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*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: No longer monthly. See calendar for schedule. Members welcome.

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

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EDITORS NOTES:

A big thank you to all of you that have contributed pictures and articles this month. More volunteers are needed for upcoming issues so be sure to look for car pictures for the centerfold and articles telling about the car. Thank you Anne for your article on Laci's this month. This sounds like a place we should all visit.

Check out the calendar for upcoming events and don't forget our next meeting is our PotLuck Dinner and Auction. The May issue of the Gazette will come out early as the Editor will be going out of town on April 24th. In order for the Gazette to get into the mail before leaving all submissions need to be received before the 18th of April. Thank you for your cooperation.



From our President: Kaaren Brommer

****** APRIL TOOLS ******

The other day someone asked, “Why do you scribble notes on your road map?”, and I replied, “because it’s easier to find my way when I’m both driver and navigator.”

Nowadays, using tools to assist in traveling has become a lot more sophisticated and doesn’t even employ a long extension cord. Hand held, voice activated, visually keyed, color coded, miniaturized and set for portability - all invite the adventurer to utilize (twice the GPS has gotten me lost in a cul-de-sac) and trust them !

However, it does make me wonder what the neophyte auto enthusiast of days gone by would have encountered when venturing out into the woods over the hills and dales. Success - sometimes meeting the train on time or dinner at Grandma’s or something less - involving a lot of thumb waving or walking back to town.

Yesterday’s driver had to be brave, resourceful, forward thinking and have some physical strength to complete the quest. There were few decent roads (not to mention the bad weather months and deep mud), no help from road assistance (anyone have a AAA horse and rope), with few fuel stations and/or streams for water fill-up. And, if you were smart and prepared - you had at hand, some bailing wire, a rag, a bit of something sticky, an extra car part or tire tube and maybe a strong backed helper. Quite a challenge.

It reminds me of the old “I’m lost” story where the fellow asks the farmer, “Do you know where this road goes ?”, and the his response, “a yup!”.

Personally I think today we owe those first creative motoring pioneers a debt of gratitude for persevering. They managed to improve the motorways both in and out of the cities, recognize safety needs, upgrade the prototypes into true well-behaved mechanical beasts so that even the ladies could drive in secure comfort and beauty.

So, may you all continue to enjoy the hobby and your cars whether it’s time spent under the chassis or out in the sunshine behind the wheel - my K car says:

It’s the rule, Be no fool, Mark your map ----- It’s a great tool !

Looking forward to seeing ALL of you at the April POT LUCK DINNER & “BRING ANYTHING” AUCTION (with a little General Meeting business too).

(I’d love to bid on something home baked or shiny in brass or interesting to read.)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 7 Potluck and Auction

April 10 Nuts and Bolts at Durein’s

April 15-17 Bakersfield Swap Meet

May 26-20 Santa Clara Spring Tour

June 6 HCCA TOUR Modesto/Sonora

June 27 Palo Alto Concourse

July 4th Parade Piedmont

August 29 Tentative Swap Meet

September 12 History Park

September 12 Hillsborough Concours

December 11 Holiday Party



SNOOPY

By
Esther

Boy, we really are a dull bunch. Haven't heard any juicie news for the last few months. Best of all though, no body ill, no broken bones.

There is some upsetting news in our family. Danny & Robins (my old) house caught fire do to a faulty furnace. It pretty much burned the roof off, none of the walls, but it's a total loss because of the asbestos in the attic and the wall board. Add in the extensive smoke and water damage and everything has to be junked. That's what is really hard! The good news is - Danny woke up at 4:00 am, smelled the smoke and got everyone out of the house, safe and sound. They will be uprooted for 6 months or so. What a mess!

Jim & Kathy R. laid low this past touring season. It seems that most of their spare pennies went into re-modeling their kitchen. They are about done now so maybe they will be joining us on some tours this year.

David P. said his model T speedster is coming along really good . Frame painted, sheet metal finished but not painted, engine running. Hopes to be on the road with it some time this summer.

It was so good to see Joe C. back at the meetings. He said that he had a rough time but all is well now. Welcome back Joe.

Check out our web site (bahcc.org). Erica K. has been busy bringing things up to date and improving the site. Lots of good pictures and information

Ladies (and Gents) , it's pot luck time again. So dig out grandmas secret receipts and make something scrumptious. (I know, dream on). But do check out what food category you are in. It's listed in this issue.

And don't forget, there will be an auction after the dinner. So bring in all your old goodies and some cash to bid on some of those wonderful bargains that will no doubt be available.

That's it for this month, Snoopy

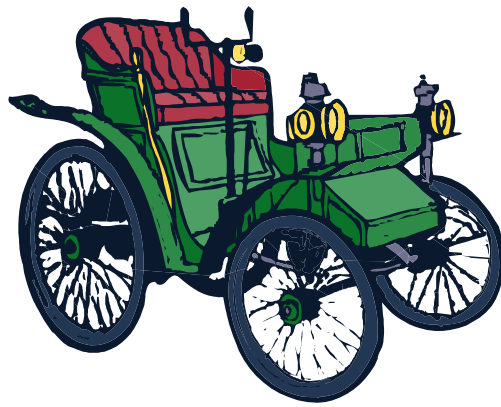
APRIL BIRTHDAYS



SCHWARTZ	<i>Adria</i>	<i>4/3</i>
NICOLAUS	<i>Stan</i>	<i>4/4</i>
MCEACHERN	<i>Dan</i>	<i>4/5</i>
STONER	<i>Dave</i>	<i>4/6</i>
ROSEN	<i>Louise</i>	<i>4/6</i>
ANINO	<i>Joe</i>	<i>4/9</i>
HOLTHAUS	<i>Don</i>	<i>4/11</i>
LUNDQUIST	<i>Muriel</i>	<i>4/11</i>
SHERMAN	<i>George</i>	<i>4/12</i>
ZIMMERMAN	<i>Chet</i>	<i>4/15</i>
KOPMAN	<i>Erika</i>	<i>4/18</i>
PAVA	<i>Patricia</i>	<i>4/19</i>
MORRIS	<i>Judy</i>	<i>4/21</i>
AZEVEDO	<i>Don</i>	<i>4/27</i>
FORBES	<i>Lynn</i>	<i>4/29</i>

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

BERTOLOTTI	<i>John</i>	<i>Joan</i>	<i>April 3, 1976</i>
RYAN	<i>Jim</i>	<i>Kathy</i>	<i>April 22, 1967</i>
SCHWARTZ	<i>Norman</i>	<i>Adria</i>	<i>April 15, 1978</i>
SILVERA	<i>Mike</i>	<i>Sharon</i>	<i>April 22, 1978</i>
HIRONIMUS	<i>Gene</i>	<i>Judy</i>	<i>April 27, 1973</i>



POTLUCK DINNER and AUCTION

April 7, 2010

SET-UP @ 6:30 - DINING @ 7:00

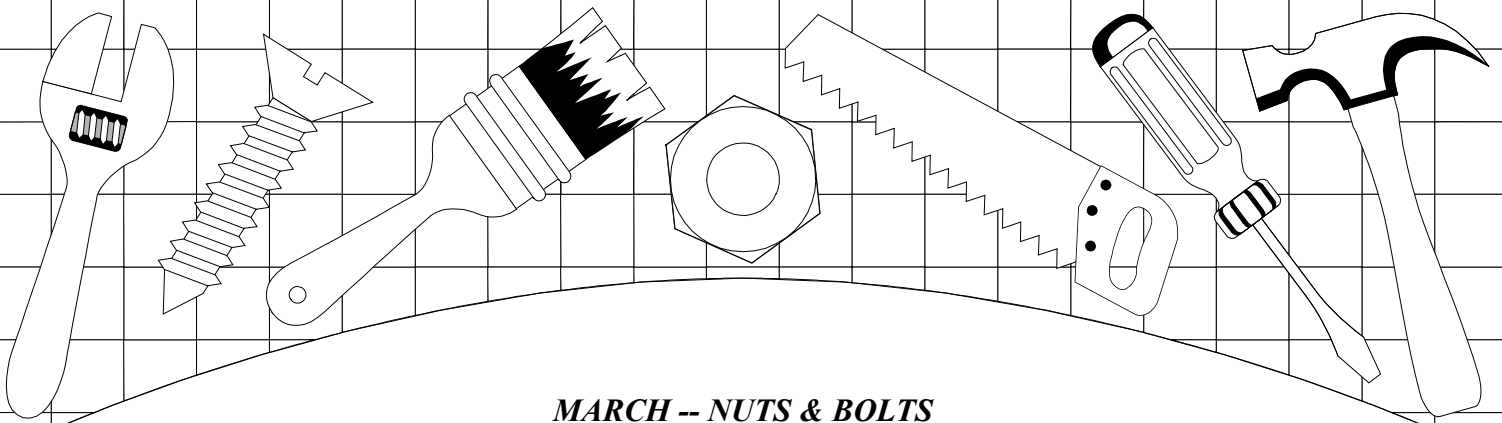
It's Potluck time again. Let's all come out for a delicious meal to share with other club members and friends.

FOOD INSTRUCTIONS:

**MAIN DISH ---- P-Z
SALAD----- A-G
DESSERT----- H-O**

**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!**



MARCH -- NUTS & BOLTS

Last March sixth Saturday was another opportunity to gather - both for the pleasure of friendship and for the hands-on chance to learn a lot about MIG welding (gas metal arc welding - GMAW) of steel, stainless steel and aluminum from BAHCC member Lloyd Riggs. Don Azevedo, Gary Borges, Bill and Michael Brommer, Mark Cerruti, Johnny Crowell, Don Johnson, Joe Sernach and Tony Wolleson all came prepared with their welding helmets - this being an activity you always have to protect your body, hands and eyes from - see Kaaren's photo of the bright ultraviolet spark ! And as easy as it sounds - Lloyd shared his tricks of the trade and gave up the torch to one and all - supported by a detailed write up of the technique and safety factors of the craft. An added bonus for the members was roaming Lloyd's spacious garages and seeing up close a few of his great collector cars, cycles and memorabilia.

Meanwhile, the ladies contingent met next door in the Hershey's Ice Cream parlor which is thoroughly outfitted with soda fountain antiques, displays of model cars, old signs and collectibles. Jane Riggs generously shared her lovely quilt collection gathered from near and far over the years, Joyce Azevedo discussed the patterns on her modern quilt created in her favorite purple and green fabrics, Pam Johnson supplied us with a brief review of a new resource book illustrating period clothes and Kaaren Brommer unrolled her mother's keepsake quilt.

Our thanks to our hosts, Lloyd and Jane for an enjoyable morning adventure in Walnut Creek.



NUTS AND BOLTS FOR APRIL

*The April 10th Nuts and Bolts events will be held at Doug Durein's.
Details will be revealed at the April 7th meeting.*

**HCCA TOUR
MODESTO / SONORA
JUNE 6, 2010**



**CALAVERAS COUNTY
(41 MILES ROUND TRIP)**

ARRIVE: 9:30 Kohler Ranch

(Coffee & goodies @ the barn with plenty of trailer parking.)

DEPART: 10:30 TOUR (Dog Town Rd.)

ARRIVE : 11:15 Angels Camp (12 MILES)

(POTTY STOP AND RE-GROUP (15 MIN.))

DEPART: 11:30 TOUR

ARRIVE: 12:00 Murphys (8 mi. Murphys Grade Rd.)

(Turn at Murphys Hotel and park at Black Bart Theater lot)

DEPART: 1:00 TOUR Return Hwy 4 (10 mi.)

ARRIVE: 1:30 Angels Camp

(LUNCH - your choice, on your own at Mexican or Chinese)

DEPART: 3:00 TOUR Return to Kohler's (11 Mi.)

ARRIVE: 3:45 RELAX - WINE & MUNCHIES

RSVP: BY 5/24/10 SCOT & DEBBIE KOHLER 209-754-1915

TROUBLE TRAILER PROVIDED!

Riding The Rails Update



There seems to be quite a bit of interest in the Private Railcar Trip planned for February 2011 to Reno, Nevada. As of this date we have 32 people that said that they would be interested in going. We need 48 to make it a go. So if you have not signed up - please let Kaaren or Bill know - in person, by phone (510) 538-1795 or e-mail - sszephyr@aol.com.

It's also OK to ask your friends or other club members to join in too - they are welcome.

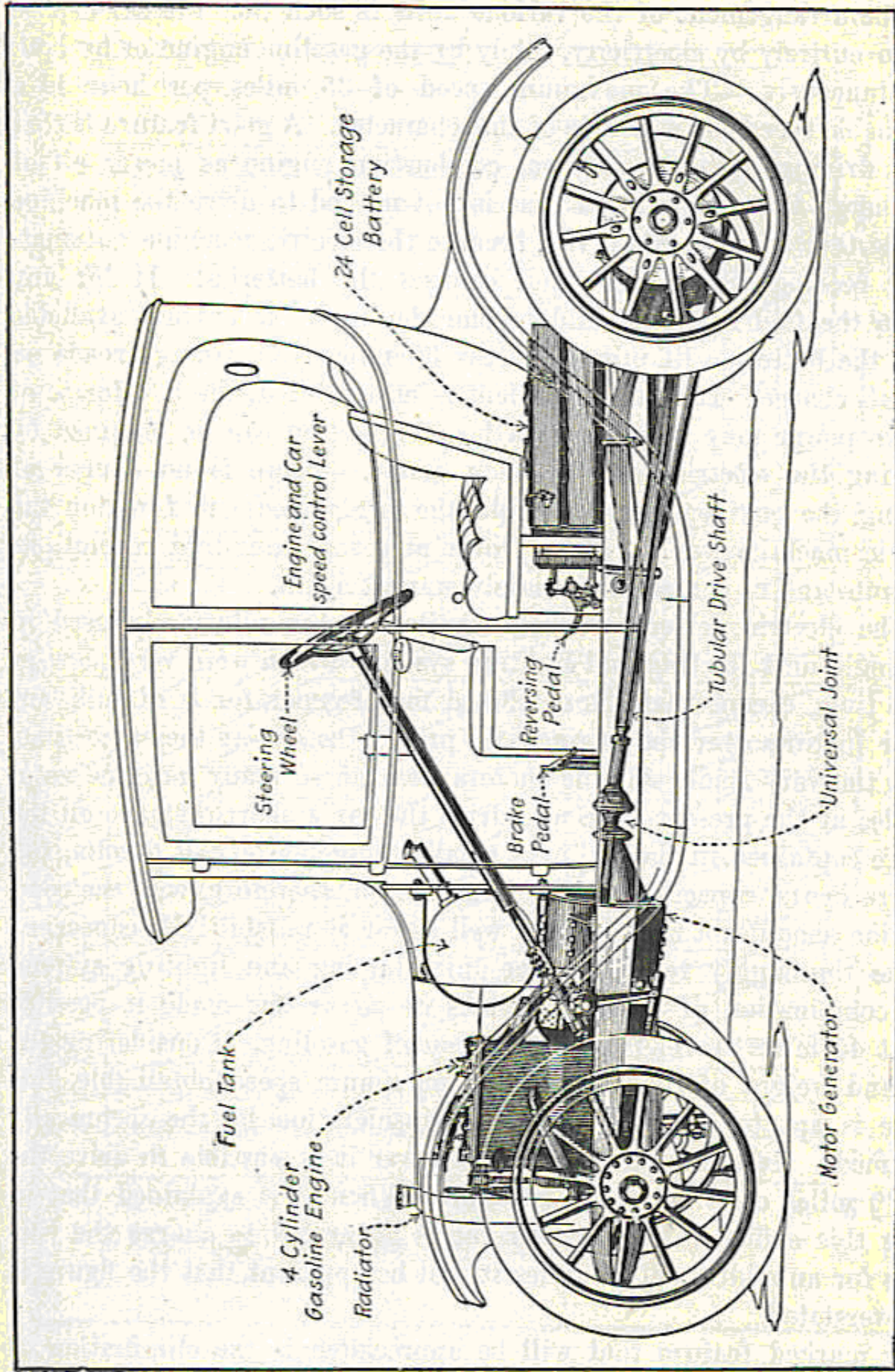


Fig. 81.—The Woods Dual Power Car May Be Driven Either by Electricity or by Gasoline, Independently or in Conjunction.

The following article is from a book dated 1919. It shows just how far things have come. (HA) We think that we are coming up with new ideas just to find out that they have been done before. Read this and think about how we are currently working to get hybrid cars. Hope you enjoy. Joe and Lynda Reiter (Reprinted again from the Tulsa "Carbide Courier" March 2010 Vol. 57 Issue 3)

Combination Gasoline-Electric Car (Article from "The Modern Gasoline Automobile" revised and enlarged 1919 edition)

An interesting automobile recently announced shows that all automobile engineers are not entirely satisfied with the features of the accepted motor vehicle types. An apparently successful effort to combine the advantage of the electric automobile with those usually associated only with the gasoline propelled type is represented by a radical new design known as the "dual-power" car. In this vehicle, which is illustrated at Fig. 81, the general body lines and ease of control are those commonly attributed to the luxurious electric automobiles, while the speed and increased radius of action of a gasoline car are also incorporated in the design. The power plant is a combination consisting of a 14 horse power, four-cylinder engine mounted at the front of the frame in the usual position and a motor generator placed immediately back of the engine. A magnetic clutch is interposed between them. A 24-cell storage battery is used, carried at the rear of the frame, but owing to the combination with the gasoline engine only one-half of the usual number of cells is provided.

The control levers on the top of the steering column are practically the same as those of the gasoline automobile. The shorter of these is the engine-throttle control, which actuates the magnetic clutch when moved from neutral, connecting the electrical motor generator with the gasoline engine and then regulates engine speed by altering the gas supply. The longer of the levers is the electric controller, which changes the electric motor speed. The usual form of foot actuated brake is provided, but this is not needed in ordinary driving, as the car may be brought to a stop without difficulty through a braking action obtained by utilizing the electric generator function of the motor-dynamo. It will be evident that the machine can be started, operated through its entire range of speed, and stopped with the simple motion of a thumb and forefinger. There are no sliding gears to shift as in a gas car and consequently no hand lever corresponding to the speed selecting lever of a sliding gear transmission.

The arrangement of the various units is such that the car can be driven entirely by electricity, solely by the gasoline engine or by both simultaneously. The maximum speed of 35 miles per hour is a reasonable speed for a vehicle of this character. A good feature is that when driving with the internal combus-

tion engine as power all of the energy that is produced that is not needed to drive the machine at a certain speed is conserved, because the electric machine automatically becomes a generator and charges the batteries. If for any reason the fuel supply should become depleted, the current available from the battery will propel the car 30 miles over average roads on the full charge. If a steep gradient is encountered, the two forms of motive power may be used, as a boosting action can be obtained by utilizing the electric machine as a motor. There is no danger of stalling the engine, because should the engine cease to function the electric machine would crank it over at several hundred revolutions a minute and of course immediately start it again.

The electric devices are very similar to those formerly used in the single unit starting and lighting systems which were very popular for a time, except that the combined motor-generator is of sufficient power to turn over the engine and propel the car at the same time. Even the very small starting motors used on so many gasoline automobiles at the present time will drive the car a short distance on the charge contained in the ordinary small storage battery of 6 volts, 100 ampere hours' capacity. There is no reason, therefore, why the combination should not work equally well as far as reliability is concerned as the thoroughly tried out one-unit starting and lighting system. The combination of the two sources of power has made it possible to get 45 miles travel from one gallon of gasoline. Considering the size and weight of the car and the maximum speed obtainable, this figure is apt to be given doubtful consideration by the technically informed. As the engine is of lower power it is possible to drive the car 30 miles on a gallon of gasoline. When it is explained that in doing this sufficient surplus current is generated to charge the batteries for an additional 15 miles it will be apparent that the figure is not overstated.

A marked feature that will be appreciated is the elimination of the charging methods ordinarily followed in all electric cars where the current is taken from a power or lighting circuit. With this construction the battery charging source is an integral part of the car and very little trouble and expense are entailed by battery charging and maintenance. The weight of the machine is slightly more than 3,000 pounds, whereas that of the standard electric of the same type would be over 1,000 pounds more. Owing to the small size of the 24-cell storage battery considerable space is available to the rear compartment to carry an extra tire and supplies. Reversing is easily accomplished by means of a heel pedal carried at the front of the driver's seat. The general arrangement of the gasoline power plant is the same as would be followed in a light gasoline car. The drive from the end of the motor generator shaft to the rear axle is through two universal joints and a tubular drive shaft. The arrangement is such that when the car is descending a hill, by using the electric machine as a generator, the speed of the car is reduced and at the same time considerable electricity is being generated which is stored in the battery until needed.

Old Fashioned Invitational Field Meet & Picnic!

July 17, 2010

This is a great event to bring your Pre-1916 autos including: big cars, 1 & 2 cylinder cars, restored or un-restored, or motorcycles!!

Diablo Valley College
321 Golf Club Road
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

9:30am – Coffee and Donuts
10am – Games Begin

Please bring your own chairs & picnic lunch. We will provide tables with umbrellas, soft drinks, water and dessert.

Spectators are also welcome to attend this fun event.

Sponsored by BAHCC. 9 regional groups are being invited. Questions contact John Morrison at (510) 655-6128.



Games that will be played:

Champagne Toast!

Each car is driven over a bumpy course as the passenger carefully holds a champagne glass filled with water. The team who maintains the most water in the glass with the fastest time is the winner!

Blind-fold Obstacle Course

Each blindfolded driver has to navigate a curvy course with only the help of verbal prompts from the passenger. The winning team knocks over the least amount of cones with the quickest time.

The Slow Race

The goal of the slow race is to take the longest time to go 100 yards, but the driver is not allowed to touch any controls or pedals once the car crosses the starting line. If the car dies the timer stops.

Ladies, Start your Engines!

Ben Kopman will demonstrate to all the women willing to participate, the art of crank starting a Model T, then each participant will get five tries. The winner will be the lady who was able to start the car the most times.

Balloon Massacre!

An ingenious contraption is placed on the ground with a balloon and a string attached to the car. The driver must drive in an almost perfect a circle otherwise the balloon will pop. The winner has the quickest time and didn't pop the balloon!

Plus a Secret Event – Test of Gravity

Please register by June 30th. Mail to John Morrison, 1450 Grand Ave. Piedmont, CA 94610

Name: _____

Email or Mail Address: _____

Phone: _____ Vehicle: _____ Year: _____

Green Brass Tour ***By Tour Host David Pava***

The 2010 tour season commenced with the Green Brass tour on March 21, departing the Rudgear Road Park 'n Ride off 680 in Walnut Creek, after coffee and donuts were enjoyed.

Members present were Bill Austin, Bill and Kaaren Brommer, Bill Cassiday, Mark Cerruti, Johnny and Christine Crowell, Charles Ebers, Whitney and Diane Haist, Bill Hund and his friend Mary, Doug and Mary Lou King, Eric and Muriel Lundquist, John Morrison, Doug Ogden and his friend Katy, David Pava with guest Ron Coleman and his son Aaron, Joe Sernach, J. W. and Barbara Silveira, Frank Swenson and Tony Wolleson. In total 9 Horseless Carriages, 2 Model A Fords, one hot rod and a few modern cars participated. Patricia Pava's mother was visiting for a long weekend and they stopped by for a visit before the tour departed. Our host, Don Wood also met us at the starting point and his son and grandson rode on the first half of the tour in the Pava' T.

The weather was nice enough for many to ride with their tops down as we toured the back roads skirting an emerald green Mt. Diablo to our destination, the Woods ranch in Danville. The Woods family has been ranching and farming in the San Ramon valley for nearly 150 years and at one time they owned well over a 1500 acres of land there; today a 17 acre parcel remains with two homes many barns, various out building's, sheds and a blacksmith / machine shop all packed with a huge variety of antique farm equipment – some of which was fabricated or restored by our host, who was born on the property. We were treated to a guided tour of the ranch, farm implements and equipment, plus Don's current restoration project – a several-ton 1917 (or so) Denby flatbed truck with hard rubber tires – which at this point is a completely unassembled chassis. Don claims it will be finished by early summer to be shown in a truck show.

Following our guided tour of the ranch most departed for lunch at Round Table Pizza in Alamo, while others choose to head directly home. Shortly after the group arrived at lunch we received a call reporting that the Lundquist's Cadillac had a wheel problem stranding them and the Haist's, who were riding with them. Before anyone could be dispatched to the rescue a second call was received reporting that Frank Swenson had spotted them and graciously provided a ride for Eric to retrieve his truck and trailer.

After lunch, the ride back to the starting point was only a few miles. Some folks dropped by my garage to see the '13 T Speedster I am building. While there, a call was received form the Lundquist / Haist / Swenson party - as they arrived at the lunch stop to find the others just departed. I returned to Alamo to spend a few moments with them.



Laci's....A Museum...A Store ...and more!

Following the suggestion of the Gaslight Gazette Editor I am glad to report on the tour of Laci's, I enjoyed with the guidance of Erin Algeo, the store Manager, who welcomed our inquiry warmly .



Founded as Laci's Retail Store in 1965 by Kaethe and Jules Kliot to supply materials and instruction to local textile-weaving enthusiasts, this landmark has grown way beyond its original mission. Our great-grandmothers would have called it an emporium. Having opened in a small shop on the corner of Ashby Avenue and Adeline Street in Berkeley, it has moved down the street, occupying several storefronts. Now, Laci's Museum of Lace and Textiles is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of fine laces and textiles. To generate funds to operate and maintain the museum, Laci's also operates a retail store selling materials to lace makers, tatters, and collectors of vintage clothing.



Seasonal window displays now feature vintage bridal gowns and accessories and lace curtains, as well as an assortment of tools and products of the lace makers who frequent the place. Entering the main store, you see many gowns from the early twentieth century suspended from the ceiling, protecting the fragile tulle and silks from caressing hands... Most of these items are for sale, reasonably priced, considering their age, condition and rarity. Available on display boards is a wide variety of recently manufactured accessories, such as gloves in fabric, lace and net; indeed gloves don't often withstand the test of age.

In an adjacent room, once a neighboring shop, you can find vintage lingerie, children's clothing and some men's attire, hats, hoop-skirts, vintage-style lamps and antique jewelry. In another room, the exhibit "Night and Day" featuring dresses from the "twenties" is being readied to open on April 3rd. Store manager, Erin Algeo, was in the process of restoring one of the sequined, beaded flapper dresses as we spoke.

Repairs on your precious antique gowns are available for a fee, or you may come in and ask for guidance on your do-it-yourself project.

Alas! For those of us who do not wear a size eight, there is the reference area where you can find books for sale on many aspects of costume and antique clothing production, and many patterns for sewing them; for instance from: Past Patterns, Laughing Moon, Ageless Patterns and DL Designs for hats. The store does carry hat forms in many vintage styles,



and frills, feathers and frou-frou to adorn them). The book subjects go way beyond the craft aspect and well into the history of costumes and lace, too.

Next to the library, don't miss the display panels of lace ornamentation dating back to the 17th century and into the 19th. Maybe you will be able to identify that particular lace guipure on one of your antique gowns! Is it Irish Carrickmacross? Flemish or Honiton Bobbin Lace? A Punto in Aria? or Venetian Point de Neige?

There's much, much more...and I haven't even touched the lace-makers' paraphernalia! So take a virtual spin through this astonishing place at LacisMuseum.org. "Live" Tours are welcome, by appointment. Why not plan a small group visit as a ladies' outing?

ANNE METAIS

Contact Information:

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Berkeley, California 94703

510-843-7290

E-mail: erin@lacis.com

Web: LacisMuseum.org & Lacis.com

OPEN : MON thru SAT : 12 :00 – 6 :00

Maker Faire®

May 22 & 23, 2010
San Mateo County Expo Center

Just what is the Maker Faire?

Well, the NY Times describes it as a "gathering of folks from all walks of life who blend science, technology, craft and art to make things both goofy and grand." And the BAHCC will be there!

This 2-day event celebrates the Do It Yourself Spirit and with over 80,000 attendees it is a great opportunity to share our hobby with a new generation of tinkerers and enthusiasts. There will be more than 600 exhibitors showing off their inventions and hobbies including robotics, rockets, vehicles and crafts.

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to represent BAHCC!

The BAHCC will have an outdoor booth and we are looking for:

3-5 Cars of different makes and models to show the variety and ingenuity Antique Autos

4-6 people for each half-day volunteer session talking to the public about our cars, club and hobby

For more information contact Erika Kopman at 510.717.2397 or erikakopman@gmail.com

**Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club
Minutes of Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 17, 2010**

Meeting opened at 7:40P.M at 12 Sunrise Hill Road, Orinda, CA

Officers present:

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

Committee Chairs:

Tour and Authenticity, E. Archer	Membership, B. Brommer
Web Site, Erika Kopman	

Secretaries Minutes: Read and Approved.

Treasurers Report: (Dave Pava)
I&E as of 3/17 reviewed.

VP Report: (Johnny Crowell)

2010 Board Meeting schedule:
May 19: Pava / Aug 18: Brommer /
Sep 15: Johnson / Nov 17: Brommer

Next General Meeting / pot luck dinner and auction will be 4/7/2010. Brass polishing seminar was a success. This will be published as Tech Tip in future Gazette.

Nuts & Bolts / Membership: (Bill Brommer)
Next Nuts & Bolts will be at the Dureins' on Saturday, 4/10/10
Private rail car trip to Reno is being scheduled for January or February, 2011. \$300 per person. 30 have signed up so far. 48 needed.

Authenticity & Tours: (Ed Archer)
Green Brass Tour will be 3/21 directed by Dave

Pava to a historic farm near Blackhawk. Bakersfield swap meet and tour, 4/17 - 18 will be considered a club event as a number of members regularly attend. Blossom Tour and Makers Fair will happen in May. Palo Alto Concourse D'Ellegance will be the June 27 event at Stanford.. A proposal was made to change tour policy to NOT include the cost of food. Discussion to be continued to next meeting.

The swap meet as we have known it is changing. Cal State Hayward has turned the parking lot over to an outside vendor. Rent will increase from \$800 to \$4,000 for our one day event. A dirt field is available but the rent is TBN and access is limited. Johnny Crowell will contact Parking Services Co. to explore options. Dave Pava will explore options at Chabot College. Don Azevedo will contact DVC for options. A short term action plan must be in place by 4/1.

Website: (Erika Kopman)
New website updates were displayed. This is an all new format and included many new features desired by the Board. Erika has secured a space at the Makers Fair for 5/21,22,23 at the San Mateo County Fair Grounds. This is a DIY interest group that draws some 80,000 visitors each year. Erika requests a budget for hand out material (approved) and help (Bill B volunteered) <http://makerfaire.com/>

Communications: (Kaaren Brommer) None
Old Business: None.
New Business: None.
Other: None

Meeting closed at 9:45P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Whitney Haist, Secretary

At the last general meeting we had a great demonstration on how to remove corrosion and dirt from brass with common household products. Well now, here is another helpful hint. Using another common product, Easy Off oven cleaner, you can remove oil and grease from metal parts. Some of the old paint may also be removed at the same time. Go to the store and buy Easy Off or similar product making sure that it is the heavy duty type. Scrape off thick grease and wipe off most of the oil. Spray with Easy Off - allow to stand - and then rinse with water. Several applications may be required to remove all of the grease and oil. It is best to do this outside of course, as the fumes are quite strong. And be sure that you allow the part(s) to air dry before applying another coat of Easy Off. If done properly it is then ready to prime or paint. Submitted by Bill Brommer

BAHCC Meeting Agenda Minutes

3 March 2010

A pleasingly sizable crowd showed up at the Community Center, and there was plenty of socializing before Kaaren Brommer finally called the meeting to order. Her first item of business was to ask for a volunteer to fill in for Club Secretary Whitney Haist. A few moments of loud silence passed before Ben Kopman stepped forward; his back smarting precisely in the spot his wife had prodded him. A few minutes later, after Kaaren instructed Ben on the finer points of Secretarial duties, and the meeting began in earnest.

Meeting begins a 7:45pm

There were no Guests or Visitors present, or at least none we could identify - but with modern makeup, there is always the possibility of imposters.

The pre-meeting dinner, usually held at a Chinese restaurant, has moved locales to a Mexican restaurant named El Aguavera, only a block or two away. Those wishing to join in on the meal are advised to find to meet there; that is where everyone else will be and it can be lonely sitting in a Chinese restaurant all by yourself. However, please note there will be no pre-meeting dinner next month. As Don Azevedo smartly reminds us, in April we have the annual pot-luck dinner to look forward to.

The Gazette will have meal assignments for the potluck, so please refer to it for what to bring. Also there will be an auction after the meal, so please bring items to be ~~owned~~ auctioned off. Car parts and pies, kink-knacks, books and dinners - there is nothing that auctioneers Don Azevedo and Ed Archer can't auction. 4 hours of polishing brass? Sold.

Thanks go to John Morrison for recording the minutes from February's meeting. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes - a testament to John note taking prowess, no doubt honed on the battlefield of the Piedmont School System. A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Gazette was proffered by Erika Kopman with Don Johnson seconding.

Treasurer Dave Pava tells us the budget is doing well and the coffers are 'cash positive' from to the approximately 75 member's dues that have come in recently. The Board has agreed to pay club Webmaster Erika Kopman to redesign the website. This will be in addition to the voluntary work she does maintaining the site for the club.

Joe Sernach informs us Pam and Don

Johnson have provided this month's hospitality goodies. Though the treats were still under wraps Joe assures us they must be good because he can see whipped cream on the table. Later the treats were revealed to be homemade Mexican chocolate cake and apple cobbler - both delicious!

Don Johnson reminds members of the next Board meeting on March 17th at Whitney Haist's house. Vice President Johnny Crowell thanks Ed Archer for the idea for tonight's Post Meeting Activity: a Brass Polish Showdown!

Muriel Lundquist acknowledges and thanks club members for the increase in submissions she is receiving for the Gazette. She encourages members to continue submitting articles and include pictures if possible; Ladies are encouraged to submit patterns, tips, etc. Last month's Mystery Car Centerfold was revealed to be a 1914 Model 48 Marmon - identified by Doug Durein and confirmed by Ed Archer. Doug's font of vehicular knowledge won him some delicious looking chocolates; enjoy Doug! Thanks to Bill Cassidy for submitting the picture.

New member's badges are on their way, Bill Brommer informs us, and the Nuts & Bolts seminars continue to be very popular and interesting. A sentiment echoed by Johnny Crowell, who described last month's seminar with Lazze manufacturing, as amazing. Thanks go to Don Azevedo and Lloyd Riggs for facilitating this seminar. A thank-you note has been sent to Lazze on the club's behalf and Don has notes from the seminar for anyone who is interested.

Bill Brommer reminds us that the March Nuts & Bolts seminar will be a demonstration of the art of MIG welding courtesy of Lloyd Riggs, so please bring welding helmet/glasses if you plan to attend. Ladies are encouraged to come to view quilts with Jane Riggs and/or bring their own. Bill ended his report by entreating members to volunteer to host a Nuts & Bolts seminar; we need more volunteers.

Doug Durein reports there is nothing to report in the Sunshine Report; sometimes no news really is good news.

Though there was nothing to report regarding authenticity, Ed Archer did recount what sounded like a very enjoyable impromptu Valentine's Day Tour. He also described the upcoming Green Brass Tour on March 21st, which will take place in the Danville area. Participants were advised to bring work-clothes that can get dirty, and that the tour itself should be relatively easy and flat.

In other touring news, Bill Brommer sent a sign-up sheet around to gauge interest in a private railcar tour to Reno and back. The

railcar is a 1947 California Zephyr Dome Car dubbed the Silver Lariat. The trip is 1st-class all the way with beautiful views of the sierras and all meals and drinks included. There needs to be a minimum of 48 people to make the trip cost effective and is expected to run around \$300 per person. Anyone interested should contact Bill Brommer.

Webmaster Erika reports the member's list has been updated and the aforementioned website redesign is in the works.

Dr. Stone from Chico wrote to say that he used a formula for brass polish published in the Gaslight Gazette from May 2008 to great effect.

During the Old Business portion of the meeting Kaaren Brommer brought up a couple of items. First up was the future of the swap meet. Joe Sernach informed the club that Cal-State Hayward's parking lots are no longer under the control of the facilities people and the cost of renting the 300+ stalls for the meet has ballooned to the point of making the location unfeasible. The board is working on alternative locations and the issue is sure to be discussed at March's board meeting.

Also mentioned is the upcoming club field meet - current planners include Ed Archer, Erika Kopman, Kaaren and Bill Brommer, Don Azevedo, and John Morrison. They are meeting on the 10th of March to discuss the meet further.

For new business there was a discussion of new club jackets. For \$88 these jackets include the national logo on the back, and the HCCA logo, BAHCC logo, and a custom name on the front.

Joe and Esther Sernach recounted their recent trip to a national event in Laughlin, Nv - they froze the first day and the casinos were horrible. On a brighter note Joe won 2nd place as editor of the Model T Ford newsletter and Muriel Lundquist and the Gaslight Gazette won first prize among the regional newsletters! Congratulations Joe and Muriel and everyone who submits their articles to keep this gazette going!

Those lucky few with birthdays got pretzel-snacks and anniversaries got booze... or sparkling cider - it was difficult to tell. Thank you Kaaren Brommer for the treats.

Bill Cassidy moved to close the proceedings and Esther Sernach seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Secretarial Minutes submitted by

Ben Kopman 3/17/10

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