



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

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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:

As we celebrate the New Year we also congratulate our NEW BOARD for their willingness to lead and keep our car club active. Their dedication is very much appreciated. This is also a good time to thank the Board Members of 2012 for their service. We hope to see you often even as in the case of some they have moved out of the area.

This page has been updated, but if there are any errors, please report them right away to the editor so that I can be sure to keep things current. I understand that Erica may again be taking over as Web Master and we will let you know when that is official.

Our CLUB MEETING IS JANUARY 2ND. It is just a few days away so be sure to put it on your calendar and join the rest of our members in celebrating the NEW YEAR.

Our next BOARD Meeting will be January 16th at the Byls. The new board has decided to have regular monthly meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Please note this on your calendars.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Christmas Party was a great success in the eyes of my family! We all had a great time. Eve Makdisi, my niece, and her husband had a good enough time that she expressed an interest in helping with future events. We might be lucky enough to entice her into becoming a member. The Blaker clan did a good job hosting the beverage bar.

It was great to see the the Cerruti and Kopman kids out on the dance floor having a good time. The food and music were enjoyed by all. Again, thanks to the Morrisons.

Officers for the coming year: Fred Byl, President. Ed Archer, VP and Chairman of the Board. Whitney Haist, Treasurer. Mark Cerruti, Secretary. Don Azevedo, Publicity and Tour Chair. Mike Lawrence, Project Car/Nuts and Bolts. Eric Lundquist, Roster, Membership, Christmas Party. Muriel Lundquist, Editor Gazette. Susan Durien, Sunshine. Hospitality, ? We have our challenges for the coming year.

The Board has decided to have monthly meetings for the coming year, rather than a more limited quarterly schedule. this will be a challenge for those with a busy schedule, but will keep us on task.

Don Azevedo has some ideas on how to nurture club events. He already has a plan for the Bay Area Tour we will be responsible for this year. Nuts and Bolts in it's present format seems to have run its' course. We are hoping the Project Car will be a replacement. Location and ownership are issues to be resolved.

I do not have the computer or communication skills of our recent past presidents, but I do have the commitment. I will appreciate your consideration and help. Let usm have a great year!

Your President,
Fred Byl



BIRTHDAYS

MORRISON	Carolee	1/1	1/1
MARIN	Doug	1/2	1/2/1951
RYAN	Matt	1/2	1/2/52
METAIS	Anne	1/3	1/3/41
FORBES	Mark	1/13	1/13
BROMMER	Kaaren	1/20	01/20/43
GULARTE	Bill	1/27	1/27/34
ARCHER	Karen	1/31	1/31



ANNIVERSARIES

PAVA	David	Patricia	1/19/97
BOYDEN	Jim	Jean	1/25

A Holiday Celebration with Family & Good Friends,

The evening was clear and bright and as the photos show the tallest park tree was decked out in colorful lights and the meeting room entrance was encircled with twinkling snowflakes. Members arrived in their modern sleighs with the ladies wearing their prettiest party capes and toasty furs and the men in top hats and tuxedos. Yes, even our youngest member, Kingston, wore a snappy three piece suit! Kudos and applause to Carolee and John for their superb job in creating a holiday atmosphere complete with decorated dishes and crystal set tables all wrapped around the wonderful live music and the caterers' delicious freshly cooked dinner offerings.

This year we were especially happy to have so many family members join us, along with the younger children, who's eyes grew wide when a certain red-suited white-bearded fellow offered gifts (John you're the best !). Special thanks go to Fred and Nancy, along with their whole family, who assisted with the big job of completing all kinds of extra details, the bar and the song books. Thanks to the big guy's assistant Elfs, too. Then our Presidents, Lynn and Fred, expressed their thanks for a job "well done" and bid farewell to the outgoing Board members, Lynn, Dave, Bill B. and welcomed the new incoming fellows, Don A., Mike L., and Eric L. including Whitney, Ed and Mark, who are ready for the 2013 year ahead. Then with 2012 business done- we raised our voices in song and later moved the tables back for dancing and swinging down the lane. Everyone had fun visiting and talking about all of the special things we've accomplished this year, the challenging roadways and the on-going car restoration plans and tours - still in the making. Our best Season's Greetings and Happy New Year Wishes to All !!





The Simplex

by Johnny Crowell



Johnny's first Simplex



Johnny's Second Simplex at Hershey

I believe that we are more caretakers than owners of the cars we possess. Hopefully they will outlive us. I haven't always done well in that regard.

Historians smarter than me consider the Simplex to be one of the best of early American automobiles. When new, they were among the most expensive. I have been lucky enough to have owned two of them.

My interest in "old" cars must have started quite early. I can't remember a time that it wasn't a passion. Some of that interest was fueled by my dad. He was always looking for a great deal on an old car to restore. We made a number of long trips towing a bouncy and empty trailer and then returning home empty handed.

Once I was on my own, I was determined to seek out good cars, even if they weren't the best deal ever. I have always tried to buy the best car I could afford. After a few years the price is forgotten and yesterday's fair deals on great cars become today's great deals on great cars. A teenage friend of mine bought a 1913 Simplex 38, with the back "trucked". It came from the Art Austria auction and he was lucky that the plane full of east coast buyers was late. That really did it. I began looking for a Simplex. Meanwhile, working through college and then law school got in the way. Tuition and living expenses also resulted in my parting with cars I loved along the way.

In about 1977 I found a 1915 Simplex for sale in Hemmings, and it was located in Santa Cruz. Apparently it had come from the Ford Museum via some multiple car trade, but I could never get the full story. No one would talk. But, I did scrape up the money to buy it. It was an original car with fabric covering the worn out original interior. I took it on a number of HCCA tours and even drove it to Reno for the Harrah's swap meet. It was a great car. It was powered with a 599 cubic inch T head, had four speeds, and was driven by massive dual chains. In about 1984 it burned up in a barn fire which also destroyed a 1915 Mercer, the 1953 Cadillac Lemans show car and a few more of my cars.

I spent the next twenty years looking for another Simplex. I finally found a 1914, very similar to the lost car. It was a three owner car. The first owner received it as a Yale College graduation gift and shipped it to Europe. It was sent home during WW1, back to Europe again and then back

to the U.S. when WW2 approached. Stored in a museum it was sold for one dollar to a friend when the museum wanted to cover it with tar and use it for a "road sign". The friend had it restored by one of the best know Simplex experts and it became a 1960 Hershey AACA winner. Eventually it was sold to the daughter and son in law of their neighbor. Ann and Sonny Via drove it on a number of tours and commissioned a new restoration. With Sonny at the wheel it toured from Texas to Canada on one tour and all over the east coast on many other tours. It took Christine and me a number of visits and calls to Virginia to finally close the deal. In the process we developed a nice friendship with the Vias. Each year we go to dinner together at the Hershey Hotel. Instead of shipping the car home from Virginia, we let Sonny use the car for the Red Rock Tour with his grandson. We picked it up in Montana after it completed this two thousand mile tour.

Simplex, like Duesenberg, did not make bodies. The customer had to order from a custom body company. Our car carries a Holbrook 7 passenger body. Now with a twenty year old restoration it is probably time to freshen the interior. But, it will still out perform most cars up through the late twenties. Two years ago we drove it on the Pebble Beach Motoring Classic (Seattle to Pebble Beach via all possible mountains). After the sixteen hundred mile trip we then went on the Tour d'Elegance. For a story on that tour check out the current Horseless Carriage Gazette. I bought the 1914 without driving it. I was shocked when I first got behind the wheel. It had most of the idiosyncrasies my 1915 had. If you ever have the opportunity to drive one, DRIVE IT. They are not for the faint of heart but they are great and they are fast.

And now, the rest of the story. Several years ago a friend of mine unearthed the story on my original car. It was purchased by Henry Ford as a gift for Thomas Edison. They used it as their camping car and I now have a number of photos with Ford, Edison and Harvey Firestone out enjoying the car. It even had the same left front fender dent as it did when I owned it.



Simplex owned by Thomas Edison

Tinkering Tips of sorts

TIRE BALANCING TIP

By Ron Eyres

Having stumbled upon solution to balancing tires on the Model A, I thought it worth sharing with my fellow Vintage Car owners. After being told by the local tire shop that no one could balance a Model A wheel, I shrugged it off and resorted to the method I have been using on my fire truck. Loosed the brake on one of the front drums so the drum rolls perfectly free and install a wheel. Give it a gentle spin and see where it comes to rest. I chalk mark the top of the tire then rotate the wheel 90 degrees and watch to see if the wheel comes to rest with the chalk mark at the top. If so, I rotate it 90 degrees the opposite direction and wait until it comes to rest again. If it stops with the chalk mark on top both times, I assume that the heavy spot is at the bottom of the wheel. Depending on how quickly the wheel rotates to the heavy spot, I tape a nut to the rim at the top.

Again, I rotate the wheel 90 degrees as above and observe. I continue doing that, adding more nuts or using a smaller nut until the wheel will stay anywhere I stop it. I then assume I have it balanced. Removing all the nuts and tape, I weigh it on my gram scale and make a note of the total weight. In the case of the fire truck, I was able to secure suitable weights and put them on the wheel, job finished. On the Model A, I wrapped solder around the three adjacent spokes. It worked fine, BUT it looked absolutely awful! Best described by a crude saying I learned while we lived in Australia -- "the solder stuck out like dog's balls."

I decided that I just wouldn't live with how it looked, but I was unable to locate weights for the Model A 21 inch wheel. So I went on line to see if someone made them. That's when the website for Innovative Balancing came to light. (Web address follows)
<http://www.innovativebalancing.com/index.php>

I won't try to give all the detail on the web-site, but essentially you pour tiny ceramic beads into the tire, or tube in the case of the Model A. As you start to drive, they automatically move to a position to balance the tire. I had never seen anything like this so read their information with some skepticism. My first thought was "Yes, and if you believe that I have

a deed to the Sydney Harbor Bridge that I will sell you real cheap." Still as I continued to read and did some more research, decided to give it a try.

The cost for enough beads to fill all five of my 4.75 X 21 tires was about \$70. You don't have to remove the wheels from the car, simply remove the valve core and let ALL the air out of the tire/tube. Use a small plastic bottle and length of clear plastic tube that came with the kit and SLOWLY let the beads filter into the valve stem. It took me about fifteen minutes per tire to painstakingly install the beads. Still, that was less time that it would take me to move all five wheels to one front spindle, experiment with weight then try to find a weight that would stay on the wheels.

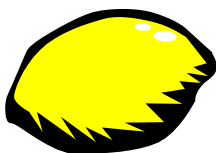
Took it out for a drive and was rewarded with a smooth running car. At that point I still didn't have the engine broken in so didn't drive over 40 MPH. However; the first time I drove the car without any balancing at speeds of 35 MPH, I could feel a tremor on the steering wheel and minor shaking. Three of the wheels required over 4 ounces of solder to balance and the other two were around 3 ounces. I installed the recommended 6 ounces of "DYNABEADS" in each wheel, resulting in a smooth ride. On the trip to Norman, Oklahoma, we drove at speeds up to 50 MPH and were rewarded with a smooth ride all the way.

If you would like to give it a try, the contact information follows

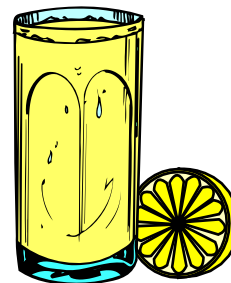
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Tip for the Kitchen provided by Esther Williams



Amazing frozen Lemon All it is.....is a frozen lemon



Many professionals in restaurants and eateries are using or consuming the entire lemon and nothing is wasted.

How can you use the whole lemon without waste?

Simply place the lemon in the freezer section of your refrigerator. Once the lemon is frozen, get your grater, and shred the whole lemon (no need to peel it and sprinkle it on top of your foods.

Sprinkle it to your whisky, wine, vegetable salad, ice cream, soup, noodles, spaghetti sauce, rice, sushi, fish dishes. All of the foods will unexpectedly have a wonderful taste, something that you may have never tasted before. Most likely, you only think of lemon juice and vitamin C. Not anymore.

Now that you've learned this lemon secret, you can use lemon even in instant cup noodles. What's the major advantage of using the whole lemon other than preventing waste and adding new taste to your dishes?

Well, you see lemon peels contain as much as 5 to 10 times more vitamins than the lemon juice itself. And yes, that's what you've been wasting. But from now on, by following this simple procedure of freezing the whole lemon, then grating it on top of your dishes, you can consume all of those nutrients and get even healthier. It's also good that lemon peels are health rejuvenators in eradicating toxic elements in the body. So place your lemon in your freezer, and then grate it on your meal every day. It is a key to make your foods tastier and you get to live healthier and longer! That's the lemon secret! Better late than NEVER! The surprising benefits of lemon! Lemon (Citrus) is a miraculous product to kill cancer cells. It is 10,000 times stronger than chemotherapy. Why do we not know about that? Because there are laboratories interested in making a synthetic version that will bring them huge profits.

You can now help a friend in need by letting him/her know that lemon juice is beneficial in preventing the disease. Its taste is pleasant and it does not produce the horrific effects of chemotherapy.

How many people will die while this closely guarded secret is kept, so as not to jeopardize the beneficial multimillionaires large corporations?

As you know, the lemon tree is known for its varieties of lemons and limes. You can eat the fruit in different ways: you can eat the pulp, juice press, prepare drinks, sorbets, pastries, etc... It is credited with many virtues, but the most interesting is the effect it produces on cysts and tumors.

This plant is a proven remedy against cancers of all types. Some say it is very useful in all variants of cancer. It is considered also as an anti microbial spectrum against bacterial infections and fungi, effective against internal parasites and worms, it regulates blood pressure which is too high and an antidepressant, combats stress and nervous disorders.

The source of this information is fascinating: it comes from one of the largest drug manufacturers in the world, says that after more than 20 laboratory tests since 1970, the extracts revealed that It destroys the malignant cells in 12 cancers, including colon, breast, prostate, lung and pancreas...

The compounds of this tree showed 10,000 times better than the product Adriamycin, a drug normally used chemotherapeutic in the world, slowing the growth of cancer cells. And what is even more astonishing: this type of therapy with lemon extract only destroys malignant cancer cells and it does not affect healthy cells.



Bay Area HCC Board Meeting Dinner meeting 11/14/2012

Secretary Absent; Nancy Byl taking rough minutes

Items on the Agenda

I. Dinner Board Meeting

Should it be subsidized by the club? Fred proposed the question
Vote Yes 5 but not drinks No 1

II. Sunshine concerns

Eric Lundquist reported he was doing well
Muriel Lundquist just went home post back surgery and doing ok

III. Nomination of officers

Don Azevedo nominated Fred for President; Seconded by Eric Lundquist
Vote Unanimous

Other officers

Ed Archer: VP and Chairman of the Board
Whitney : Treasurer
Mark: Secretary
Don Azevedo Publicity and Tour Chair
Mike Lawrence Project Car/Nuts and bolts
Eric Lundquist: Roster, Membership and innovation for Christmas Party
Muriel Lundquist: Gazette
Suzie Dureigns Sunshine Girl
Hospitality ??

Divide amongst board members or create a committee of 3-4 families to be responsible (e.g. McCrum, Cassidy, Johnson, Morrison)

Put in Newsletter

Includes coffee and cold drinks and dessert

Bringing coffee pots and paper plates and napkins

Consider new coffee pot (150\$) so only one machine

IV. Meetings and Christmas Party

Commitment to Piedmont this year
105\$/ meeting; \$805 for Xmas party
Pay bill for meetings ahead of time
Pay bill for Xmas party ahead of time
Dates are locked in

Vote: Approved meetings for 2013 at Piedmont community Center and Xmas party 2012 (\$1900)

V. Xmas party 2013

Consider other options that might increase attendance for 2013
Invite other clubs
Have at Candy Store in San Mateo (no cost or 5\$/person)
Would have to pay for catering
Dates difficult; must decide well in advance
Other Board members to consider other ideas

VI. Board Meetings

What should be the frequency: 1x/month of 1x/2 months or more often
Don Azevedo proposed 10x/year with a second (missed who)
VOTE 5= yes 1 no or ?

When should Board meetings occur (before regular meeting or other Wednesday)

If before regular meeting, time and place needs to be flexible

Those who are working will have a hard time getting there before the regular Meeting 3rd Wednesday of the month; 7 PM

Ed Archer proposed; seconded by Eric Lundquist

VOTE: yes = 6 No = 0

January meeting at the Byls (note N Byl is not in town but that is ok)

VII. Regular Meetings (first Wed of Month)

Motion to maintain: Yes= 6 No = 0

VIII. Innovative ideas and tours

Think about location: interesting and new
Get a list of active members
Divide members by month to help plan a tour
Increase involvement of members

Jan/Feb Go to dinner theater (without cars)
Go as group

Field meetings fun, games, work on cars, barbeque

Project car

Idea to restore a car
Good for new members
Need support
Need publicity
Show car that is restored
Make it fun
May need some legal help
Have to get a car to work on
Who owns restored car?

Birthday tours: (e.g. 1913 Model T tour: 100 years old)

Valentine's Day Tour (Sat or Sunday but usually Sunday)

Bay Area Tour 2013: Bay area responsible for tour (with Santa Clara)

Consider a tour using Charles Hotel and Restaurant in Bred Hart
Who would help (? Bill Cassidy??)

IX Other Business

Two members moved out of area: Lynn and Dave Pava
Should we try to work with Northern California Region more involved in working together
What about other Northern CA groups joining with Bay Area ((eg. Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, SF, San Jose/Santa Clara)

X. Adjourn 9:30 PM

Motion to Adjourn

Ed Archer; seconded by Lynn
VOTE yes= 6 no = 1

Tours

How to increase excitement and enthusiasm about HCC

Meetings
Tours
New members



Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club

Minutes of General Meeting

Wednesday, November 7, 2012

Officers Present: Board Chair/Treasurer, Whitney Haist, Vice President, Fred Byl, and Secretary, Mark Cerruti

Vice President Byl called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.

Guests: Erika Kopman reintroduced her son Kingston.

Prospective member Ryan Shelley was present. With the help of some club members, Ryan recently purchased a 1915 Ford touring car and is looking for a few parts.

Long-time member Charles Ebers stopped by for a visit.

Fred asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes from the October General Meeting. Kaaren Brommer made a motion to approve the Minutes and Bill Brommer seconded the motion. Minutes from the October General Meeting were approved.

2013 Board Slate: Vice President Fred Byl announced the proposed Board for 2013. The proposed Board included incumbent members Ed Archer, Fred Byl, Mark Cerruti and Whitney Haist. New Board members included Don Azevedo, Mike Lawrence and Eric Lundquist. Fred asked for a show of hands *for* and *against*. The vote *for* was unanimous. Fred asked for a motion to approve the proposed Board slate for 2013. Don Johnson raised a motion. Erika Kopman seconded the motion. The proposed Board slate was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Whitney Haist reported that the club is solvent. Whitney announced that he is accepting checks for the upcoming Holiday Party.

Tours & Authenticity: Ed Archer reported on the October 6th Nuts & Bolts gathering at the Byl's Garage in Oakland. Attendees enjoyed a nice breakfast and then embarked on a short car tour to Tilden Park. Members visited with the "Golden Gate Live Steamers" and watched them operate their scaled-down locomotives.

Don Azevedo suggested that we do more touring in the immediate Bay Area and pointed out that there are many local back-roads yet to be explored.

Doug Durein attended the Hershey Swap Meet last month and said there was some rain, but mostly cool and clear weather prevailed. Doug reported that there seemed to be a resurgence of old car parts. He thinks the "old guys" may finally be letting go of the good stuff. Doug also mentioned that he found another timer to add to his Model T Ford Timer Collection, which now numbers around 80.

Fred Byl mentioned that he and Nancy recently spent 2 weeks in China and reported that they saw many old bicycles but no old cars.

Sunshine: Susan Durein said she sent sympathy cards to the families of Barbara Holthaus and Bill Ortman.

Nancy Byl reported that Eric & Muriel Lundquist are recovering nicely from their respective surgeries.

Fred Byl reminded members of the upcoming Joint Board Meeting & Dinner at the Brass Door Restaurant in San Ramon later in the month and emphasized that there is a lot to discuss.

Don Azevedo motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mike Lawrence seconded the motion. The meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Cerruti, Secretary

CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 2	General Meeting	Piedmont Community Center
Jan. 16	Board Meeting	
Jan. 25-26	Turlock Swap Meet	Turlock, CA
Feb. 6	General Meeting	Piedmont Community Center
Feb. 16-20	HCCA 76th Anniversary Convention	Santa Maria, CA

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