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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.

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

WEBSITE: www.BAHCC.org

EDITORS NOTES:

Welcome to April, Spring, Easter, the beginning of our car touring season and ?Winter? I guess Winter skipped winter and Spring invited Winter to visit so now we have this rain and cold weather in March and maybe into April. I don't know about you, but I don't enjoy driving in the rain even if we need water to fill our reservoirs.

I always look forward to our meeting in April and the Pot Luck dinner and auction. It brings out more members and lots of fun things to look at and buy. I hope all of you are planning on attending. I have heard that Esther will have some items from her clothing collection and some of the other ladies are getting ready some "ladies" items to auction. Remember all members are invited to bring items for the auction. This is a great way for the club to make a little money and always fun for the bidders. Bring your checkbook!

Please have articles to the editor by the 22nd of April to be included in the May Gazette.



Question: How are horseless carriages like an Oreo cookie?

Answer: Some horseless carriages are 100-years old this year!

Did you know that over 490 billion have been sold since 1912 when they were introduced? That's 490 followed by nine zeros and over 1,500 cookies for each person currently living in the US (although a larger population than that have had access to them). Originally called the Oreo Biscuit, it was developed by Nabisco in New York City and is thought to be the best selling cookie of the 20th century.

When I heard about this during a news broadcast recently, it suddenly dawned on me that ***over the next four years we are drawing to the end of a period when horseless carriages are celebrating 100-year anniversaries.*** I have high hopes of being able to celebrate this anniversary with our 1914 touring car and began to wonder what other 100-year anniversaries are occurring for which our cars might reasonably contribute to a commemorative celebration.

At the March general meeting of the club, we noted a communication from a local historical society about the start of construction of the connected California highway system in 1912. Work on that system began in 1912 with *Contract One*, now part of State Route 82 in San Mateo County. The groundbreaking for this system began in front of Uncle Tom's Cabin, an historic inn in San Bruno that was located at the intersection of San Mateo Avenue and El Cameno Real. For this event, city, county and state officials celebrated with a banquet inside the inn, while the public held a barbecue picnic outside. SR 82 follows portions of the historic El Camino Real, a trail that stretch from Baja California to north of San Francisco, connecting Alta California's 21 missions. If there will be a 100-year anniversary groundbreaking celebration for Contract One, I certainly would like to participate with my car!

As many of you might know, 1913 witnessed the dedication of the Lincoln Highway (Times Square in New York City to Lincoln Park in San Francisco), the first automobile road across the United States. As all alignments of the highway passed through Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club territory, it seems fitting that we find one or more occasions next year to celebrate this historic automotive event.

Are there other automobile-significant 100-year anniversaries coming up that we should be celebrating? If you know of one, please bring it to the club's attention. Let's see if there is a good way that we can use our 100-year-old vehicles to help mark its passing, keep our vehicles in the public eye and have fun in the process.

Your president,
Lynn Kissel

The distinctive face of an Oreo cookie. (Wikipedia)



Forest Hill Historic Farm - Green Brass Tour

By David Pava

Despite the threat of rain predicted earlier in the week, the weather on Saturday, March 10 cooperated for our Green Brass tour to Forest Home Historic Farm in San Ramon. Those trailering their cars to the familiar Rudgear Park & Ride were surprised to find the lot full – this has never happened before - but were quickly re-dispatched to the ample trailer parking space further east on Rudgear. Traditional club-supplied coffee and donuts was served in the Pava's garage before departing on circuitous back-roads; past mansions, private vineyards and scenic downtown Danville, to our first stop at Forest Home Historic Farm - a 16 acre site with 21 structures, including two historic houses and a museum with 30 restored antique tractors.

Upon arrival – we were greeted by a parking lot full of Model A Fords, as the Diablo "A"'s had a tour which took them to the farm that day as well. Members from each club enjoyed looking over the cars brought by the others.

BAHCC members were split into two groups and were concurrently led by very knowledgeable docents dressed in period clothes on a tour of the completely renovated Glass Family Victorian home built in 1877, which is fully furnished with period pieces. After the house tour we had the opportunity to see several restored hit & miss engines running - in addition to the antique tractor collection on site.

Lunch at Amici's Pizza in Danville followed – and as promised we had nearly the whole restaurant to ourselves. Cupcakes in celebration of Norman Schwartz' birthday appeared as we finished our meal, and the whole crowd simultaneously burst into a happy-birthday chorus.

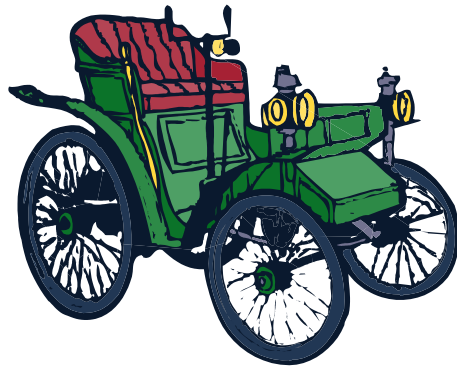
Most of us then continued on to the Wood Ranch in Danville with its authentic (still in use) blacksmith shop and vast collection of antique farm equipment, much of it built, modified and in some cases restored by Don Woods. We were given a guided tour by Don whose great grandfather originally established the ranch about 150 years ago. The Glass family would no doubt have known the Woods in the late 1800's.

After leaving the Woods Ranch, those returning to the Rudgear Park and Ride were back at their trailers around 4 PM, after a scenic ride skirting the south entrance of Mt Diablo State Park.

The tour was hosted by David & Patricia Pava and attended by Ed and Karen Archer, Bill and Kaaren Brommer, Bill Cassidy riding with Charles Ebers, our newest member Donna Jones, driving her very nicely restored '14 T Pick-up, Don and Pam Johnson, Lynn and Jeanne Kissel, driving the only non-Ford on the tour plus Norman, Adria and daughter Julia Schwartz.

By the end of the day tour participants had gained a clear perspective of what life was like for middle-class farming families who were early settlers of the Diablo Valley.





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!

HICCUP

1915 Ford Model T Roadster

by Fred Byl



HICCUP was given to me by my grandfather Byl in 1952. I was 12 years old at the time. The picture on the left was taken in about 1954. That's me at the wheel, the dog is Spotty, my aunt's Dalmatian. The car had demountable wheels at the time. The side lights had no lenses. If you look closely, you will notice the windows on the side. These were both "tail" lights!

I took my drivers test in the fall of 1955, the week I turned 16. The hardest part of the exam was parallel parking. I took my drivers test in Hiccup, because it was easy to see exactly where you were, and it was very maneuverable. I passed the first time!

Lots of Model A's were still on the road, but Model Ts were unusual. Ones with the original "Armstrong" starters were even more unusual. I think the examiner was a bit distracted by all the things I was doing with my hands and feet, especially when I was using my left arm for signaling turns and stopping. At that time Hiccup did not have a stop light.

The summer of 1955 my friend Craig Beckstrand and I took a back roads camping trip through northern California. In preparation, I replaced the turtle deck with a plywood pickup body. Generally, the flivver ran fine. The trip was about a thousand miles; don't know for sure, as we had no speedometer. There were two special events along the way.

We got pulled over by the police in San Bruno! We had gotten started while it was still dark in San Jose. In San Bruno we had to climb a hill to get to 19th avenue and the Golden Gate Bridge. I was in low, the engine was really revved. The magneto lights were really bright. The officer pulled me over half way up. We negotiated a truce; I agreed to reduce the revs. I was not going fast. How many of you have been pulled over because your lights are too bright!

Hiccup refused to start in Shasta Lake. We were at the midpoint of our trip and had been over miles of dirt road. At our campground the old highway dipped into the lake, why not drive in and wash the T. I took her in to the hub caps, no problem. When I tried to crank her she wouldn't start. For many years there was a dent in the radiator where I expressed my frustration. We pushed her out, and there she started first crank. Did I mention, I had to start on magneto!

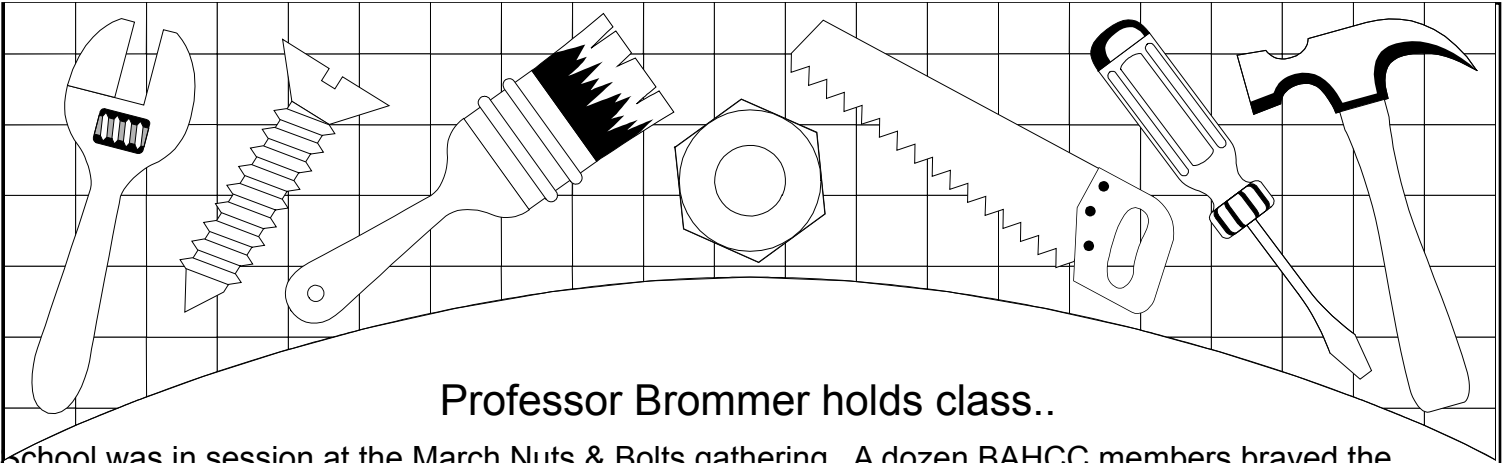


My father, Fred senior, had gotten interested in the old cars, and wanted to take Hiccup on the Harrah's tour in 1964. This was during Nancy and my honeymoon time. He had to replace the wheels and get a paint job to meet the tour requirements. The first of many "upgrades."

I installed the Ruckstel axle from my aunt's Model T, the "Bluebird." Unhappily, her car was stolen shortly thereafter. So Hiccup's "rear end" has a special sentimental value.

Roadsters are OK for a couple. Marty fit in fine while he was still a baby, but as soon as he needed a seat, we started searching. Blossom, our touring, was the result. Hiccup sat unloved in the back of the garage for many years. In 2010 we had Scott Henningsen restore her, the picture on the right.





Professor Brommer holds class..

school was in session at the March Nuts & Bolts gathering. A dozen BAHCC members braved the chill and the rain on the Saturday morning of 3/24 to attend. The subject was pattern making for the reproduction of small cast metal parts. Like any dedicated educator, Bill passed out a syllabus to each student and demonstrated the process, explained how and why and answered questions.

Class was held in the "carriage house" shop at our place. In attendance were (in alphabetical order) Don Avevedo, Bill Brommer, Bill Cassiday, Mark Cerruti, Johnny Crowell, Doug Durein, Whitney Haist, Don Johnson, Donna Jones, Lynn Kissel, Doug Marin, Dave Pava.

Submitted by Whitney Haist

Students gather around the professor.
Photo by W. Haist



Pouring the molding material.
Photo by L. Kissel

Not a birthday cake for a two year old.
Photo by L. Kissel



TOUR TO JACK PASSEY'S COLLECTION IN WATSONVILLE

Sunday April 1st 2012

Meeting at 9:00 AM Leaving at 9:30 AM from Gilroy

This is a joint get together (I'm not using the term "joint tour" because we're touring from Gilroy on our own and will meet the other club's at Jack's.) with the Chrysler, Buick, and the Mid Peninsula old time auto club. Jack has extended a special invitation for us to view his personal collection in honor of Norm Frey, for Norm's multiple contributions to preserving Chrysler Automobiles. **Those of you that have signed up for this tour, if for some reason you can't make it please call me so I can tell the restaurant. Or if you know someone who wants to go please have them call me for the same reason.** Of course we would rather have you drive your horseless carriage but anything pre war is okay. Jack loves them all!

Directions: Head to Gilroy on your own. Once you get to San Jose take freeway 101 south approximately 32 miles to get to our meeting place.

Take the Leavesley Rd. exit off 101. The sign will also say Gilroy west 152.

At the end of the exit turn right on Leavesley Rd.

Less than a mile, turn left on Monterey St. (Just after the railroad tracks).

Less than a mile, turn right on 1st. St. You'll probably also see the sign that says Hwy. 152.

A little less than a mile you'll see a Safeway Store on your right (Just past Wren Ave.) right after the Safeway is an Express Wash. Turn in the driveway just before the Express Wash and you'll find a large vacant area where there's room to park your trailer. Part of the area has a sign that says something like "Private property No trespassing etc." I'm sure that it's to prevent long term parking of large vehicles, so the day should be no problem, but if you're uncomfortable with that, there's plenty of parking on the side streets in the area. And then gather together in the Safeway parking lot for a 9:30 AM departure. We will be heading West on Hwy. 152 up Hecker Pass. The first few miles are mostly level, it's a total of 9 miles to the top, where we'll regroup, (plenty of room at the top for that) then approx. 2 miles down the other side to Jack's place. We will be parking at his son Bill's place next door. The driveway will be on the right, on a broad left turn of the road. As you're heading down the hill watch for mile post marker 538, the next mile post marker will be 527 and just past that will be Bill's driveway. There'll be a small sign at the entrance that says "Red Hawk Pl. 321" then 3 separate address signs (423, 427, 429) drive right on in around ¼ mile, and park.

After our visit we'll head out the driveway, turn right on 152 heading downhill and into Watsonville for lunch. After lunch we head back over Hecker Pass Hwy. 152 to Gilroy.

Ed Archer 510 581 4911 Email karened4@att.net

Presentation by Bernard Métais, Saturday April 21 2112, 1:30 PM ***“The First 40 Years of the Automobile Industry “***

Bernard Métais will narrate, in English, the first 40 years of the Automobile with the help of over 60 slides with examples and with easy to understand technical explanations . Yes, the automobile with an internal combustion engine was born in Germany in 1886 (Benz, Daimler), but its youth was in France (de Dion-Bouton, Panhard et Levassor, Peugeot, Renault) and its adulthood began in the USA (Ford model T). It blossoms in the 1920's in England, France, Germany, Italy and the USA. Among others, examples of American horseless cars, Alfa-Romeos and Citroens will be shown.

This presentation is a revised version of the ones Bernard gave successfully at the Ford Museum in Detroit, at UC Berkeley, and at the Alliances Françaises of Berkeley and San Francisco

Bernard Métais, a fan of early cars, graduated (M.S. in Mechanical Eng.) from the same Institute (Ecole Centrale de Paris) as Peugeot, Panhard, Levassor and ...Eiffel, and got his Ph.D. at the Technische Universität of Karlsruhe (same Alma matter as Karl Benz). He drives for his pleasure (so he claims!) a Ford Model T 1912.

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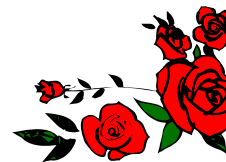
April Birthdays

SCHWARTZ	Adria	4/3
MCEACHERN	Dan	4/5
ROSEN	Louise	4/6
HOLTHAUS	Don	4/11
LUNDQUIST	Muriel	4/11
SHERMAN	George	4/12
ZIMMERMAN	Chet	4/15
KOPMAN	Erika	4/18
PAVA	Patricia	4/19
MORRIS	Judy	4/21
AZEVEDO	Don	4/27



April Anniversaries

RYAN	Jim	Kathy	April 22, 1967
SCHWARTZ	Norman	Adria	April 15, 1978
HIRONIMUS	Gene	Judy	April 27, 1973



BAHCC Minutes
Meeting 3-7-2012

President Lynn Kissel opened the meeting 7:37
Officers present were chairman Whitney Haist,
President Kissel, VP Fred Byl and Treasurer
David Pava were present. Other Board members
Ed Archer and Bill Brommer were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting stand
approved as published. Board Report from the
Board Chairman Haist encouraged all who could
to participate in one of the tours the day
before the Bakersfield Swap Meet and someone
mentioned that there is always a back seat to
hop into in the larger cars so no one needs
to feel left out. The tour will have no dirt
roads and easier grades than in previous
years.

President Kissel reported updated membership
roster 62 paid as of 2/15/12. He also
reported that if in doubt, the official
calendar is the web site and will supersede
the newsletter. Lynn also announced he will
be at Bakersfield Swap Meet Site B-71 with the
club banner and welcome all members to come
by, have a seat and visit for awhile.

VP report-Fred needs more volunteers for car
stories for the Gaslight Gazette. Please
write something up and submit it to Fred.
Treasurer's report-we are down 29 members
from last year. Discussion re: lifetime
memberships from those whose names are on
the "haven't paid" but some folks remember
them as being either paid for many years in
advance or grandfathered in as life members.
Treasurer Pava also gave an updated income
report for the year.

Tour report: Ed Archer mentioned some
upcoming tours that will be held before the
next meeting. The Green Brass Tour will be
3/10/12 watch the weather-if it is raining
you will get an email 7:00 a.m. that day,
from Dave Pava. Park @ Rudgear Rd. park and
ride but meet at Pava's house for coffee stop
and restrooms. Leave Pava's at 9:45 a.m.
Tour a couple of places (Wood Ranch & Forest
Farm Historic Park) then the group will go
out for Pizza and each family should be
prepared to pay for their own lunch.

Ed Archer also mentioned the Bakersfield Swap
Meet-Support the club booth and have a good
time. Ed announced there is a tour on April
1st, to the Jack Passey Collection, where
the group will see many original cars, 1912
through mid 1930s. Afterwards we will tour
to Watsonville where Norman Fry to be honored

at a lunch. Mr. Fry is founder of a couple
of Chrysler Clubs. The Tour starts and ends
in Gilroy. Ed will get info for the starting
place before the first to the people who sign
up on the sheet.

Spring tour in Livermore. Tony Wolleson has
info about this tour as well as an info sheet
that was printed in the Gaslight Gazette.

Ed brought our attention to a fun event:
Brass in the Grass Santa Rosa, May 6th, 2012.

Gaslight Gazette report-rosters are ready to
hand out tonight or be mailed.
Our newsletter got a 2nd place for 2011.

Sunshine-two cards were sent out as Bill
Cassidy's mom passed away & Karen Archer
recently had surgery.

Lynn shared info from ACCC and shared a print
out of "Know Your Rights as a Collector Car
Hobbyist"

Muriel shared other car club newsletters and
tour information.
Hayward Swap Meet, May 5th at the Hayward
Airport. V-8 club sponsors.

Show & tell: Lynn refinished sills (wood) and
his "new" advertisement of the Kissel Kar,
first years of production. He also had some
home made thread chasers.

John Morrison had a block of wood that was
passed around. After everyone looked at it
John told us is a wedge for tightening a
wooden wheel. It pushes against a center hub.
Whitney Haist had a 1911 Cadillac (black
walnut) steering wheel that he made. He used
tight bond carpenters glue, exterior grade
and did a beautiful job.

Nuts & Bolts will be held at Whitney's house
3/24/2012. Lost wax casting is the subject.
Doug Durein gave a report on the 75th
National Horseless Carriage convention
headquartered in Van Nuys in February.
President Kissel reminded everyone that the
April 4, 2012 General Meeting is a potluck
and the annual fundraising parts auction.
Clean out your garage and bring some GOOD
STUFF that people will want to buy.
At 8:52 p.m. Lynn closed the meeting and
refreshments brought by the Kopmans were
enjoyed.

Submitted by Joyce Azevedo
Acting Secretary in the absence of Club
Secretary Mark Cerruti

Bay Area & Santa Clara Regional Groups

THE 2012 SPRING TOUR

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A hub tour headquartered in Livermore, California, in the heart of the Bay Area. We will tour the surrounding hills and visit the town of Niles, an early silent movie town, with Antique stores.

Tour to Blackhawk Museum where time will be allowed for lunch and shopping.

This will be a low frills/no frills tour in an effort to keep the price as low as possible. Tour routes will be on very rural roads for the most part.

Space will be limited so get your applications in early with a \$50 deposit. Make checks payable to: Santa Clara Regional Group.

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MACHINE _____

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SIGNATURE _____

TONY WOLLESEN TOUR CHAIRMEN



Remember to check the BAHCC.org website for the latest calendar.

Tour to Jack Passey's - April 1, 2012

Potluck and Meeting - April 4, 2012

Bakersfield Swap Meet - April 12-13-14

Spring Tour - May 17, 18, 19, 2012

Thank you to all who contributed to this edition of the Gaslight Gazette.

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Bust	33	34 1/2	36	37 1/2	39	40 1/2
Waist	25 1/2	27	28 1/2	30	31 1/2	33
Hips	35 1/2	37	38 1/2	40	41 1/2	43
Back Length	15 3/4	16 1/8	16 1/2	16 7/8	17 1/4	17 5/8
Neck	13 1/4	13 5/8	14	14 3/8	14 3/4	15 1/8
Sleeve Length	22 3/4	23	23 1/4	23 1/2	2 3/4	24

45" Wide Fabric Needed	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
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FABRIC SUGGESTIONS: Voile, handkerchief linen or lightweight silk.

NOTIONS: Thirteen 3/8" buttons, three 3" collar stays (zig-zags) or lightweight interfacing, 1 Yd. twill tape 1/2" to 1" wide or self fabric for waist-belt (optional), 1 package double fold bias binding to finish armholes (optional), embroidery floss.

Past Patterns also offers Edwardian elegance with two jacket patterns: 113

113 Spectator Jacket
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