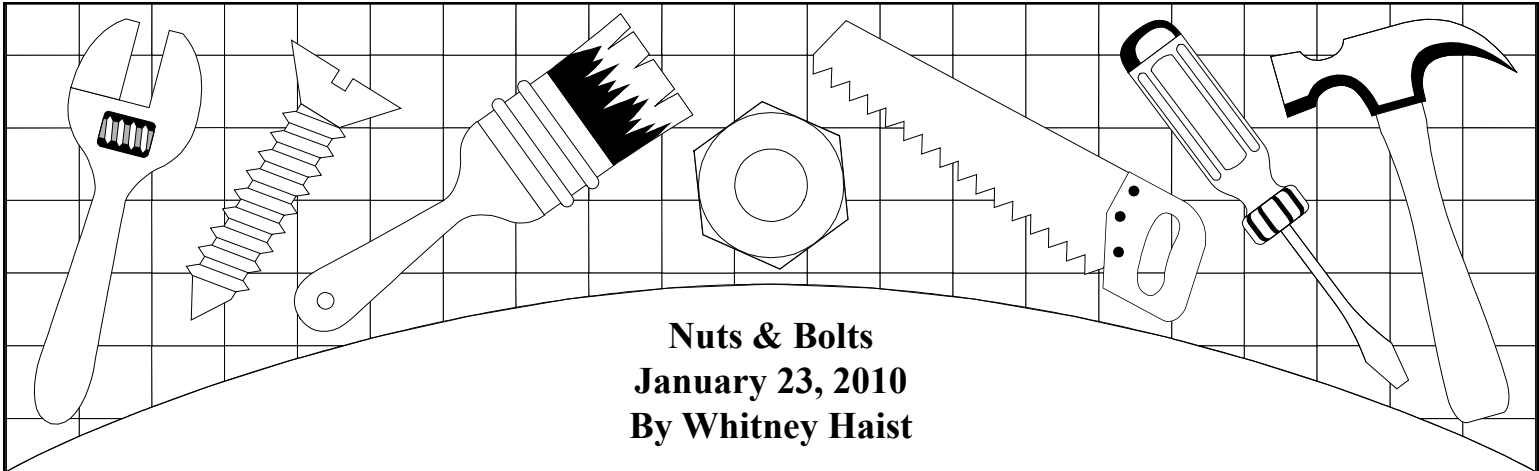
**Anniversaries**

FRANCIES	LeRoy	Joyce	Feb. 4, 1956
ZIMMERMAN	Chet	Marlene	Feb. 5, 1986
HOLTHAUS	Don	Barbara	Feb. 9, 1952
HOFFMAN	Steve	Diane	Feb. 13, 1982
BROMMER	Bill	Kaaren	Feb. 19, 1966
VOLQUARSEN	Lee	Marianne	Feb. 25, 1951

**Birthdays**

SILVEIRA	Barbara	2/3
MACCALLEN	Roger	2/6
HOFFMAN	Diane	2/7
KOPP	Jack	2/7
CROWELL	Christine	2/9
AZEVEDO	Genelle	2/12
ZIMMERMAN	Marlene	2/17
EBERS	Charles	2/21
CERRUTI	Veronica	2/22
PRATT	Scheryn	2/22
PAVA	David	2/23
CRUZ/ZYLSTRA	Harold	2/24
DUREIN	Susan	2/27





**Nuts & Bolts**  
**January 23, 2010**  
**By Whitney Haist**

The first Nuts & Bolts event of the new decade might better have been called a Crank & Hope gathering, for the purpose of this one, was to assist Don Johnson in the start up of his recently acquired 1915 Ford. The Model T, Touring had been in hibernation for several years. By the time the group arrived, Don had drained, cleaned and refilled the fuel tank and lines, had drained the oil and acquired a new fresh battery. While others kibitzed and enjoyed coffee and donuts, Don poured in new oil and hooked up the battery, checked the water and finally opened the valve to let fresh fuel into the carburetor. Within an instant, gasoline was running all over the floor! Don Azevedo quickly found some gasket material and with his handy Swiss Army gasket making tool, formed a new seal for the float bowl drain and Bill Cassidy rolled under the car to install it. Once the hidden coil power switch was located and turned on, the little four banger came to life. With a little adjustment of the carburetor and distributor (yes, an aftermarket distributor) she purred like a kitten.

Dave Pava, Mark Cerruti, John Morrison, Doug Durein, Bill Cassidy, Don Azevedo, Dudley Stone, Bill Brommer, Tony Wolleson, Whitney Haist all enjoyed the success of the mornings efforts but, of course, Don Johnson came away with the biggest smile on his face, knowing his new, old car is a good one!

Co-hosts Pam Johnson and (K-9) Kiley , were joined by Joice Azevedo, Kaaren Brommer, Carolee Morrison for the ladies part of the gathering in the house and away from the garage. The four ladies of the "Circle of Friends" enjoyed their time together making plans for future meetings - while the men solved the challenges of their old cars. A great day for everyone.



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***Nuts & Bolts Saturday Meeting change to February 13, 2009***

A change from the regular time slot -- this event is planned for Saturday, February 13, 2010 - 9 am to noon - a visit to LAZZE's metal fabricating shop in Pleasanton. Address: 1051 Serpentine Lane ( the street is off of Quarry, which comes off Valley which runs between Santa Rita and Stanley Blvd.) in the old commercial part of Pleasanton in a business park near the old quarries. Phone: 1-925-461-2991.

He teaches metal shaping and also builds and sells the equipment (English wheel, seamer, shrinker/stretcher) under his own label. He is a most friendly person and extremely knowledgeable regarding metal shaping. A great opportunity for everyone.

# VALENTINES DAY LUNCH



**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2010 11:00 AM**

**THE BRASS DOOR RESTAURANT  
2154 SAN RAMON VALLEY BLVD.  
SAN RAMON 94583**

If the weather happens to be real nice and you feel like driving your antique car, (any year) have at it! And we'll have a little impromptu tour after lunch. But the main thing is, IT'S VALENTINES DAY, JUST COME & enjoy visiting with the group while relaxing & having a delicious meal in our own private room.

PRICES INCLUDE TAX & GRATUITY. CAESAR SALAD, ICE CREAM, COFFEE & TEA. CHOOSE ONE: LONDON BROIL OR CHICKEN PICATTA \$26 EACH OR VEGETARIAN PASTA PRIMAVERA \$24.

PLEASE SEND CHOICE & CHECK BY FEB. 11<sup>th</sup> TO: Karen Archer – 1807 East Ave., Hayward, Ca. 94541 Any questions call 510 581-4911 or Email [karened4@att.net](mailto:karened4@att.net)  
Directions: It's just off of I-680 in San Ramon. From I- 580 (Dublin area) take 680 north and get off at Crow Canyon Rd. Head west (toward the mountains) and turn right at the first cross street. From Frwy 24 take I-680 south and get off at Crow Canyon Rd. Head west (towards the mountains) and turn right at the first cross street.

*Comments made in the year 1955!  
(That's only 53 years ago!)*

'I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20.00.

'Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$2,000.00 will only buy a used one

'If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous.

'Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter!

'If they raise the minimum wage to \$1.00, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store.'

'When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage.

'I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more.. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying DAMN in GONE WITH THE WIND, it seems every new movie has either HELL or DAMN in it.

'I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas.

'Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the President.

'I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now.

'It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet.

'It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work.

'I'm afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business.

'Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to congress.

'The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on.

'There is no sense going anywhere for a weekend anymore, it costs nearly \$15.00 a night to stay in a hotel.

'No one can afford to be sick anymore, at \$35.00 a day in the hospital it's too rich for my blood.'

'If they think I'll pay 50 cents for a hair cut, forget it.'



**Wanted**

**Horseless Carriages & Judges  
For  
The Palo Alto Concourse**

**Sunday, June 27 2010**

**New Pre '16 Horseless Carriage Classes this year with separate judging and awards  
for**

**1 & 2 cylinder Cars  
Pre '16 Model T Fords  
All Other Pre'16 Cars**

**You may chose do have your car judged or not.**

**Contact David Pava if you would like to show your car or judge.**

**David Pava  
925-932-2923 home  
925-933-9792 x106 office  
David@Pava.com**

DUES OUTSTANDING AS OF 1/26/10  
Editor: The following dues are outstanding.  
Please include list in this months Gazette.  
Mail \$25.00 dues check to: Eric Lundquist  
1384 Rollins Road, Burlingame CA 94010  
Members will be dropped from Roster and  
Gazette if dues aren't received by Feb. 28th.  
Thanks.

BORGES	Gary
FORBES	Frank
HOPKINS	Clyde
HUND	Bill
MCEACHERN	Dan
MCCLISH	Don
METAIS	Bernard
OGDEN	Douglas
RIGGS	Loyd
SILVERA	Dick
SWENSON	Frank

## What's a Kissel?

Lynn Kissel  
Livermore, California

I like driving my old cars around the Livermore Valley. I like the looks, the finger pointing and the thumbs up (at least I think they're thumbs) that I get from people I meet. But I don't have a good answer yet to the number one question that I'm always asked; "What is it?"<sup>1</sup>

"It's a Kissel," I answer. Yet I know that nine out of ten people have no idea what I'm talking about and my answer doesn't really scratch their itch. In fact, it's hard to shout the name "Kissel" across two lanes of traffic or a parking lot and be clearly understood. When I'm faced with a puzzled stare signaling their state of mild confusion, I typically follow my answer with a question of my own, "What's a Kissel?" I anticipate that this is the next question they have but are afraid to ask.

Part of a wave of German immigrants that came to the US starting in 1848, Conrad Kissel (b.1812, d. 1872) and family emigrated from Alsace to Addison Township in Washington County, Wisconsin, in 1857. His son, Ludwig "Louis" Kissel, moved to Hartford, Wisconsin, in 1883 where he owned a hardware store and farm implement business.

In 1890, Louis created a partnership with his four sons and subsequently purchased the Hartford Plow Works, with four large buildings involved with the manufacturing and distributing of farm machinery. In addition to distributing engines from other manufacturers, the Kissels developed their own gasoline engine. By 1906, the Kissel family was also involved in home building and sales, with a stone quarry and sand pit and facilities for milling their own finished lumber.

In 1906, Louis with his sons George and William incorporated the Kissel Motor Car Company. Over a twenty-five year period, this company would hand build about 26,000 cars, trucks, hearses, ambulances, taxi cabs and a number of other vehicles. Kissels were well build vehicles that employed advanced engineering for the time.

My great-great-grandfather Joseph Henry Kissel (b. 1822, d. 1892) emigrated from Alsace to Western New York State in 1850, seven years

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<sup>1</sup> I have a better answer to the question "What do you do?" My standard response is "Eat pizza and drink beer."



Photo 1. Kissel hardware store c1890. From the left: William Kissel, Wilber Myear, Adolph Kissel, Louis Holce, Otto Kissel, George Kissel, Peter Melius. In about sixteen years, William and George will form the Kissel Motor Car Company with their father, Louis.

before the Hartford Kissels. A modern Alsatian phone book lists eight families with the Kissel surname, making me think it likely that I'm a distant relative with the people who built the car.<sup>2</sup>

With a last name of *Kissel*, how could I *not* want to own one? On the down side, only about 150 complete Kissels are currently known to exist, making it more difficult to find parts and information on this relatively rare make of automobile. My life might have been a whole lot simpler had I been born a *Ford*.

For those of you that participated in the 2009 Old California Tour, September 9-12 out of Scotts Valley, California, you may have already met **Annie**. She is the latest car to be added to our small family. *Annie* is a 1914 KisselKar Model 40 (four cylinder) 5-passenger touring car. She is one of three surviving 4-40s of the fewer than three hundred that were originally built by Kissel in 1914.

I say that if you were on the tour you *may* have met *Annie* as I broke several teeth on the ring gear in the differential after the first afternoon of touring. *Annie* spent the final three days of the tour in the hotel parking lot.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> On the other hand, if we go back far enough, *you* and I are related, too.

<sup>3</sup> The best place to break an antique car is in your garage; the second best place is in the hotel parking lot. I broke the gears while out for gas, a few blocks from the hotel. Although she

## 1914 KisselKar Model 40 Selected Specifications

Wheelbase	121"
Weight	3880 lb
Engine, cylinders cast in pairs	4 cyl, 40 bhp
4 1/2" x 5 1/4" (B x S)	334 cid (5.47 l)
Lunkenheimer air-pump-pressured fuel system	
Bosch DU-4 duplex magneto & coil	
Esterline E-6 6V generator, Dual 6V storage batteries, 12V starter, 6V lights	
Cone clutch; Final drive ratio	4.58:1
Transmission, sliding gear with overdrive	
1st	3.22:1 R 4.30:1
2nd	1.75:1
3rd	1:1
4th	0.85:1
Wheels	25" with demountable rims
Tires	35"x5"
Brakes	2 wheel mechanical, 14"x5"
Cost new	\$1850
1914 production 896 (all models), less than 300 Model 40s produced	

We acquired this car from the estate of the late Ann Klein, founder of Universal Vintage Tire and a well loved member of the antique Bentley community. James Henry Fisher acquired this KisselKar in 1949 from John Julien for his daughter (born Elizabeth Ann Fisher on May 20, 1931 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania).

Ann rebuilt the engine on the KisselKar herself and got a husband in the bargain. Phil Brooks tells me this story about how Ann and Bill Klein met; he says he's heard Ann tell it several times. Apparently Bill had heard about the KisselKar that Ann was rebuilding and wanted to meet her and see the car.

*Ann was working underneath [the KisselKar] when Bill came up, saw the feet sticking out from underneath, so he calls out "Say, do you know what you're doing under there?" Ann slithers out from under the car, looks up and says, "I certainly do!" It was essentially love at first sight between Bill and Ann*

The KisselKar was stored at Klein Kars from before 1977 until after her death in 2007. Note the KisselKar-like spelling of the company name, a subsidiary of Universal Vintage Tire that Ann

started in Lancaster in 1968. We've named the car *Annie* in Ann Klein's honor.

We acquired *Annie* in October 2008 and had the car delivered for display to the Wisconsin Automotive Museum in Hartford, Wisconsin. In June 2009 I exhibited the car at the KisselKar Club meeting in Hartford then trailered her to our home in California.

In July 2009 we exhibited *Annie* at the inaugural San Francisco Concours d'Elegance in the Presidio. We were pleased to be awarded a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the preservation class.

In August 2009 we participated with *Annie* in the Heart of the Redwoods Nickel Era Tour out of Fortuna, California. To my delight she completed all four days of the tour. However there is more than one picture of silver-haired men pushing *Annie* to get her started.

Later in August 2009 we exhibited the car at the Great Gatsby Festival and Tea at the Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, California. The Dodge Brothers and Sisters (car club), which organized the antique car displays at the festival, placed *Annie* in a place of honor in front of the Pope estate. Inside the Pope house, actors and volunteers in 1920's attire give tours and reenactments of life within a wealthy family of the era at their lake retreat.

I've mentioned our misadventure in September 2009 on the Old California Tour. The car is currently off the road awaiting repairs. I've ordered a new ring and pinion gear and expect that *Annie* will be ready in time for the 2010 show and touring season.

If you are interested, you can read more about *Annie* on our website at <http://starship.org>; start with *Annie* | *About*.

I look forward to seeing many of you on the 2010 Spring Tour, May 26-29, out of Soledad, California. On this tour, let's see if I can get *Annie* out of the parking without breaking anything important!

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protested, I was able to nurse *Annie* back to the hotel without special assistance.



Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club  
Minutes of General Meeting  
Wednesday, January 6, 2010

Meeting opened at \_\_\_ 7:40 \_\_\_ P.M

Officers present:

Board Chairman, D. Johnson President, K. Brommer Vice President, J. Crowell	Treasurer, D. Pava Secretary, W. Haist
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Members present:

K. & E. Archer B. Austin J & D Azevedo G. Borges B. Brommer B. Cassidy M. Cerruti	D. Durein C. Ebers P. Johnson E. & B Kopman G. McCrumb J. Morrison J & E Sernach
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Visitors present:

None

Secretaries Minutes:

Previously Approved

Treasurers Report: (Dave Pava)

Holiday party close to break even.      2009 I&E reviewed.  
Annual dues now payable.                  P&L, Balance Sheet on file.

Hospitality: (Joe / Esther Sernach)

Thank you to the Azevedo's for refreshments. Joe and Esther are looking for replacements for this job.

Chairman: (Don Johnson)

Muriel looking for contributions for a Ladies Column and a Men's Column in the Gazette. Eric is compiling a new roster.

VP Report: (Johnny Crowell)

Johnny shared early auto literature from his collection.

Gazette: (Muriel Lundquist)

Muriel absent. See Chairman report.

Nuts & Bolts / Membership: (Bill Brommer)

One new membership application received. 1/23 N&B at Johnsons' house to get Don's "new T" running. Ladies welcome.

Sunshine: (Susan Durein)

Susan absent due to illness.

Authenticity: (Ed Archer)

No report.

Tours: Past / Future (Ed Archer)

Ed needs tours for Feb and Mar See web calendar for others.

Ladies Activities: ( ? )

None yet.

Website: (Erika Kopman)

Now has photos. Calendar updated.

Communications: (Kaaren Brommer)

None

Project Sharing:

Dave Pava working on Model T Speedster.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Gary Borges brought in old tour photos and plaque to share.

Tiffany Ford in Holister celebrating 100th Anniversary in business. Seminars on early Ford racing by Ed Archer and free lunch on 1/16.

Other:

See "1905 Streetcar San Francisco" on youtube.com

Meeting closed at \_\_\_ 8:32 \_\_\_ P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Whitney Haist, Secretary

Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club  
Minutes of Board Meeting  
Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Meeting opened at \_\_\_ 7:40 \_\_\_ P.M

Officers present:

Board Chairman, D. Johnson President, K. Brommer Vice President, J. Crowell	Treasurer, D. Pava Secretary, W. Haist
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Committee Chairs:

Tour and Authenticity, E. Archer	Membership, B. Brommer
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Visitors present:

None

Secretaries Minutes:

Approved as published.

Treasurers Report: (Dave Pava)

2009 I&E reviewed.

Annual dues now payable. P&L, Balance Sheet on file.

Discussion of revenue and cost of operating the club now and in future. To be continued.

VP Report: (Johnny Crowell)

2010 Board Meeting schedule:

Jan13: Crowell / Mar 17: Haist / May 19: Pava / Aug 18: Brommer /

Sep 15: Johnson / Nov 17: Brommer

Nuts & Bolts / Membership: (Bill Brommer)

Two new membership applications received: 1) John & Carol O'Neill of Sunol with a 1910 Pratt-Elkhart, Touring and 2) Kent & Kristy Keyser of Los Gatos with a 1908 Kiblinger, Model H and a 1911 Ford Model T Touring

Both were unanimously approved and accepted subject to Authenticity inspection.

Future Nuts & Bolts hosts are needed.

Authenticity: (Ed Archer)

Ed will be inspecting new member vehicles for authenticity.

Tours: Past / Future (Ed Archer)

Ed will meet with John Morrison to coordinate a Field Meet.

Valentines Day brunch suggested for Sun, Feb 14 at Faz in Danville

Green Brass tour: Dave Pava will schedule a trip to an Antique Tractor Farm

Website:

Website management and maintenance discussed. A list of site features will be compiled and presented for the Board's review and approval.

Communications: (Kaaren Brommer)

None

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Copies of Bylaws, revised Oct 1, 2009 were distributed.

Bill Brommer reported on private rail car trip to Reno. Estimated cost \$ 300 per person w/out room based on a 48 seat occupancy. The Board recommended the membership be surveyed as to interest. Bill will create a survey and with the Board's approval - distribute it

Other:

None

Meeting closed at \_\_\_ 9:35 \_\_\_ P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Whitney Haist, Secretary

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*Happy Valentine's Day*



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