



*Bay Area
Horseless Carriage Club*



BAY AREA HORSELESS CARRIAGE CLUB



Board Chair Don Johnson

1645 Bay Laurel, Menlo Park, CA 94596
650-325-4007 dearlj@sbcglobal.net



President: Kaaren Brommer

19529 Alana Rd., Castro Valley, CA 94546
510-538-1795 kebrommer@aol.com



Vice President: Johnny Crowell

2874 Fieldview Ter., San Ramon, CA 94583
925-837-6961 jcrow22006@aol.com



Treasurer: David Pava

1104 Chiltern Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94596
925-932-2923 david@pava.com



Secretary: Whitney Haist

12 Sunrise, Orinda, CA 94563
925-253-1333 haist2@comcast.net



Tour Chair: Ed Archer
Authenticity: Ed Archer

1807 East Ave., Hayward, CA 94541
510-537-7864 karened4@att.net



Hospitality: Joe and Esther Sernach

435 Ewing, Pleasanton, CA 94566
925-846-8512 essiejoe@sbcglobal.net



Membership: Bill Brommer

19519 Alana Rd, Castro Valley, CA 94546
510-538-1795 sszephyr@aol.com



Web Master: Erika Kopman

1325 Carleton, Berkeley, CA 94702
510-717-2397 erikakopman@gmail.com



Gazette Editor: Muriel Lundquist

250 Roblar Ave, Hillsborough, CA 94010
650-342-7858 muriel@documentprocessors.com

Sunshine: Susan Durein

510-523-4993

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 4200 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

WEBSITE: www.BAHCC.org

EDITORS NOTES:

A big thank you to those who have contributed articles to this months Gazette. You are what makes our newsletter special.

I hope all of you have been touring or attending car functions. Our big event for the Lundquist's was the Hillsborough Concours. I have a couple of pictures of the event in this issue, but hope that other events that you attended can be shared. Everyone loves to hear about the tours, so please share with a picture and/or article to go with it so that we know what you have all been up to this summer. Remember to put the Pot Luck on your calendar for the November meeting. For the October dinner give Mary Lou King a call or email if you plan to have a Mexican dinner with the group before the meeting. Her email is m.l.king@sbcglobal.net.



Presidents's Message

A Few September Sentiments

As I attended the recent gathering of autos at the History Park on Sunday it occurred to me that we have many blessings to be thankful for. We couldn't take credit for the soft sunshine and cool breezes (thanks John) - but it did add to the days' fun - filled with smiling faces, sometimes smeared with ice cream or the quick energy of the band playing old tunes and the earnest young children aiming the water hoses at the "pretend" flames the volunteer firemen had created. There were prideful attitudes as owners chatted with visitors about their special beautiful cars, historic encounters with organ grinders, high riding bicyclists and the almost silent swish of the steam cars as they zipped past the crowd of onlookers.

And then there are the questions - mostly out of curiosity, but always with a need to understand. Do the tires have air? Did you drive here? Where did you get the parts? And if you're lucky, they may pull a favorite photo out of their wallet to share with you - because they drive a spiffy Sparkman or Metalmobile or two-seater Cloudster runabout. I am convinced that being a member of the Horseless Carriage Club is definitely an open door to making new friends and learning something new with each encounter. Great fun!

And I'd like to take this opportunity, as your President, to thank each and every member who during this past year has participated in making our Gazette the interesting publication that so many enjoy reading. The stories about the cars, the tech tips, the ladies specialty items, the meeting minutes and the tour outlines were superb. Thanks. With special kudos to Muriel (and Eric) for their continued monthly Gazette efforts.

Which reminds me -- my sincerest thanks to "my team" - the Board (Don, Johnny, Dave, Whitney, Ed and Bill) for their assistance in directing the Club's business affairs - it's much appreciated - as many hands make for a lighter workload.

And, in accordance with the Club's By-laws, I'd like to INVITE ALL OF YOU to consider participating as a officer of the Board /or as a supporting Chair. We have several members whose term is nearing completion and we'd like to have you step aboard and have your name added to the upcoming election slate - to be voted on by the membership at the November 5 th Pot Luck dinner and installed at the December 11 th Holiday Party. Your support is vital to ensure a continuing and active touring club.

During these next few months the calendar will be chuck full of traditional events like the pumpkin tour, pot-luck dinner, nuts & bolts visit and topped off with a holiday party. Our dues will move up to \$35 per year and we'll wear our new jackets on the 2011 BAHCC Spring Tour. We're ready and waiting for a chairman or co-chairs to volunteer and head up a steering committee. We already have a list of suggestions for date selections and location ideas. If you'd like to assist -we'd welcome the help ----- it will be a great tour and we'll invite all of our friends!

And, in closing, I'd like to express our deepest condolences to Jerry Neil on the passing of his wife, Jan. We will miss her humor, willingness and spirit on the tour - ways.

"Friendship is precious, not only in the shade, but in the sunshine of life..."Thomas Jefferson.

President, Kaaren Brommer





SNOOPY

By Esther

Goodness gracious, Christmas is sneaking up on us. Call **Carolee** if you are willing to decorate a table for the holiday party. That makes her job a little easier.

Club members are invited to an open house at the **Schwartz's** new garage in Martinez on Sunday Oct. 10th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. I hear it's very beautiful.

My wonderful ear doctor is retiring the end of September. **Fred**, you will soon be wondering how you ever found time to go to work. I bet **Nancy** already has a "honey do" list started.

Fred is hosting the garage tour on Oct. 2nd at 9:00 am.

Mark your calendar for the Pumpkin tour on Oct. 17th. Notify **Lynn K.** so he has a car count. Bring your own lunch and drinks and something to share with the other folks if you like. Lynn said if you're up to it, period clothing would be nice as the public will be invited to view the cars. Look for complete details in Lynn's announcement elsewhere in the issue.

I wrote down "60 minutes show- Oct." in my notes and now I can't remember what that was all about. Another senior moment (ha!). So maybe there will be something about it elsewhere in this issue. If not, ask about it at the next meeting.

Received a note from **Bill W.**, he had surgery on his thyroid (I think that was it) and was unable to talk. Hopes that that is just a temporary condition.

Sadly, I report that one time member Jan Neil has lost her battle with cancer. Jan was editor for many year for the BA Gazette and won many awards. She will be missed by husband Jerry and her many friends. She always had a big smile on her face for everyone.

Leroy **F.** came to Jan's memorial with out **Joyce** as she had that bad flu that has knocked the pins out from under on several of our members. It's a dozy so get that flu shot.

Plan ahead---November meeting will be our fall pot luck . So, ladies (and gents) get out those wonderful recipes.

Till next time, Snoopy



Dear Friends

*Please join us for a "Garage-Warming" party
to celebrate the completion of
406 Ward Street, Martinez
Sunday, October 10th from 1 to 4 pm*

Refreshments will be served

Please RSVP

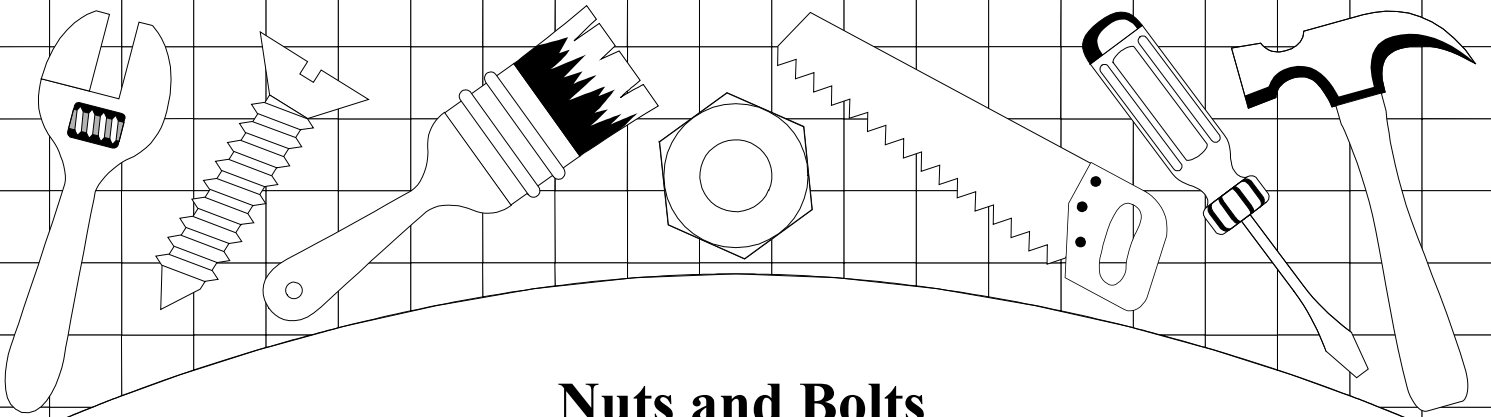
*Norman & Adria Schwartz
925-932-3477
nandaschwartz@comcast.net*

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING DINNER BEFORE OUR CLUB MEETINGS

Many of our members enjoy getting together for dinner before the Wednesday night meeting. Since the group has been getting larger and the restaurant is relatively small we thought we would give them the courtesy of a reservation so that they could set up the tables before we arrive. Beginning in September Mary Lou King will collect the reservations from members that would like to join the group for dinner. Please give her a call or email the day before if you wish to join us for dinner.

Place: EL AGAVERO (Mexican menu)
2071 Mountain Blvd
Montclair District (off Moraga Avenue)

Please call Mary Lou King at 510-537-3909 before 3 pm the day of the meeting
Or email Mary Lou by the day before at m.l.king@sbcglobal.net
Only call or email if you are coming.



Nuts and Bolts

Just a reminder - the nuts and bolts session will be held on October 2, 2010 at the Byl's house 129 Skyline Blvd. in Oakland - 9:00 to Noon . This is before the regular meeting not after as we normally do. Fred will show us his treasures and trash . This will include his cars and parts as well as his live steam items. This is one not to miss.

Tech Tip

Do you have a battery powered winch on your trailer? Has it ever failed you when you needed it the most because the battery was dead? Well then here is a helpful tip. Go down to your Trailer/RV store and buy yourself a Solar battery charger. Bolt it to your trailer and connect it to your battery. If kept in full sun the battery will always be ready when you need it. This arrangement works best on a closed trailer where it will be out of harms way on the roof. It will however also work on an open trailer if the charger is placed in a protected area.

September Car of the Month

The answer to the question last month -- who is that man in the photo ?
It's Bill Brommer on the day he entered the "T" in a Chicago restoration contest
in 1962 and earned a trophy for his efforts. Good job.

54TH ANNUAL HILLSBOROUGH 2010 – SEPT 12, 2010

Summer sun, and a beautiful day graced the 18th and 12th fairways of the Crystal Springs Golf and Country Club (Skyline Blvd at Highway 280 in Hillsborough) for the 54th Annual Hillsborough Concours, featuring almost 300 cars.

200 were on the Field for Judging in various SCCA Classes including Classic – Open, Classic – Closed and Classic European, plus Horseless Carriage, and various foreign and domestic classifications. 50 more cars were special display and the balance were in a “Car Corral” for those who wished to show their cars but not be judged.

The Marque Cars included the Ford Thunderbird of which 30 were on display for years from 1955 to 1965. These looked like a royal family, all lined up in their six separate classes. Alfa Romeo was the foreign marquee, and another 30 Alfa’s were on the field including some dating to the 1930’s.

This year featured a special “Corvette” group, as well as some 100 year old “Century Cars”, some of which came as far away as Los Angeles for the event. George and Elizabeth Knapp (Los Angeles) brought their delightful 1914 Petite Speciale was by far the most interesting of the cars, and had loads of nickel plate, even on the engine. George said it took a week to get the nickel polished, and this car was really a gem. Built in Los Angeles (five were built). This car should have gotten an award for CUTE.

A four door touring 1910 Warren Detroit owned by Dr. Norman Bitter from Fresno was on the field. Dr. Bitter and his wife have a beach cottage in Aptos, and drove in on Sunday for the event. He said that HCCA doesn’t have any information on the Warren Detroit, so it is a pretty rare car.

97 year old Milt Cavalli of Redwood City drove his 1915 Saxon Roadster to the event. During the day, Milt talked about its heritage and held “court” with numerous visitors who were glad to see Milt. As the event was winding down, Milt got up, crank started the engine, and drove home. Nice work Milt. Now that we know Milt, maybe some one can bring Milt to the BAHCC meetings. He’s older than his car.

Wayne and Lisa Weathers showed their 1914 Oldsmobile 54, and it looked great. Took a trophy. Eric and Christopher Lundquist showed a 1914 Ford C Cab, 1911 Ford Touring, and a 1916/1915 Overland Model 84 touring.

Next year the Concours has been moved to August 28th so as not to interfere with either the Packard meet, the Gatsby, or Kelly Park, all of which were major conflicts with this years date, which incidentally was the only date the golf course was available for in 2010. Next year, hopefully no conflicts, and many more Horseless Carriage Cars.

Those that attended thought the venue was the best ever, and want to come back.

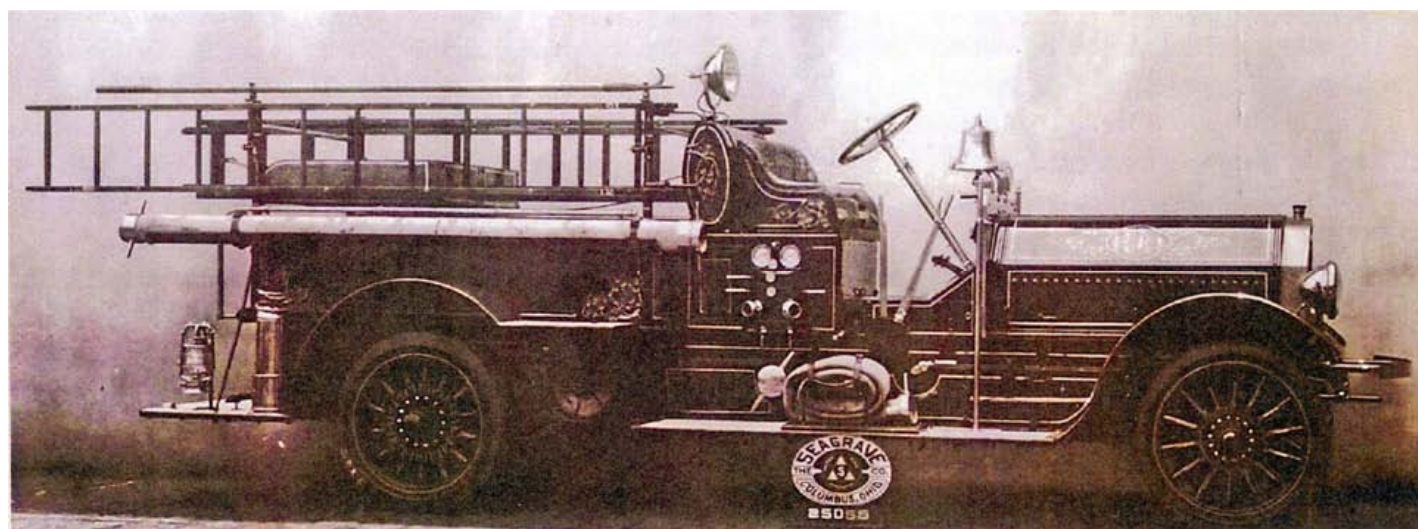
Submitted: Eric Lundquist



Calendar of Upcoming Events

October 2	Nuts’s and Bolt’s – Fred Byl
October 6	General Meeting – Piedmont 7:30 PM
October 10	Norman Schwart – Open House (see announcement)
November 5	Potluck Meeting – 6:30 PM
December 11	Holiday Party – Piedmont

New Address Information for Don and Pam Johnson
1818 Maiden Lane, Petaluma, CA 94954
Phone: 707-782-0229



Seagrave Model 66 fire engine, serial number 25055, as it left the factory for delivery to Livermore in 1920.

The 2010 Pumpkin Tour, Oct. 17, will aid in restoration of Seagrave

Lynn Kissel
Livermore, California

The Livermore Heritage Guild was so excited about our planned visit to the Duarte Garage that they asked us to linger a bit longer. Leveraging our visit during the Pumpkin Tour on Sunday, October 17, 2010, the LHG will invite the public to an open house to see our cars and request donations to help complete the restoration of a mighty 1920 Seagrave fire engine.

While period dress is optional, I suspect that it will be greatly admired by the people we meet at our two stops in Livermore. You should bring your own picnic lunch and beverage, planning something to share with others.

We will gather at 9 am at the Rudgear Road Park 'n Ride lot next to I-680 in Walnut Creek for coffee, donuts and sparkling conversation. Setting off about 9:30 am, we'll take the back roads to Livermore.

Our first extended stop will be to the pumpkin patch and corn maze at G&M Farms (487 E. Fairway Blvd.). We have been offered preferred parking directly in front of the pumpkin patch. This will be a busy day at the farm and I expect that the many families will want to talk with us and learn more about our unique cars and the historical perspective they represent.

At noon we will motor to the Duarte Garage & Lincoln Highway Museum (L St. and Portola Ave.) for a picnic lunch. The LHG operates this

1915 garage as a museum, built as a way station on the old Lincoln Highway, the first transcontinental US highway.

Leaving the Duarte Garage by 3 pm, our return route takes us through the charming downtowns of Pleasanton and Danville. The complete loop is about 60 miles with opportunities for shorter loops if desired.

(We abandoned an earlier plan to also take in the steam train at Sunol, choosing instead to linger a little longer at the Duarte Garage.)

Delivered to the City of Livermore in August, 1920, Seagrave fire engine #25055 fought major area fires through the mid-1950s. Since 2008 a dedicated crew has been involved in a complete, off-frame restoration of the vehicle,

Substantial progress has been made in the restoration effort and a first public starting of the engine in 50 years will be attempted for our visit.

Donations are being requested from the public to ensure completion of the Seagrave restoration. Will you join me and dig some folded portraits of dead presidents out of your pocket and put it in the donation jar during our visit?

I'm looking forward to seeing you on the 2010 Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club's Pumpkin Tour. I hope that you'll consider helping make my first planning effort for the club a success by sharing any comments on these plans (bahcc@starship.org, 925-294-8047) and, especially, joining me on the tour.



THE STORY OF JOHN AND CAROLEE'S 1913 CADILLAC

Prologue

I (John) was a Spanish teacher in Fairfield in the late '60s and my hobby was tennis. But it so happened that I befriended a fellow about that time who lived in Vallejo near me and had a 1921 Nash Touring that he had beautifully restored from a pile of rubble. I was fascinated, and soon he offered to introduce me to a guy in Sonoma who had for sale a collection of parts from a 1919 Hudson Touring. So up there we went and I ended up bringing it home. Over the next few years I disassembled what wasn't already disassembled, prepped and painted the frame, had the Babbitt and machine work done to the engine, and gathered more missing parts at swap meets.

Fast Forward

In 1971 I moved from Vallejo to Piedmont to work in the Piedmont school district, and of course filled up my new garage with Hudson parts. A couple of years later I met a student who said his dad was also an old car guy. Within a day his dad knocked on my door and introduced himself, Bud Lundell, a long-time member of the BAHCC. He checked out the Hudson project and said, "It will be just as much work to restore this as it would be to restore a pre '16 car."

I had no idea of the significance of that, but he explained that there was a club for pre '16 cars that had great people and activities, but that for a 1919 car there wasn't anything in place where you could have that much fun. He invited me come with him to BAHCC meetings, and soon afterwards he offered to let me drive his 1913 Cadillac in the upcoming 1978 Fourth of July Parade. I indeed did drive his

1913 Cadillac in that parade, and he drove his 1911 Imperial (a car currently owned by the Eric and Muriel Lundquist). After the parade a large crowd went to Bud's house for a party, and several hours and more than several beers later, Bud offered to sell me the Cadillac.

A deal was reached, and not too long afterward the Hudson project was sold to Gary Borges, who had a couple of other interesting Hudson super six projects also.

So the time flew by and I've been the steward of the Cadillac now for 32 years.

Some Earlier History of the Car

Through research over time I was able to find out that the car had been found in a junk yard outside of Reno in 1948 by a Harrah spotter, and it had subsequently passed through the hands of five other collectors, none of whom had done much to the car. Finally it was purchased by a man named Jordy Carlton, who was also a BAHCC member, and who in partnership with Owen Owens owned a wonderful old place on College Avenue in Oakland known as "The Garage".

The Garage was fixed up with great flair and was used to house both of their personal collections of antique cars, fire trucks, wooden boats, bone shaker bicycles, clocks, signs, and all sorts of other interesting old stuff, and the place was the scene of many casual parties and fancy social events. A few of our long-time members will remember them well. Perhaps Esther and others can elaborate at one of our meetings.

Jordy and Owen would hire various mechanics to work on their projects. Something was always going on at the Garage, and there were lots of cronies around. The Cadillac, however, wasn't really restored by any of them, but was worked on enough and was painted and upholstered such that it could be used on various Bay Area Tours during the late '60s. It should be noted that one of the good things that Jordy did was to have a 1914 Cadillac rear end put into the car. In 1914 a single year rear end was used on Cadillac's that was a two speed, the equivalent of an overdrive.

In 1970 Jordy, widely considered a Bay Area playboy, had finally married, and he and his new bride went with about two other couples on a charter boat

vacation in the Gulf of Mexico. When they didn't return on schedule, various relatives and friends went to Mexico and precipitated an investigation as best they could. The boat was found burned to the waterline and some clothes and other debris were found, but the crew and the passengers were never accounted for. Many believed it was the result of piracy, but some guessed it was an accident, such as a fire in the galley. This mystery was never solved.

Jordy and his wife had no children, and a nephew inherited his estate, including his collection. There was talk of creating a museum, something Jordy had stated in his trust, but this was seen as impractical and the trust was broken. Bud Lundell and another old car guy of the era, Bill Cross, had been very good friends of Jordy and had been very helpful to Jordy's nephew, so each of them was given first right of refusal to purchase the car of their choice at the appraised value prior to the auction. Bud bought the 1913 Cadillac, and Bill Cross bought the 1905 Cadillac (that being another article some time).

So I bought the car from Bud in 1978 and started fixing it up and having things done to it little by little. You know how that goes; after many years and more than a few dollars, it was finally restored. Carolee and I have used it on numerous BAHCC and national tours and also in two of our children's weddings.

WHERE IS IT NOW?

Unless you've been to our garage in the not-too-distant past, you probably haven't seen it in about five years now. But it is in there, waiting patiently to have a cracked head repaired or replaced, and hopefully it will venture back out on the road before too much longer.



John Morrison, Skip Carpenter,
Don RisingCoos Bay National Tour

Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club
Minutes of General Meeting
Wednesday, September 1, 2010

The meeting opened at 7:50 P.M.

Officers present:

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

Committee Chairs:

Tour and Authenticity, E. Archer
Membership, B. Brommer

Visitors present:

Gary Bs friend Kate was welcomed as a guest.

Secretaries Minutes:

Approved as published with the following exceptions. Don Azevedo, proof reader extraordinaire, found the hidden typo of the month, a measly 1 placed in front of the 88 for the price of club jackets. Way to go Don. So much for this new way of increasing club revenue.

Treasurers Report: (Dave Pava)

Current Balance Sheet and P&L were made available and placed on file..

BOD Meetings:

Aug 18 at Brommer's in Castro Valley and Sep 15 at Haist's in Orinda

VP Report: (Johnny Crowell) No report.

Nuts & Bolts / Membership: (Bill Brommer)

The next N&B event will be held at the home of Fred and Nancy Byl, 12961 Skyline Blvd, Oakland on Saturday, October 2, 9 to 12:00. Items of interest will include a 1.5:12 scale steam engine.

Authenticity: (Ed Archer) No Report

Tours: Past / Future (Ed Archer)

Sep 12, History Park

Sep 12 Hillsborough Concourse D'Elegance 2011 the BAHCC will be hosting the Spring Tour. Open to suggestions. Committee to be formed. Volunteers for tour committee please stand up.

Lynn Kissel presented his plans for a most interesting Pumpkin Tour in October. This will include a lunch stop at the Duarte Garage. Joe S moved the club make a \$100 donation to their current fire engine restoration project. Ideas for a November holiday tour are requested.

Norman announced an open house at his new museum / garage in Martinez on Oct 10, 1 to 4:00 p.m.

Birthdays and Anniversaries were announced and Alice A received a special happy birthday wish form all.

Gazette:

Muriel thanked those who have contributed and appealed to those who haven't for future submissions.

Hospitality:

A big thank you goes to the "Back Row Boys" (Charles, Doug, Bill, Et Al)

Communications: (Kaaren Brommer) None

Old Business: Dues for 2011 will be \$35.00

New Business:

A request was made for sign ups to assist Carolee for the holiday party to be held on 12/11/10, Saturday.

Meeting closed at 8:40P.M. Moved by Erika, Doug's "sure" was taken as a second..

Respectfully submitted by Whitney Haist, Secretary

Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club

Minutes of Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Meeting opened at 7:40P.M at Haist residence, Orinda, CA

Officers present:

President, K. Brommer
Chairman D. Johnson
Treasurer, D. Pava
Secretary, W. Haist

Committee Chairs:

Membership, Bill Brommer

Secretaries Minutes:

Read by Secretary Haist and Approved without changes.

Treasurers Report: (Dave Pava)

I&E as of 9/15 was submitted by Treasurer Pava for the record. Report accepted and approved. It was recommended that the club sell the tent and generator previously used at the swap meet and no longer necessary.

Chairman's Report (Don Johnson) No report

VP Report: (Johnny Crowell) None

Nuts & Bolts / Membership: (Bill Brommer)

Oct N&B event will be at the Byl residence...
Details in Gen Meeting report.

Authenticity & Tours: (Ed Archer as reported by Karren)

As recorded in Gen Meeting Minutes 9/1.

Communications: (Kaaren Brommer) None

Old Business:

Web site needs further attention. Erika has a person that may be able to handle this.

The Spring Blossom Tour upcoming in 2011. Kaaren will establish a committee and chairman.

New Business:

Board positions to change. Possible new members please raise your hand at Oct meeting.

Meeting closed at 9:20P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Whitney Haist, Secretary

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

CROWELL	Henrietta	10/1
BYL	Fred	10/3
LAGORIO	James	10/6
HOLTHAUS	Barbara	10/7
CROWELL	Wes	10/11
SILVEIRA	J W	10/17
NELSON	Bill	10/21
SOWELL	Ruth	10/21
GREEN	Ellen	10/23
MACCALLEN	Anna	10/26
CALDEIRA	Kay	10/28
FRANCIES	Joyce	10/30



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

FORBES Frank Lynn Oct. 2, 2008



We celebrated Alice's birthday with a special cake just for her at our September meeting.

BAY AREA
HORSELESS CARRIAGE CLUB
C/O 1384 Rollins Road
Burlingame, CA 94010



CALIFORNIA
BAY AREA

