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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. Permission to reproduce articles is granted provided credit is given to the original source.

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.

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EDITORS NOTES:

Well as the saying goes March comes in like a lion - - - and it certainly did in the bay area with wind and rain, and certainly the rest of the county has had its weather. With the price of gas also "roaring in" I guess it is good that we don't drive our beautiful old cars too much. But this is the time of the year that we DO drive our beautiful old cars and it looks like we will have lot's of opportunities to join in with our fellow car lovers. Be sure to check out this newsletter for upcoming tours and events.

Our next meeting is March 7th and as usual remember that you can join others who enjoy Mexican food at the El Agavero restaurant.

Please have articles and pictures for the April Gazette to the Editor by March 22nd.

Thank you to all of you who provided articles and pictures for this months issue.



I was wrong about the nametags...

On February 18 I accepted an invitation from the Exploratorium (the interactive science museum at the Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco) to exhibit our 1914 Touring at Open MAKE, an event designed to get young people interested in making stuff. This event is loosely related to the Maker Faire at which we've exhibited our vehicles in the past thanks to the organizing efforts of Erika Kopman. In fact it was our past participation at the Maker Faire that precipitated the invitation to this event.

It was a really unique experience, and I met many new and interesting people as I stood next to our nearly one-hundred-year-old car parked outside the main entrance to the Exploratorium. I was awash in a sea of young and enthusiastic people, many of whom took great interest in the car and the rotund senior citizen dressed in a funny costume that constituted my approximation of motoring daywear for the period. The fact that the building housing the museum was also built nearly one-hundred years ago was not wasted on me. At times I romantically daydreamed what it might have been like if Annie (our 1914 Touring) and I had visited the Palace of Fine Arts in 1915. Originally constructed as part of the Panama-Pacific Exposition, the facility was designed to exhibit works of art and is one of the few surviving structures from the exposition. Annie is one of four surviving 1914 KisselKars of the 892 originally built. I tried but largely failed to grasp a sense of the span of time that the facility and the car represent. Ironically the theme for the Open MAKE event was "Time."

One thing that I should have anticipated in hindsight, but surprised me nonetheless at the moment, was the large number of out-of-town and foreign visitors that I encountered. Of course, San Francisco is a national and international travel destination, and the Palace of Fine Arts and the Exploratorium are significant attractions in the area. Still it was a pleasant surprise to me to be the center of attention for so many non-local visitors.

Although he did not stop to talk with me, I did see "Woz" arrive and park his Segway PT in the bike rack next to Annie. "Woz" is Stephen Wozniak, co-founder of Apple, and the Segway PT is that unique, two-wheel, self-balancing personal transport device you may have seen or heard about.

Borrowing a page from the Carol O'Neill playbook for exhibiting your old car to young people, I routinely invited interested individuals to sit in the car. My youngest visitors typically chose the front seat and there was often spirited competition for who got to sit behind the steering wheel; my young adult visitors seemed to prefer to lounge in the back seat. All seemed thrilled at the experience beyond what I could have expected. I like to think that one of these folks will go on to own an old car some day as a result of an experience like this.

Yes, I was wearing my Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club nametag.

A week earlier, Annie, Jeanne and I participated in the BAHCC Valentine's Day Luncheon and mystery tour organized by Kaaren and Bill Brommer. The luncheon was held at the Brass Door in San Ramon. Afterwards we took a brief tour to Pleasanton and visited the Museum on Main, operated by the Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society. The building containing the museum was built in 1914 and once housed the town hall, the police station and the library. One section had unmarked items for which you were to guess their original purpose. That was great fun and I couldn't fathom the use for many of the gadgets and it took extended discussion with others to sort out their purposes.

I didn't even think about our nametags as I left the house earlier that day, and I only thought of them when I arrived at the restaurant. Once inside I noted that none of the others were wearing nametags. Someone commented to me that the "wear your nametag" etiquette should only apply to regular meetings of the club. I didn't directly respond to the comment, but my silence was an indirect acceptance of the idea.

Later as we were saying our goodbyes in the parking lot, the conversation connected to one attendee that was not present at that moment. Another individual in the conversation remarked "Oh, so that's who that was!" Yikes, at least one connection was not made because we weren't wearing our nametags! I was wrong to not have worn my nametag and to silently accept the concept that they were not needed at all BAHCC events. I will try to set a better example in the future and try to remember to wear my nametag at all events. I hope that you will, too.

Your president,
Lynn Kissel



Painting of the Palace of Fine Arts by Colin Campbell Cooper
c. 1915. (Wikipedia and Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento)



A Romantic Sweet Heart Day

The poetry theme for the day expressed love and caring --

Roses are red
Violets are blue
Sunday was special
Because I spent time with you !

And indeed, the day shown brightly decorated with wispy clouds.

Around 11 am, our hungry members accompanied by their wives, entered the dining room where the tables were decked out in sassy red and pink hearts, spring flowers in sparkly red box vases, placards of chicken, beef and fish and jiggly-eyed place markers with Valentine chocolate mint treats.

And true to form - no matter how many times we gather together - we find there is always something interesting to talk about and share -- a family event, a car convention or plans to travel the globe.

Everyone savored the delicious luncheon meals and courteous service. And even decided to create their own card games - with the table décor deck. One last sweet heart surprise was the freshly baked sugar cookies delivered directly from the King's Bakery wagon (who says the Brommer's never have fresh goods - ha - ha.)

And, as often happens, when we went out to the parking lot we found an opportunity to share our Horseless Carriage hobby with a few local folks who asked questions and admired the cars. (We realized that people could see the parked cars from the freeway - so they exited and drove around the block to check them out). Next came the easy "frontage" road trek to Pleasanton where we visited the Museum on Main and viewed it's intriguing display of items from the archives, as well as, the local history collections.

So the day's offering gave the seven antique cars a chance to exercise on the roadways and our 18 members a chance to create a happy and enjoyable memory with smiles, hugs and kisses.





Forest Home Historic Farm Tour Saturday, March 10, 2012

Trailer parking available at Rudgear Park & Ride – East Side of 680 at Rudgear Road in Walnut Creek
Then drive to and Meet at the Pava's House

The Tour will start at the Pava's home (Restrooms available)

1104 Chiltern Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

(Exit the Park and Ride and turn right on Rudgear Road
go 1/4 miles Right on Chiltern -

Park anywhere you can and ignore NO Parking signs.)

Club Supplied - Coffee Juice and Donuts 9 AM – Depart 9:45

Forest Home Park (www.srhf.org) is a 16 acre farm site with 21 structures, including two historic houses and a museum with 30 restored antique tractors. We will enjoy a tour of a renovated historic Victorian home built in 1877, fully furnished with period pieces, the farm which dates back to 1899 and the antique tractor collection. This tour will provide a glimpse of what life was like for a middle class family in the San Ramon Valley in the late 19th Century.

Members of the public will be invited to view our cars as we tour the property. This is a good opportunity to promote our club and the hobby.

Lunch at a local restaurant will follow. After lunch it may be possible to visit the Wood Ranch in Danville, with its authentic (still in use) blacksmith shop and vast collection of antique farm equipment.

The cost of visiting Forest Home Park is \$5 per-person paid directly by tour participants to the docents who will guide us. Lunch will be moderately priced and "separate checks". If we are able to visit the Wood Ranch there will be no charge.

Sponsored by David and Patricia Pava, sign up at the General Meeting or RSVP to 925-932-2923 or David@Pava.com by March 7th





The Second 1915 Studebaker

by Whitney Haist

Some history:

The year was 1852 and the place was South Bend, Indiana. Henry Studebaker, age 26 and brother Clement, age 21, pooled their resources, (\$68.00 and two sets of blacksmith tools) and opened up the firm of H & C Studebaker, blacksmiths and wagon builders. They built two wagons that year but the business grew rapidly, largely due to the California bound “forty-niners”. Gold fever duly tempted a third Studebaker boy, John Mohler, who completed the five month journey to California, only to become a successful builder and purveyor of wheelbarrows. Five years later, “J.M.”, with \$8,000

in gold in his pockets, reunited with brothers Henry and Clement. With his gold fortune he bought out brother, Henry and injected cash and new life into the business. By 1860 Studebaker was turning out thousands of carriages and wagons for farmers, soldiers, merchants and other professionals alike.

Gasoline cars are “clumsy, dangerous, noisy brutes [which] stink to high heaven, break down at the worst possible moment, and are a public nuisance.” *J.M. Studebaker*

The nineteenth millennium, however, tolled the death knell of the horse drawn carriage. Studebaker survived by building bodies for an electric car company. By 1902 they built their own electric automobiles and soon thereafter, over the objection of “J.M.”, gasoline vehicles. Brother “J.M.” held a particular disdain for gasoline powered cars. These, he said, were “clumsy, dangerous, noisy brutes [which] stink to high heaven, break down at the worst possible moment, and are a public nuisance.”

The new car:

The first gas cars were called Studebaker – Garfords with chassis by Garford of Ohio and body by Studebaker of South Bend. In 1908, Studebaker bought into Everitt-Metzger-Flanders acquiring “useful expertise and a chance for real volume.” In 1910 they obtained controlling interest in E-M-F and by 1913 built all future models under their new name, Studebaker Corporation. Soon thereafter, the “Great War” erupted and Studebaker found itself supplying everything from harnesses, to wagons, to gun carriages, to staff cars to the British, French and Russians. Studebakers’ new president, Albert Erskine, cut automobile production in half, in order to accommodate the War Office.

In spite of Studebakers’ war efforts, their automobile advancements continued and by mid-1915, an all-new Studebaker hit the market. With a keen eye on the future, the last half of 1915 saw the Series “16”. This car was offered in two models, the “SF” four cylinder and the “ED” six. The new series offered new engine design, increased displacement and horsepower, longer wheel base, larger wheels and tires and the touring models offered seats for seven.

Specifications for the 1915 model SF, 4 cylinder:		
Wheelbase: 112 inches	Tire size: 34” X 4”	Passenger Capacity: 7
Horse power: 40	Bore and Stroke: 3-7/8” X 5”	Price: reduced in 1915 to \$885.00
Production: 25,000 +/- units		

One particular “SF” is the car I acquired last May at the estate auction of Dr. Edgar Lawrence (1920-2006) of Saratoga. My research has shown me that the car first appeared in the Horseless Carriage world, as a fresh restoration done by Mr. David J. Dudy (1934–1989) of Los Gatos. Dudy sold the car in April, 1989 to Mr. Ralph E. Iglar (1921-2004) of Palo Alto for \$3,050.00. Dudy died 25 days after selling the car at age 55. I am told the car was sold from Mr. Iglar’s estate to Dr. Lawrence. All of these names are well known to long time HCC members, particularly in the Santa Clara region. If any of you readers can shed any additional light on the history of this car, or can provide photos of it in earlier days, please contact me. I’d love to hear from you. haist2@comcast.net



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- INCREASE to SEVEN-passenger capacity (was Five-passenger)
- INCREASE to 34 x 4 Overdrive tires (was 32 x 4)
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 • 7:00 am Gates Open
 • General Admission \$5.00
 • Pre WWII Cars • Parts • Automobilia • Clothes
 • Early Breakfast by Teen Challenge
 • 12:00 pm Lunch - Pulled Pork
 • 2:00 pm Short Tour / All Vehicles
 • 5:00 Dinner on the Grass: Tri-Tip, Fairgrounds
 • 6:00 Live Auction benefiting the Mendiburu Magic Foundation at Central California Children's Hospital in Fresno to help Kern County children and families affected by any catastrophic illness.

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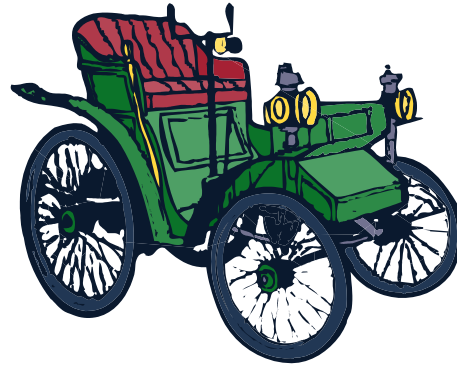
SWAP MEET REGISTRATION

COST: \$40.00 per space (15'x30') (Vehicles over 30' require 2 spaces)
 \$40 AFTER APRIL 1ST - ALL VEHICLES MUST BE PARKED IN SPACES

OF SPACES: _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

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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 4, 2012

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

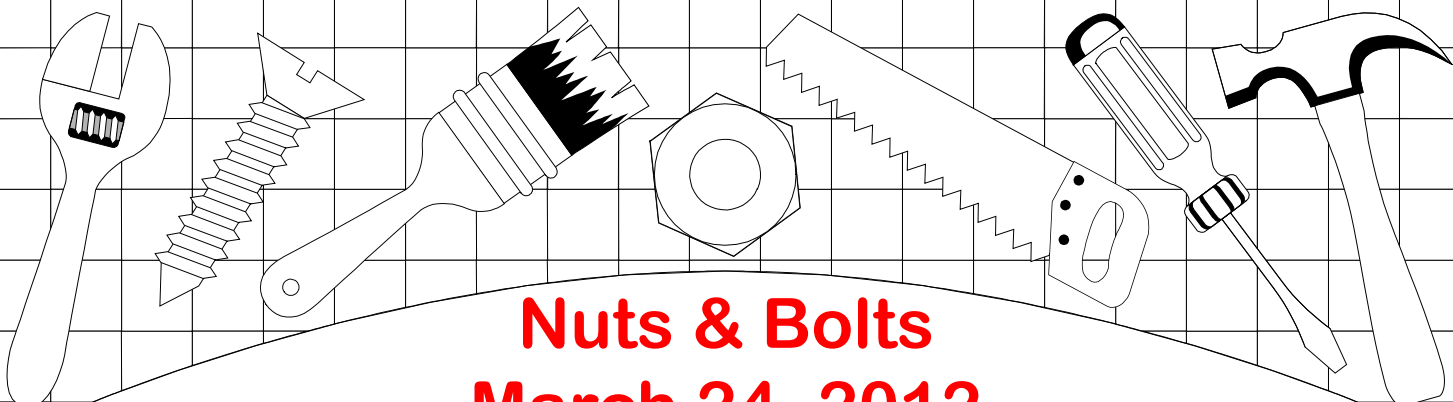
DESSERT----- P-Z

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!



Nuts & Bolts

March 24, 2012

The March Nuts and Bolts session will be held at “Whitney’s Garage” 12 Sunrise, Orinda, CA. The “Garage” is down the hill behind the main house. The usual time - 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon? And the usual refreshments. But not the usual day. This event will be held on Saturday March 24, 2012. So mark it down on your calendar so as not to miss it.. The subject of this session will be how to make lost wax castings. Other projects and problems welcomed. If you need directions give Whitney a call at 925-253-1333. See you there

An Event for the Ladies as well as the Gentlemen:

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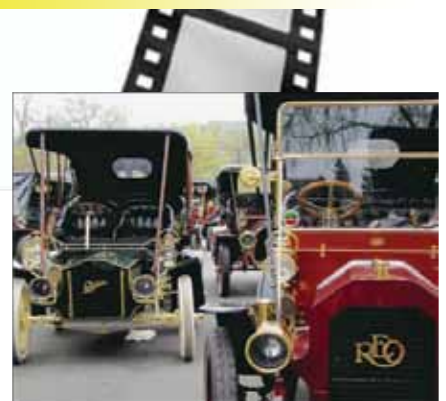
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9 AM— 4 PM**



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- Tour includes visits to:
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 - The Glen Eyrie Castle, Victorian home of William Jackson Palmer
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INTERNATIONAL – NATIONAL TOUR
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Past President bringing a car need a back seat

To participate, you must be a member of the Horseless Carriage Club of America. Not a member? Join now at WWW.HCCA.ORG

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- Mike Yeakel, President
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Irish Medical Dictionary

The Irish have the lowest stress rate because they do not take medical terminology seriously ...

Medical Term	Irish Definition
Artery	- The study of paintings
Bacteria	- Back door to cafeteria
Barium	- What doctors do when patients die
Benign	- What you be, after you be eight
Caesarean Section	- A neighbourhood in Rome
Cat scan	- Searching for Kitty
Cauterize	- Made eye contact with her
Colic	- A sheep dog
Coma	- A punctuation mark
Dilate	- To live long
Enema	- Not a friend
Fester	- Quicker than someone else
Fibula	- A small lie
Impotent	- Distinguished, well known
Labour Pain	- Getting hurt at work
Medical Staff	- A Doctor's cane
Morbid	- A higher offer
Nitrates	- Rates of Pay for Working at Night, Normally more money than Days
Node	- I knew it
Outpatient	- A person who has fainted
Pelvis	- Second cousin to Elvis
Post Operative	- A letter carrier
Recovery Room	- Place to do upholstery
Rectum	- Nearly killed him
Secretion	- Hiding something
Seizure	- Roman Emperor
Tablet	- A small table
Terminal Illness	- Getting sick at the airport
Tumour	- One plus one more
Urine	- Opposite of you're out

Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club

Minutes of General Meeting

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Meeting opened at 7:32 p.m.

Officers Present: Board Chair, Whitney Haist, President, Lynn Kissel, Vice President, Fred Byl, Treasurer, David Pava and Secretary, Mark Cerruti

President Lynn Kissel commented that he was impressed to see so many members in attendance and wearing nametags.

Guests: Don Azevedo introduced his friend Gary Larsen. Gary has a 1911 Maxwell that he is in the process of restoring. The Maxwell has been in his family since the 1930's.

President Kissel proposed to approve the minutes from the January General Meeting by unanimous consent. There were no objections and the minutes were approved.

Board Chair Report: Whitney Haist had nothing to report.

President's Report: Lynn reminded members that dues are now due.

President Kissel announced that the calendar on the website has been updated. Lynn said that members should consider the website as the official calendar for the club, which can be updated in *near* real-time. In addition, Lynn advised members that they may want to check their email or the website before heading out to an event. Eric Lundquist commented that he does *not* receive email updates from the website sent by other members because his wife, the Editor, is listed as the primary contact. Lynn replied by saying he will work to get spouses on the email list as well.

Lynn received a solicitation for the club to participate in the "Open Make" at the Exploratorium. The event is a spin-off of the Maker's Faire, in which we have participated for the last couple of years. The event is geared toward younger people and Lynn thinks that this would be a great opportunity to expose our hobby to the next generation.

Lynn read a short note from Erika Kopman explaining that her life now has different priorities and that she will be scaling back her participation in the club. Erika assured members that she and Ben have no intention of leaving the club. Erika asked if there is a member that could replace her as escort for Alice Luis to the meetings.

Vice Presidential Report: VP Fred Byl sent a sign-up sheet around for members to have their car, or another car of interest, to be featured in future editions of the Gazette.

Fred reported that he called a few members who have not paid their dues. Fred spoke to one member who explained that he was not renewing because he no longer will receive a hard-copy of the Gazette by paying the basic membership fee. Fred thinks this may be the reason other members have not renewed. David Pava remarked that the list of members not renewing are people we never see anyway.

Doug Durein suggested that members not renewing should still be listed in the Roster, in the event a member finds the need to contact a former member.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer David Pava announced that the books for 2011 are now closed and added that we ended the year with a modest operating loss. Dues collected for 2012 will at least equal or perhaps exceed last year. David gave a comprehensive run-down of the numbers and finished his report by stating that with the current budget plan, the club can exist indefinitely.

Tours & Authenticity: Ed Archer announced that we have the opportunity to tour the fabled Jack Passey Car Collection in Watsonville on April 1st. Ed added that the visit will be in conjunction with the Buick and Chrysler car clubs.

Kaaren Brommer reviewed the Valentine's Day Brunch set for February 12th. The brunch will be at the Brass Door Restaurant in San Ramon, followed by a car tour to Pleasanton, weather permitting.

David Pava provided a run-down for his Green Brass Tour on March 10th.

Participants will enjoy coffee & doughnuts at the Rudgear Rd. *park-n-ride*, followed by a bathroom stop at the Pava Residence. The tour will continue to the Glass House and Forest Hill Farms in San Ramon, then end at the Don Wood Ranch in Danville.

Tony Wollesen previewed the Spring Tour that he is organizing for May 17th – 19th. The tour will be based in Livermore and includes two full days of touring. Participants will drive through Niles Canyon and visit the Silent Movie Museum in the historic town of Niles. In addition, the tour will visit the Blackhawk Museum in Danville, among other places. Tony warned that interested parties should make a reservation soon, as the Nickel Age Club has been invited to join the tour as well.

Hospitality: Head of Hospitality, Jeanne Kissel, provided the evening's dessert. Jeanne said she has a few open dates available for other members willing to provide dessert.

Membership and Nuts & Bolts: Bill Brommer reported a good turnout for the last Nuts & Bolts at the Durein Garage. Bill said the date for the next meeting has been moved to March 24, when Whitney Haist will host in Orinda and feature a lesson on lost-wax castings.

Bill announced that we have a new member, Donna Jones, of Sebastopol. Donna is a friend of Don and Pam Johnson and is a member of the Redwood Empire Model T Ford Club as well as the Santa Rosa HCC. Donna has a 1914 Model T Ford Pick-up and a 1909 1-cylinder Reo.

Finally, Bill offered a stack of old "Vintage Ford" magazines to the group.

Website: Johnny Crowell recommended that we begin selling advertising space on our website. He added that we should initially offer space to club members and then see where it goes. Don Johnson remarked that the Redwood Empire Model T Club has a full-page of advertising in their newsletter that likely generates a few hundred dollars a year. Johnny also suggested that we add a line on our membership application and renewal forms, allowing members to give a tax-deductible contribution to the club.

President Kissel answered by saying that the Board will take it under advisement.

Sunshine: Doug Durein had nothing to report on Sunshine, but did mention that he saw Don Ritchey walking the Turlock Swap Meet last month. Don recently had both knees replaced.

Gazette Report: Gazette Editor Muriel Lundquist requested that members get items for the Gazette to her as early as possible. Muriel announced that she will print the Roster in March and make it available to members at the April meeting. The remaining Rosters will be delivered via USPS.

Show & Tell: On behalf of our newest member, Donna Jones, Don Azevedo brought in a "Victor" sidelight off Donna's '14 Model T Ford. Donna lost the door off the sidelight while touring and is looking for a replacement door. The sidelight had previously been power-coated and the theory is that the powder-coating process weakened the solder joint allowing the door to come loose.

Don also reported on the coating "Por-15." The paint-over-rust product does not provide any UV protection and should be followed by a clear-coat.

Doug Durein told a story of a 1914 Model T Ford that had spent much of its life in Alameda. Roy and Debbie, friends of Doug, married 15 years ago and toured in the old car. Roy has sadly passed away and the car, which is missing some parts, is now for sale for around \$15,000.

John Morison showed the group an old open-ended wrench with the name "INDUSTRO" stamped into it. The wrench has a curious square hole in the middle of the handle, which through some research, was found to serve as a chuck for a tap.

Don Johnson shared with the gathering an article from the Redwood Empire Model T Ford Club Newsletter. The article featured a period tool that would compress the pedal springs in a Model T transmission and hold the nut & washer in place to avoid dropping the hardware into the transmission. Don also brought in an old tool for making wooden dowels.

David Pava shared a trick for preserving the tips off cans of spray paint. After use, simply place the tip in a jar of Acetone. The tip will never fail.

David also informed the members of a new feature on the HCCA website. In an effort to provide education services, the club has posted several videos featuring brass cars. In addition to the videos, there is an outline on how to present an antique automobile to a live audience. David thinks it's a good approach to attract new blood and it complies with current tax law. We should consider following their lead. Norm Schwartz suggested we link to the HCCA website, if possible.

Lynn Kissel gave a presentation on the difference between "Core Plugs" and "Freeze Plugs." While working on the Delco-Lovejoy shocks for his '37 Cord, Lynn also discovered the little known "Welch Plug."

New Business: Doug Durein levied a fine on Lynn Kissel for the amount of one dollar for having a "Chinese pot," and *not* an old car part to function as a "nametag kitty." Lynn pointed out that the Chinese pot is actually a *martini pitcher*, but paid the inaugural fine anyway in the spirit of good humor.

Gary Larsen informed members of a pancake breakfast being held by the "Sons of Norway." The breakfast will be in Oakland on the first Sunday in March and run from 9am 'til noon. Gary added that if you mention you're a Horseless Carriage Club Member, he'll make you an extra-large pancake.

Esther Sernach informed the ladies that she will offer for sale, at the April meeting, her collection of vintage clothing.

President Kissel declared the meeting adjourned. The meeting closed at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Cerruti, Secretary



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

KOPMAN	Ben	3/2
BORGES	Gary	3/3
O'Neill	Carol	3/3
ARCHER	Ed	3/04
SHELDON	Linda	3/8
SCHWARTZ	Norman	3/10
HIRONIMUS	Gene	3/13
CERRUTI	Mark	3/14
NELSON	Marion	3/18
ROSEN	Bob	3/20

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

RIGGS	Lloyd	Jane	Mar. 1, 1952
JOHNSON	Don	Pam	March 7, 1964
SHELDON	Wayne	Linda	March 19, 2010
REAK	Ron	Bea	March 21, 1964
CROWELL	Wes	Henrietta	March 30, 1992

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