



*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

**WEBSITE:** www.BAHCC.org

**EDITORS NOTES:**

Our club is showing it's enthusiasm about recent issues with our budget management and this can be very healthy. Remember to send back your questionnaire to Kaaren Brommer so that we can be sure to have your comments included in any club decisions by the board.

I am very pleased to announce that again this year the HCCA at their annual meeting in Florida awarded our Gazette a first place plaque. The Boyden's attended and picked up the plaque for our club. Thank you to the Boyden's for representing us!

Remember our Pot Luck Dinner is this next meeting and also the Auction. Ladies and Gents both need to help out by bringing items. This is a great money maker for the club. The Mendocino Tour committee traveled the routes in the Willits, etc area and have a great tour planned. Be sure to sign up if you have not done so already.

News and articles should be to the editor by the 22nd of the month. Thank you to all that contributed to this issue.



*From the West Wing  
of the work shop.*

It has been said that March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb. So was the case with the BAHCC. The lions' were certainly growling at the General Meeting on March 2.

What started out as a question about spending some money, erupted into a spirited debate about the treasury, accounting, budgets, and austerity. When the smoke cleared, it was agreed that the Board would study the issue, take suggestions from members and recommend some changes and policies to save some money and attempt to balance the budget.

During the month, the work continued with emails, phone calls and a Board Meeting at Lynn Kissel's garage and shop in Livermore. Annie, Bugsby, Penny, Ginger and Moleka, the residents there welcomed the Board. This is a very cool place, particularly so on that wintery Wednesday night. What was lacking in British Thermal Units was made up for by heated discussion and the friction generated by the contact of dissimilar opinions. The results of nearly one hundred and fifty minutes (I counted every one) of this, by now, has appeared in your mail box so YOU can decide! Read this carefully and return the questionnaire to Kaaren, asap..

March 20 was the first day of spring and was to be a wonderful tour of southern Marin County carefully planned by Johnny and Christine Crowell. It rained! And the annual Green Brass tour was tarnished and the brass cars stayed home. Twenty some had signed up! Let's hope Johnny and Christine or someone else can reschedule this for another day.

Come to the April meeting! This meeting will include the annual pot luck dinner and auction. I can assure you that there will be no discussion of the treasury, accounting, budgets, and austerity at this meeting. You will be able to enjoy your dinner without fear of indigestion or other stress related gastrointestinal issues. By the May meeting the Board will have a simple, common sense approach to the business issues of the club.

Back to the lion and the lamb in March. In terms of weather. I haven't seen any sign of the lamb yet. What's up with this weather?

Happy motoring and remember, don't drive any faster than your guardian angel can fly!

Whitney Haist  
Prez



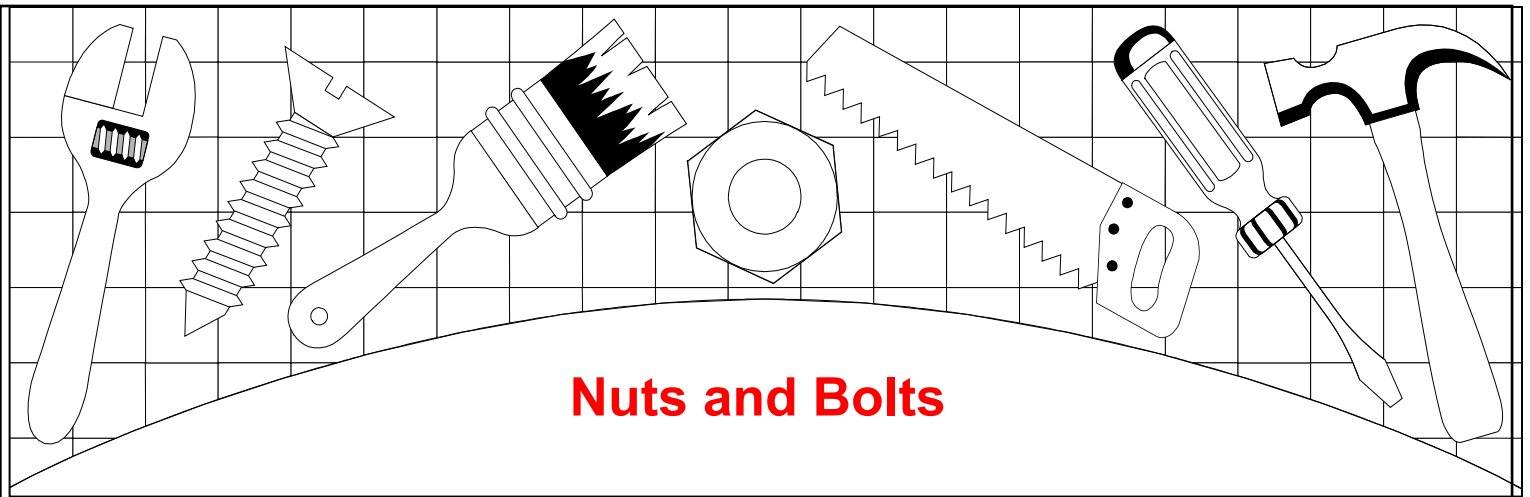
**BIRTHDAYS**

<b>SCHWARTZ</b>	Adria	4/3
<b>NICOLAUS</b>	Stan	4/4
<b>MCEACHERN</b>	Dan	4/5
<b>STONER</b>	Dave	4/6
<b>ROSEN</b>	Louise	4/6
<b>ANINO</b>	Joe	4/9
<b>HOLTHAUS</b>	Don	4/11
<b>LUNDQUIST</b>	Muriel	4/11
<b>SHERMAN</b>	George	4/12
<b>ZIMMERMAN</b>	Chet	4/15
<b>KOPMAN</b>	Erika	4/18

<b>PAVA</b>	Patricia	4/19
<b>MORRIS</b>	Judy	4/21
<b>AZEVEDO</b>	Don	4/27
<b>FORBES</b>	Lynn	4/29

**ANNIVERSARIES**

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



## Nuts and Bolts

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 9 - 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon when we again visit Mark Cerruti and view his car collection. Let's see what progress he has made since last time. He even promises to fire up one or more of his antique cars. So join us for coffee, doughnuts and tire kicking. Also bring any projects you are working on. Questions ??? We have plenty of answers - just ask us! We are here to help. The session will be held at "Mark's Museum" - 256 La Questa Drive, Danville, CA. (925-831-0883)

## Shhhhhhhhh!!!!

Its a surprise shower for our newest (and youngest) members, Mike Lawrence and bride to be Renee. They will tie the knot in July.

When: At the April Pot Luck.

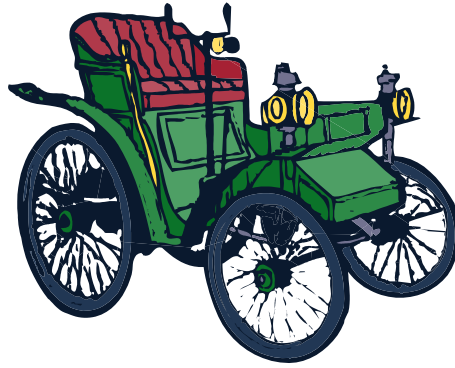
After the meeting while we have our dessert and get started on the auction, the gals that want to participate (your choice) in the shower, can be at the back of the room, while Renee opens her gifts. When she is done, we will rejoin the auction. They are registered at Macy's & Crate& Barrel. Sound Good ??? Please join us if you wish to.

Maybe some of the guys would like to shower Mike with auto related or with marriage joke gift

Any questions call Chris 925-963-5835 Or Esther 925-846-8512

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Most of all don't forget to dig around and find some treasures for the auction. Remember Your NO longer needed "junk" may be some one else's "Can't do without" Also this is a fun time, so bring you fat wallets and join in and support the club. Don and Ed will, as usual, be our auctioneers and keep things moving along.



# **POTLUCK DINNER and AUCTION**

**(Gentlemen try to bring at least one auction item and Ladies bring items that the ladies might want to bid for also. Let's have fun while helping out the club treasury!)**

**April 6, 2011**

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

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

## **FOOD INSTRUCTIONS:**

**MAIN DISH ---- A-G**

**SALAD----- H-O**

**DESSERT----- P-Z**

**The Club supplies the coffee/tea, soft drinks and Ham.**

**Secret chefs will prepare the Ham.**

**Please bring your own dishes, table service, glassware and decorations.**

**Remember to wear you name tags!**

## BAHCC Member Biography

### David Pava



I am one of those rare individuals who was born in San Francisco, although I spent most of my childhood years growing up in Westlake, which is just south of the city. The homes there

were new at the time and we lived 100 yards from - and 200 yards above - the beach in Daly City. Those of you who know the Bay Area realize this is a place where the sun never shines - except the day after school starts in September. That explains why I moved to the East Bay 40 years ago.

I am not sure when my interest in antique cars started, but it was certainly at a very young age. I can recall studying detailed mechanical drawings of Model T Fords in a very old encyclopedia we had around the house when I was a child. In grammar school I became very familiar with every library book in the Dewey Decimal 629 classification. As a teen, I paid particular attention to the Model T parts that were advertised in the Sears and J.C. Whitney catalogs and dreamed of owning an old car. Occasionally, my dad would take my three younger brothers and me to a local concourse - that was always a great treat.

In high school I bought my first (and first antique) car - a 1937 Plymouth 4 door sedan. It was 30 years old at the time. I recall paying \$60 for it. A week earlier I had looked at a nice 12 cylinder Cadillac Fleetwood of similar vintage; the owner wanted \$400 for it which was out of my price range. I think that car is a six figure car today. The first "long" road trip I took by myself after I got my drivers license was to Reno to see the old Harrah's car collection.

I have owned an antique car continuously since that time, except when I was in the Coast Guard (avoiding Vietnam). The '37 Plymouth was replaced with a '29 Dodge Coupe. The Dodge was sold so I could purchase a 1927 Model T Roadster. In 1972 I joined the BAHCC right after purchasing a 1914 Ford Touring. I owned it for about 10 years and estimate I drove it at least 20,000 miles without difficulty. That car is now in San Jose - I saw it at History Park two

years ago. Desiring a bigger brass car I next bought a 1913 Buick Model 25. I had it for over ten years and found it to be extremely dependable. I also acquired a 1929 Ford Phaeton when I owned the Buick. I sold the Buick and traded the Model A as a partial payment to purchase the 1912 Cadillac which I owned for about 10 years until recently. I replaced it with the 1909 Model T and the low mileage original 1936 Packard Touring Sedan that we now own.

Two years ago I started building a 1913 Model T Speedster from parts. I completed that in about a year. These three cars are now stuffed into my two car garage / shop. Several months ago - in partnership with Norm Schwartz - we bought a 1903 Curved Dash Oldsmobile, which is now undergoing restoration.

It is hard to believe I have been a member of the BAHCC for 39 years and served on the Board more than half that time, twice as President and for the most part as Treasurer. In addition to my active participation with the BAHCC - I am also on the Board of the Northern CA Packards and am serving my second term as their Director (Chapter President). My other interests include cooking, gardening and until recently, flying. I learned to fly when I was 16 and earned a commercial pilot and flight instructors license by the time I was 19, thinking I would fly professionally. My eyesight got in the way of that. I gave up flying about a year ago - because I was not doing enough to stay current and in my judgment, safe.

Professionally, I am Vice President of Sales and Marketing for an IBM Business Partner that specializes in developing gift registry software applications for retailers. If you have used a wedding, baby or gift registry there is a good chance you used software I sold! I have an MBA in Business Administration from St. Mary's in Moraga and in addition to my full-time job I have taught business courses part-time for the last 13 years at several Bay Area Universities.

Patricia and I have been married 14 years and we have 6 wonderful children, three each by prior marriages. She was born in London, grew up in Canada and then Ohio. We are very fortunate all our children are doing well in their respective careers. We also have 4 young grandchildren who you are likely to see more of on tour in the future.



# BAKERSFIELD

## 20TH NATIONAL SWAP MEET

**APRIL 14-15-16**

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**TOUR REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 1**

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**TOURS:** Thursday – April 14

- Small Car Tour (Meet 8:30 am at Beach Park)
- Large Car/Motorcycle Tour

**SWAP MEET:** Friday – April 15

- 6:00 am vendors only
- 7:00 am Gates Open
- General Admission \$5.00
- Pre WWII Cars • Parts • Automobilia • Clothes
- Early Breakfast by Teen Challenge

**HONORING  
JERRY &  
JOYCE  
CHASE**

- 2:00 pm Short Tour / All Vehicles
- 5:00 Dinner on the Grass: BBQ Chicken, Fairgrounds
- 6:00 Live Auction – Fairgrounds / Didn't sell you car? Put it in the Auction.  
Must have title, reserve ok. 3% buyer fee only. Benefit for McPherson College.

**WEAR YOUR WESTERN DUDS!** Saturday – April 16

- 7:00 a.m. Gates Open
- Early Breakfast by Teen Challenge
- 10:30 Women's Seminar. Everyone bring one or more items that you made, collect or inherited. Display tables provided
- 11:30 Jerry Chase - All About Pope
- 12:30 Filet Mignon BBQ - Hot off the Grill!

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**TOUR REGISTRATION**

**COST: \$85.00 per person (includes Thur. Fri Lunch and Fri. Sat Dinner)  
\$100 AFTER APRIL 1ST**

# OF PERSONS: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BAKERSFIELD 2011**  
c/o Gil Klecan, 2966 N. Arroyo Drive, San Diego, CA 92103  
Phone: 619/925-1414

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

VEHICLE MAKE: \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

SMALL TOUR \_\_\_\_\_ LARGE TOUR \_\_\_\_\_

**SWAP MEET REGISTRATION**

**COST: \$40.00 per space (15'x30') (Vehicles over 30' require 2 spaces)**

**\$50 AFTER APRIL 1ST — ALL VEHICLES MUST BE PARKED IN SPACES**

# OF SPACES: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

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## *Seabiscuit*

In May, Fred and Nancy Byl are sponsoring the BAHCC “Mendocino Tour”. Part of their trip includes a tour of “Ridgewood”, a ranch about 5 miles South of Willits, that had been the retirement home for “Seabiscuit”, a race horse owned by Charles Howard of Burlingame.

“Seabiscuit’s” race career spanned 1933-1938, at which time he retired to “Ridgewood Ranch”. “Seabiscuit” was considered the most “winning” race horse in history and his life (and Howard’s) is chronicled in the book “Seabiscuit”, and two movies, the most recent one with Jeff Bridges. I read the book first, and was glad that I had done it in that order. The book was available on Kindle for \$9.95. Easy reading.

The book starts with Charles Howard’s in the early 1900’s having just left the army, and opening a bicycle shop in San Francisco, but quickly turned to “fixing automobiles”. Through a relationship with “Capo” Durant, President of General Motors, Howard became the Buick dealer in San Francisco. Until 1906, automobiles were considered a novelty, and at the time of the 1906 Earthquake, Howard had several unsold Buicks in his showroom. After the earthquake, they became “the accepted mode of transportation”

In the late 1900’s, cars improved, and so Howard’s relationship with “Cappo” Durant, President of General Motors. This relationship and Howards sales abilities would make Howard the largest Buick dealers in the country. One out of every 10 Buick’s sold, were sold by one of Howards dealerships.

Howard spent his time both in San Francisco, and also at his ranch in Willits, CA about 180 miles North. The death of his youngest son in 1926 left Howard despondent, his wife divorced him, and he headed for the horse races in Tijuana. He became an avid fan, and desiring to be in the horseracing business, hired trainer, Smith and a jockey, “Red” Pollard.

While travelling in the East, Smith purchased out a small 2 year old Arabian stallion, “Seabiscuit” for \$2000. The former owners had no luck with the horse, and were glad to see him sold. Smith, who had

his own “horse speak”, spent months training the horse, and although “Seabiscuit” was considered a long shot, he quickly became a “legend”.

The fame of the horse on the West Coast, was recognized in the East Coast, and the horse was shipped in a special rail road car, back and forth across the country several times, to challenge an East Coast horse, “Man of War”, that was considered “best in the nation”.

Eventually, “Seabiscuit” and “Man of War” raced one on one at Pimlico Track in New Jersey, and to everyones surprise “Seabiscuit” won. The purse was \$100,000, an unheard amount at that time. Sea Biscuit continued to win other races, and eventually retired in 1939, as the “winningness” horse in history, with earnings about \$500,000 for the horse Howard had paid \$2000.

The book provides a great picture of horse racing, its owners, trainers and jockeys, and the collusion, and schemes that are used to win races. One unfamiliar with horses when starting the book, will have a much better appreciation as to these animals as you read through the book.

Subsequently, we rented the movie “Seabiscuit”, starring Jeff Bridges, and found it to be beautifully done. Scenery was excellent, and the movie followed the book closely. The horse riding and jockey scenes were excellent, and as some of the filming was done in Willits, and this is going to be an interesting place to visit.

The film “Seabiscuit” will be shown at the motel prior to the visit to Ranchwood.

Eric Lundquist







The Summer Trunk

These fashions come from McCall's Magazine, March 1913.



5113

No. 5113, Ladies' Waist is shown in light blue satin. The collar, front insert and girdle are plain blue satin; the revers and cuffs white satin, while for the yoke white shadow lace was chosen.

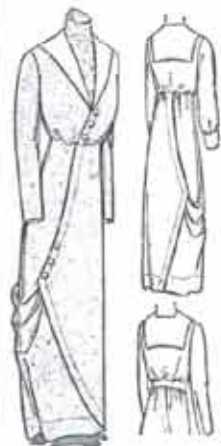


5123

No. 5123, Ladies' Tunic or Simulated Tunic Skirt is matching light blue satin with tunic drapery of satin brocade in large floral figure dropping low over a satin foundation of plain surface. The arrangement of the drapery is an attractive feature,

falling, as it does, in cascades over the hips from waist to tunic hem. Another arrangement of the drapery is shown in the small view.

No. 5143, Ladies' Coat is combined with No. 5144 Ladies' Skirt to present a clean appearance. The cutaway lines proves a boon to women of the slender type, as well as to those of large dimensions. Broadcloth was the chosen material, but velour, ratine and satin are also suitable. The coat has an inserted vest of blue Turkish toweling, to which is attached a sailor collar. It may, however, be fashioned without the vest, in which event the collar is made on the coat, as shown in the small view. The skirt was also developed in brown broadcloth; the inset section in front is of the same Turkish toweling matching the vest and cuffs of the jacket. The center-back has inset pleats at the hem, thus permitting freedom of movement. Agaric, linen and charmeuse are other suitable fabrics for this model.



5137

No. 5137, Ladies' Dress is shown in a tan shade of panama cloth, with pink satin used for the collar, cuffs and belt. The chemisette is of allover lace. Tan satin motifs form an effective trimming of the lower side closing of the skirt. The drapery on the right has fullness arranged in deep folds across the side. The draped effect is no longer slightly full, but ample quantities of material appear at one side or both, caught into the back or front of the skirt. All the fullness, however, lies between the hips and just below the knee. The lines of the skirt are slender about the ankles.



5143



5144



SMART COSTUMES IN THE LATEST MODE

Thanks always to Joy Ledford for this source material!

from the LaJolla Regional Group CAP SHEET

# ***VALENTINE TOUR PICTURES***

Club members enjoyed the day with a great lunch at Mexico Lindo in Pleasanton and tour of the area. The write-up for this Sweetheart Brunch and Tour on February 13th was in last months newsletter, however these pictures came in after press time and we thought you would still enjoy seeing them. Thanks again for the great tour Esther and Joe.



# CLUB NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are sorry to report the passing of Jack Kopp on March 3, 2011. Jack died peacefully in his home in San Martin. He was born in Los Gatos, and moved to Santa Clara as a teen where he spent the majority of his life. He lived out his last years in San Martin. A craftsman and carpenter by trade he always found joy in his antique automobiles. He was a proud member of the Horseless Carriage Club of America, having been one of the original members of the Santa Clara Valley Club and a member of the Bay Area club as well.

He is pictured above on the Solidad tour in 2005 with his travel mate Betty. We will miss his enthusiasm and wonderful smile.

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IT'S A BOY!

Kingston Myers Kopman  
4:43am March 29th 2011  
6 pounds 9 oz - 19 1/2" long

## Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club Tour Calendar For 2011

*April		
April 14-16	Bakersfield Swap Meet	
April	1&2 Cyl. Tour (2010 21-24)	
May 21-22	Maker Fair, San Mateo Expo Center	Erika Kopman
May 12 -15	Bay Area Spring Tour	Fred and Nancy Byl
*June	Tour & Picnic ?	
June 11-12	SCVMTCF Endurance Run and Lowland Tour	
June 26	Palo Alto Concours	Lynn Kissel
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Independence Day Parade Piedmont	John Morrison
*July		
July 26-29	HCCA National Tour Oregon City, Oregon	
August 13?	Alameda Tour	Durein, Casssidy and Ebers
August 28	Hillsborough Concours	Eric Lundquist
September 11	Autos in History Park, San Jose	John Morrison
September	Silver State Tour (2010 19-21)	
October 5-8	Hershey Swap Meet	
*October	Pumpkin Tour	
*November	Holiday Tour	
December	Christmas Party	

\*Need a volunteer to plan an event for this date.

Please call me, Ed Archer 510 581 4911 or email karened4@att.net

Kent Keyser  
25300 Quail Ridge Road  
Los Gatos, CA 95033

March 15, 2011

Dear Friends and Family

On June 5, 2011, in Lake Tahoe, CA, I'm going to ride a Century event, 100 miles, for the 5th time as part of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) Team In Training program. As part of the Team In Training staff, I am committing my time to helping a group of energetic people train for this endurance event, to support each other, and raise money for the medical research to cure this disease. I'm proud to be part of this organization. I have made a commitment to train these participants for five months, to help them raise money for the LLS, and to help them achieve their personal goal of finishing this endurance event.

LLS's goal is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma. Leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and myeloma are cancers that interfere with the production of blood cells. This year, hundreds of thousands of Americans will contract one of these diseases, and many will die. But there is also good news. Researchers are making progress. New treatments have helped many patients stay alive and healthy. 25 years ago, only 5% of children with leukemia survived. Now it's closer to 90%.

So, here I am, seizing the opportunity to contribute my time to a most worthwhile cause. I'm hoping you will be able to help me with this goal! Your encouragement and positive reinforcement will go a long way to helping me complete my goal of coaching the



te am participants this year. Your financial support will not only help save the lives of those afflicted with blood-related cancers, but make their lives more comfortable and manageable while they are fighting - and winning against - the disease. Consider also that many of the strides that are made toward curing blood-related cancers translate into making a difference in fighting all types of cancer.

Now that you are inspired to help me take up and complete this tremendous cause, please feel free to share this letter with anyone who might be inclined to help. Every contribution of any size will have an impact, will be acknowledged personally by me, and will be appreciated by so very many. Whether it is your coffee money for the week or the amount you would pay NOT to do this ride, PLEASE complete the attached form and return it along with your contribution in the self - addressed/ stamped envelope. Alternatively, you can simply direct your browser to the internet link below and you will be directed to my personal web page <http://pages.teamintraining.org/sj/ambbr11/kkeyser> where you can make a secure donation online. Your contribution is 100% tax deductible.

I know that the act of giving to something you believe in creates more abundance in your own life, so I hope your gift of support to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's mission of funding blood cancer research and providing education and patient services brings you much fulfillment.

Thank you for taking the time to read my request.

With sincerest regards,  
Kent

Yes, I'll help Kent raise the money for LLS to fight cancer!!!!

PLEASE complete this form - return to ME with your contribution(s) in the enclosed self-addressed and stamped envelope!

\*You can also donate online by going to:

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"THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT"

# Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club

## Minutes of Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 16, 2011

Meeting opened at 7:27 p.m. at the Kissel Car Collection in Livermore, California.

**Officers Present:** Board Chair, Kaaren Brommer, President, Whitney Haist, Vice President, Lynn Kissel, Secretary, Mark Cerruti, Treasurer, David Pava.

**Member Present:** Bill Brommer.

President Haist asked for a motion to approve the January Board Meeting minutes. Kaaren Brommer made a motion and Lynn Kissel seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer David Pava handed-out copies of the latest Profit & Loss statement for the club. Dave went through the form line-by-line with the group.

**Board Chair Report:** None.

**Vice Presidential Report:** VP Lynn Kissel reported that he has 4 or 5 cars signed-up for the GoodGuys show in June. Lynn also reported that he had discussed the cost of the Gazette with Editor, Muriel Lundquist. Muriel gave Lynn a cost break-down for the Gazette from printing, to mailing. After doing some independent research, Lynn has determined that Muriel is giving us much more than we're paying for. Not counting the many hours of time she puts into the project every month! Dave Pava remarked that "The Gazette is the glue that holds the Club together."

**Membership Report:** Bill Brommer reported that we have no new members. Bill did mention that there is a "Nuts & Bolts" scheduled for next month on April 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Cerruti Garage.

**Tours & Authenticity:** President Haist had spoken to Tour Chair Ed Archer earlier in the day. Ed had nothing new to report regarding tours. However, the Marin tour scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup> may be in jeopardy due to poor weather conditions.

**New Business:** None.

**Old Business:** It was decided before the meeting was called to order that the *hot topic* of the club's finances would be saved for last! President Haist stated the resolution passed on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the General Meeting. 1. "Membership shall submit ideas in writing to the Board within the next two weeks." 2. "Board shall consider members input and present a plan of action at the April General Meeting." The Board received a total of 4 responses in writing via email.

In addition, Whitney relayed a fifth response to the group he had received via telephone. The Board reviewed the suggestions made by members and a debate was opened on the financial future of the club. The debate was similar to the one at the March General Meeting, at least as passionate, but on a much smaller scale.

Two camps quickly emerged from the discussion as to the proper path to take to meet our shared goal of securing the club's financial future. One camp (aka camp "A"), was convinced that the best way to proceed would be to poll the entire membership via a questionnaire. This would provide raw data enabling the Board to make a decision that could be backed-up with documentation. The other camp (aka camp "B"), was adamantly against the questionnaire stating that the results would be flawed and would unwittingly force the general membership into camps. Rather, the Board should come up with a rough plan and present our recommendations to the membership at the next General Meeting.

The discussion continued and many cost-cutting measures were explored.

One member handed-out excerpts from the State's Tax Code outlining how we can and cannot spend our money. Another member thinks that we are making a "mountain-out-of-a-molehill." All Board members agreed that a two-tiered dues system will be necessary in the near future, but how much more members will pay to receive the Gazette via regular mail could not be agreed upon. However, it was decided that in the future, all irregular expenses over \$50, such as get-well flowers, donations and one-day tour doughnuts, will require pre-approval by the Board. Members also agreed that a goal in the future must be for club events to pay for themselves, but very popular and traditional events such as the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic and the Holiday Party may continue to receive subsidies.

The discussion moved back to the topic of the questionnaire. Camp "A" was confident that the questionnaire will remove the "politics" from this issue and give us a clear road map of how to proceed. Camp "B" was sure that the questionnaire will have "unintended consequences" and cause more problems than it resolves. By a narrow margin, the production and mailing of the questionnaire was approved.

A motion was made by Kaaren Brommer to close the meeting. Bill Brommer seconded the motion. The meeting closed at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Cerruti, Secretary

# Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club

## Minutes of General Meeting

### Wednesday, March 2, 2011

Meeting opened at 7:32 p.m.

**Officers Present:** Board Chair, Kaaren Brommer, President, Whitney Haist, Vice President, Lynn Kissel, Secretary, Mark Cerruti and Treasurer, David Pava.

President Haist asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Kaaren Brommer made a motion and Erika Kopman seconded. The minutes were approved.

**Treasures Report:** Treasurer David Pava reported that club assets are still on the decline. Dave said he moved the club's assets to a new Bank in an effort to save money.

The first topic of discussion introduced by President Haist was management of the club's assets. Several members have commented to Whitney that the club has excessive assets and that we should consider reducing our account balance. Whitney outlined one plan to reward active members who attend at least 9 General Meetings a year with a free ticket to the Holiday Party.

Treasurer Dave Pava objected to the notion of any additional spending. His Income and Expense Analysis (copies of which were distributed to those in attendance), shows that the club is currently spending around \$106 a year per member and collecting only \$35 per member in yearly dues. Dave added that since the loss of the swap meet a few years ago, the financial dynamics of the club have changed dramatically. . . . At this point, a very loud, heated and sometimes acrimonious debate erupted.

The accuracy of the Treasurer's analysis was questioned; the Treasurer, however, assured everyone that the numbers in his report are absolutely correct and he has supporting documentation. The Treasurer explained that his report is a simplified "big picture" analysis. Lynn Kissel emphasized the need to cut spending. Many members agreed that the club needs to make thoughtful, long-term changes in how its finances are managed. The Board was challenged to come up with a 2 to 3 year plan, taking into consideration members' input. Members made the following suggestions:

- Everything the club does should be self-sustaining. The account balance should be maintained as a back-stop for short-falls of major events. The group debated the amount needed in the account as a back-stop.
- The printing and mailing of the Gazette should be phased-out and a moderate raise in dues should be considered.
- The Club should list and prioritized all of its expenses as well as its subsidized events.
- Members should be allowed time to make suggestions to the Board, which should be made anonymously to avoid hostilities; debate occurred over whether non-active members should be given the opportunity to provide comments.
- The cost of the Gazette came up frequently during the debate.
- A two-tier dues schedule had some support. Some members said they would prefer to receive a hard copy of the Gazette and would pay a little more in dues for the privilege.

Ben Kopman summarized a resolution: 1. Membership shall submit ideas in writing to the Board within the next two weeks. 2. Board shall consider members' input and present a plan of action at the April General Meeting. Tony Wollesen made a motion to approve the resolution. Walter Sowell seconded the motion. The resolution was approved.

**Board Chair Report:** Kaaren Brommer had nothing to report.

**Vice Presidential Report:** VP Lynn Kissel reported that a man in South Dakota had recently passed away and has left behind a car collection that is to be auctioned. Among the cars in the collection are two Kissels! Lynn was able to convince his wife Jeanne that they need *one more* Kissel, but decided that he didn't want anymore projects. - - - Lynn handed out flyers for the upcoming GoodGuys event in Pleasanton and reminded members that entry for your car is free. Lynn urged members to sign-up and to bring their car to the show and added that the GoodGuys are going out of their

way to accommodate us. Additionally, he said it will be a great opportunity to expose our cars to the many young people that will be at the event. Tony Wollesen observed that people who attend the GoodGuys may look like a bunch of hot-rodders, but are real "car people." Dave Pava reported that the Packard club participated in last year's event with great success.

**Gazette Report:** Gazette Editor Muriel Lundquist, in an effort to save the club money on postage, handed-out Club Rosters to those present. She will mail rosters to members not present.

**Membership Report:** Bill Brommer reported that there are no new members nor is there a "Nuts & Bolts" scheduled for March. Bill reported that he got his old Cadillac running and thanked members for their help with the car last month. He explained there was a problem with the carburetor.

**Sunshine Report:** "Nothing to report." said Doug Durein.

**Tours & Authenticity:** Tour Chair, Ed Archer asked for a review of the recent Valentine's brunch and tour. Lynn Kissel said the event was very enjoyable. He relayed the story of the missing hub bolts on the rear wheel on the Sernach's Patterson, which, with the help of members, was back on the road in and hour or so. Ed had a "most amazing story" to tell about one of the lenses on his Locomobile. While driving several years ago, a lens simply fell off one of the lights on the old car. Luckily, it did not break. During the Valentine's tour, the same hundred-year-old lens fell off the car, hit the pavement, but once again, miraculously did not break! - - - Johnny Crowell reported on the upcoming Green Brass Tour on March 20th. Johnny ran through the tour itinerary and emphasized that it will be a relatively low-mileage tour, with the stunning scenery as the main attraction. Johnny's wife Christine is trying to set up a docent-led tour of the Nike Missile Site. - - - April 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> will be the Bakersfield swap meet. - - - Nancy Byl reported that 8 cars have signed up for the May Mendocino Tour and thought she would need at least four more cars to "make it work." - - - Erika Kopman has submitted an application, on behalf of the club for the Maker's Faire on May 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. - - - Ed Archer added that besides the GoodGuys, we don't have a tour for June and asked for a volunteer to organize an event. Ed concluded his report by mentioning that he had received a call from Doug Ogden, who is interested in hosting a tour for October.

**Website Report:** Erika Kopman reported that the latest issue of the Gazette is available on the site and in general, the website is working well.

In addition to the Brommer's Cadillac, Tony Wollesen has learned of another 1 cylinder Cadillac that is running again. John Morrison reported that after 5 years, and with the help from members, he has gotten his Cadillac running! John said now with the carburetor and the water pump fixed, the car starts on the first or second pull.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Don Azevedo showed the group a tiny tracking device. The device can track an automobile in real-time, keep a record of where the car's been and can be hidden virtually anywhere on a car. Joyce Azevedo said she works for a company that uses similar devices to track their fleet of vehicles and offered to arrange a presentation for the group. She added that they're great for spying on employees! Tony Wollesen noted that he has a friend in high-tech security that uses devices that are even smaller. The Azevedo's EMF is still missing.

**Communications:** Dave Pava relayed a thank you note from the Livermore Heritage Guild for our participation in their event last year. - - - Also, the Foundation that received donations from members to honor the memory of George Azevedo, sent a thank you note to the club. - - - The Early Ford V-8 club is sponsoring a swap meet in Hayward. - - - Dave Pava had his speedster pin-striped by a man in Livermore named Herb Martinez. Dave said Herb did a great job for around \$600. - - - Doug King found an old copy of the club's By-laws from the 1950's and offered it to the curious.

President Haist reminded members that the April meeting will be a Pot-luck dinner and asked members to bring high quality junk for our annual auction, which will follow the meal.

Kaaren Brommer made a motion to close the meeting, Erika Kopman seconded the motion.

Meeting closed at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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