



*Bay Area  
Horseless Carriage Club*



# 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.

The Gaslight Gazette is published 11 times per year with one issue for the months of JULY and August.

**MEETINGS: First Wednesday @ 7:30 PM** monthly (except July and December - no meeting) at Piedmont Community Hall, Piedmont, CA near Piedmont City Hall. April and November are potluck dinners starting at 6:30 PM. Guests welcome. Special presentations at meetings.

**BOARD MEETINGS:** Monthly. See calendar for schedule. Members welcome.

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

**WEBSITE:** www.BAHCC.org

### Editors Notes:

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

This Gazette is much shorter than usual and I am using the old Board page, which will be updated next month upon the return of our new board President Jon Alff. Many of the positions will continue to be held by the same people and this list will at least give you access to their information. Our Website continues to have problems and does not send attachments so you will not be getting the newsletter via the website email. As decided by the Board at the October meeting ALL members will be receiving the Gazette via US Mail. It is important that you pay your yearly dues to receive the newsletter after this January edition. Once the Website is fixed you will also continue to get the newsletter online.

Dues this year should be paid to our Treasurer, Whitney Haist. Everyone should have received the annual notice with the December Gazette which was mailed out to all members.

Our new Board will be putting together our new calendar at the next meeting and updates will be available at our January meeting on January 6th. Remember the alternate sight with the directions and parking information in this newsletter and also December 2015.

## NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM YOUR RETIRING PRESIDENT



**BAHCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2016** – Welcome to: Jon Alff, President; Whitney Haist, VP and Treasurer; Don Azevedo, Secretary; Eric Lundquist, Chairman of the Board; Muriel Lundquist, Gazette Editor; Ed Archer, Fred Byl, Bill Schrambling and John Morrison – Board Members. During the Christmas Dinner, Past President, Eric Lundquist received a plaque with a gavel, plus a gift certificate for The Van's Restaurant in Belmont. The outgoing President presented the Outgoing Board Members special "wine" glass identifiers, to identify which wine glass was theirs.

**NEW TEMPORARY MEETING LOCATION:** Same date and time, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 7:30PM, however the Piedmont Community Center is undergoing renovation during January and February, and our meeting location has been moved to the second floor of the **Veterans Hall, 401 Highland, above the Piedmont Police Station** (The Vets hall is at the corner of Highland and Magnolia, and is about 1 block North of the Community Center and across the street from the Valero Gas Station.) Look for the Police Station.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:** BAHCC's annual Christmas Party was again beautifully hosted again by Carolee Morrison, Susan Durein and Joyce Azevedo. Thank you again ladies for your help in arranging this special evening. The "prime rib" and other parts of the dinner was wonderful as always. Ron Sparzo, our keyboardist entertained our crowd again this year. Many of our group dancing as well. A great evening was enjoyed by all.

**GIFT EXCHANGE BENEFITTING UCSF OAKLAND BENIOFF CHILDRENS HOSPITAL – OAKLAND.** Santa Claus always visits the BAHCC Christmas Party, and again made his rounds, except this year, Joyce Azevedo suggested that in lieu of exchanging gifts between members, gifts could be given to the UCSF's Oakland Benioff Children's Hospital young patients. Over 100 gifts were received, and on Saturday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, delivered to the hospital by Ed Archer, Don and Joyce Azevedo, and Eric and Muriel Lundquist. These gifts would be available to needy families, some of which would not have gotten any gifts at all. This was a wonderful gesture by BAHCC, that we feel must be repeated more than once each year, possibly bring a present to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, and then delivering those gifts to Benihoff's "toy closet" which needs constant refilling all year long.

**JON AND AMELIA'S TRAVELS:** Jon and Amelia Alff, incoming BAHCC President are vacationing in Spain where their grandchildren live. Amelia hopes to retire, maybe in 2016, and they are also looking for a home there. Jon and Amelia will be back for the February BAHCC meeting.

We look forward to a good year for 2016, and Happy Touring.

Eric Lundquist, BAHCC 2016 Chairman of the Board



Retiring and continuing board of directors at the December Holiday Party

## ANNUAL HOLIDAY TOUR

Our annual holiday tour took place the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 22, 2015 and was sponsored by Whitney Haist. After meeting in the early morning the group traveled to Kennedy Park on San Pablo Dam Road for lunch. The weather cooperated and a good time was had by all.





## **BAHCC Members deliver 100 gifts to UCSF'S BENIOFF Children's Hospital - OAKLAND**

### **GIFT EXCHANGE BENEFITTING UCSF OAKLAND BENIOFF CHILDRENS HOSPITAL – OAKLAND.**

The gifts were provided by BAHCC members in lieu of a gift exchange between members at our Christmas Party. This new idea was Joyce Azevedo's "brain child" - "who needs another pair of work gloves, place mats, etc., - let's give back to the community". Great idea, and thanks for setting it up.

On Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, Don and Joyce Azevedo, Muriel and Eric Lundquist, and Ed Archer met at John Morrison's house to load the presents into Don's truck and Ed Archer's 1921 Reo. Ed said that for this event, the Reo was a 1915. Joyce rode with Ed for the short four mile ride to the Children's Hospital.

At Benioff, we were greeted by Benioff Staff, treated to some great brownies, and told how much they appreciated the BAHCC generosity. They said the "toy chest" was getting empty not only at Christmas, but all year, and in need of constant replenishment.

Joyce and Don suggested that this wonderful gesture by BAHCC, should be repeated more than once each year, possibly our members can bring a present to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, and follow up with a short drive to refill their "toy closet".

Eric Lundquist, 2016 BAHCC Chairman of the Board



On display - all the presents donated to UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital by our club



Santa's Helpers at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Delivering the gifts in Ed Archer's 1921 Reo to the delight of Hospital workers greeting us.

# HCCA NATIONAL NEWS



**To:** Regional Groups (RG) and Affiliated Registries (AR) Contacts and Others

**Re:** Happy Holidays, Thanks Board Candidates, Family and Friends, Swarm to BEE Warm; Road Humor

**Issue:** 2015-12-01 #11

- **HCCA Happy Holidays and New Year -**



*1903 Ford Model A Rear-Entrance Tonneau, CT*

As the winter closes in for some of the members (above the equator), it gives us time to complete our goals for the year and start to make plans for the next year to be greater than the last year. But before we do, the HCCA Board of Directors would like to extend to you, your family and friends the greatest Happiest Holiday and New Year. Don't procrastinate, now is the time to get your antique vehicles ready for the next touring season. Stay safe and healthy. If your weather is getting warm, drive safely during the touring season.

- **Thanks to Board Candidates** – I hope all voting members sent in your voting card (not many days left to vote). Results of the election from CPA should be known by year end. Good luck to each candidate and I want to thank each one of you for getting involved and offering to make a commitment ...

- **HCCA Friends and Family –**  
*My Personal Suggestion* ... At this time of the year, it is good time to thank your family and friends for all they have done and what they mean to you. Don't wait until people are gone, thank them now. You will never regret it; I don't. Additionally if you have anything that bothers you with someone, find a way to get by it, fix it or forgive them and start the New Year fresh.

- **2016 "Swarm to BEE Warm" ...**

*Have you signed up, Made your reservations and Marked your calendar?* –

The 2016 HCCA Annual Convention and tours will be held April 3 – 8, 2016 at the Hampton Inn, 30301 Cortez Blvd, Brooksville, FL (352-796-1000) ... The Annual Meeting, Tours, Events, Seminars and Presentations will allow us to meet the goal of *Sharing, Educating and Passing our experience on to others.* Because the event allows us to meet face to face, it reunites old hobby friends and allows us to expose the public to the Horseless Carriage Club of America in different parts of the country.

There will be a gas light tour of the town, involvement with local schools and multiple seminars. Touring is being planned to an Indian battle site, a Preserve and Park, Airboat on Withlacoochee river, Train ride on CP&G railroad (Not full size), Air show @ Sun 'n Fun Florida, and Lunch overlooking the Gulf, School visit to educate and share our historic vehicles and history with the next generation. Night events will include talks on Early Automobiles, "The Need to Race", and View of WWI from American Field Service Ambulance driver seats and an Annual Members meeting.

You can find the Registration form on line at [www.hccafl.org](http://www.hccafl.org). Do not wait, space is limited.

- **Road Humor** – Some people want to turn back their odometers. Well not me! I want people to know why I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

*Share, Educate and Pass It On...*

*Carlton Pate* / [anpcop@aol.com](mailto:anpcop@aol.com)

HCCA National Vice President

## HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE AND INSTALLATION

Members and friends celebrated Christmas at our annual Holiday Party in Piedmont on December 9th, 2015. Carolee and John Morrison hosted a wonderful dinner with the help of Joyce Azevedo and Susan Durein and music by keyboard extraordinaire Ron Sparzo on his Tyros 4.



## Save the Dates - May 21 - 22, 2016

This will be a joint tour with the following clubs invited:

Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club

NorCal Horseless Carriage Club

Sacramento, Model T Club

Mother Lode Model T Club

It will be structured so participants can choose to attend both or either day.

It will be headquartered in the Cameron Park / Shingle Springs area.

Complete details to follow by the end of January 2016.

Please spread the word in your respective club publications / websites.

Any questions: 530-677-2923 - [David@Pava.com](mailto:David@Pava.com)

### OTHER CLUB NEWS:

Eric and Muriel had the pleasure of attending the Santa Clara clubs annual Christmas Brunch at Mariani's in Los Altos in December



### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

MORRISON	Carolee	1/1
MARIN	Doug	1/2
RYAN	Matt	1/2
METAIS	Anne	1/3
HENNINGSEN	Renee	1/8
FORBES	Mark	1/13
BROMMER	Kaaren	1/20
GULARTE	Bill	1/27
ARCHER	Karen	1/31



### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

PAVA	David	Patricia	Jan. 19, 1997
BOYDEN	Jim	Jean	Jan. 25
ARCHER	Ed	Karen	Jan. 31, 1959



## **NOTICE TO BAHCC MEMBERS**

Our January and February 2016 meetings will be held at the Veterans Hall at 401 Highland while remodeling is being done at the Community Hall where we usually meet. Parking will still be at the upper parking lot of the Community Hall and we will walk over to the Piedmont Vet's Hall. The entrance is upstairs on the right. John Morrison would be happy to answer any questions.



Hi Muriel.. You may want to e-mail this out to the members...

People coming up Oakland Ave from (Grand) to Highland Ave

Also coming down or up on Moriga Ave (canyon) to Highland ave

to Veterans Building... 3 spaces on Highland (front of Police

station)..Vista Ave on side of Vet's 3 + handy cap and drive way

to bring in drinks and deserts. across the street (B of A) 4 spaces.

Also farther down in front of City Hall and both sides....

Also a lot of parking around the Arch Area (Highland)...

I may not make it in that I am having my 2nd cataract Op. Monday

George...

## 23 miles in 7 days

*The 1911 Tahoe Tavern Auto Race makes today's chain controls look like child's play*

By Gary Noy  
SPECIAL TO TAHOE IN DEPTH

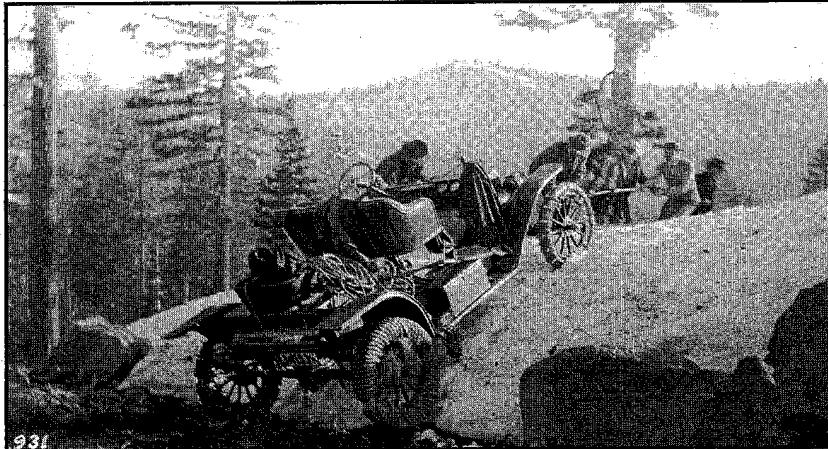
Imagine ascending the western slope of the Sierra, trudging through places as spectacularly remote as Desolation Wilderness, and contending with gorged rivers and massive drifts of spring snow along the way.

Now imagine that instead of a backpack and trekking poles, you are hauling your car with you as you go.

If this sounds like the kind of thing you would only do on a bet, then your enthusiasm for getting to Lake Tahoe could've matched the legendary feat of two turn-of-the-century Grass Valley residents who in 1911 did just that.

Bear in mind in the early 20th century, most roads in the Sierra were treacherous, not to be traveled by the faint of heart. In 1901, the Bureau of Highways described the skinny tentacle over Sonora Pass as "22 miles over granite formation that is little more than a creek bed." One wag depicted another highway as so muddy in winter and spring that it measured "130 miles long and 5 feet deep." Driving a car through the range in the first 15 years of the 20th century was an adventure on par with an attempt at traversing the remote Sierra High Route—a trip both challenging and potentially deadly.

Still, in the early years of car travel, novelty and a rugged spirit drew car enthusiasts to precarious places. Perhaps to capitalize on this, in spring of 1911, the Tahoe Tavern in Tahoe City offered a 3-foot-tall silver trophy to the first party to drive eastward over the Donner Summit Road from California to the luxury resort. The Sierra had just endured a severe winter—by March of that year nearly 40 feet of snow had fallen at 8,000 feet—so it was not until June that anyone dared attempt the exhilarating but arduous race over the trackless, snowy Sierra.



These competitors used chains and ropes to get a car over Donner Summit in 1911.

*They stretched a metal cable over the torrent, cleverly slid the suspended car over the rapids, and then quickly removed the cable, leaving no evidence of the ingenious technique for the competitors that followed.*

The leading contenders for the prize were a dedicated group of automobile fanatics from Grass Valley led by Arthur B. Foote, assistant superintendent of the North Star Mines Corporation. Joining him on the ride was George Starr, manager of the Empire Mine. They expected brutal physical challenges on the trip, including difficult terrain and serious logistical issues, but they did not anticipate that it would take them seven days to travel the last 23 miles.

When Foote learned of the Tahoe Tavern contest, he instantly decided to undertake the competition in his Model T Ford, and recruited Starr and other Grass Valley citizens as his support crew. On June 2, 1911, Foote and Starr began their journey. Foote, true to his roots as a mining engineer, kept an understated, even terse, diary. His first entry reads: "Packed stuff, took off windshield, Mr. Starr and I left for Emigrant Gap at 4 p.m. with shovels, tackle, etc. Passed Emigrant Gap and got stuck in the soft snow 2.5

miles further on. Walked to Cisco, got there 10:30 p.m."

Snow blocked their way that night, so the following morning Foote and Starr went scouting. They walked their potential route and discovered a washed-out bridge on the roaring Yuba River. Hiking back to their automobile in Cisco, the intrepid pair started driving across the still-frozen snowpack. Occasionally, the automobile would careen into deep crevices and Foote and Starr would need to haul their car out of the holes using a block and tackle.

After five hours, they finally reached the washed-out bridge, at which point they stretched a metal cable over the torrent, cleverly slid the suspended car over the rapids, and then quickly removed the cable, leaving no evidence of the ingenious technique for the competitors that followed. When their opponents reached the ruined bridge, they were puzzled as to how Foote and Starr had crossed. They were also

unable to continue.

With an overwhelming lead, the dynamic duo from Grass Valley continued onward. Two days later, Foote and Starr were once again stuck in the snow, but still confident that success was within reach, they returned to Grass Valley by train to retrieve more equipment before pressing on. On June 7, they were back with their stranded auto, which they yanked into position and fitted with wooden runners on the wheels. The car now turned into a sled, the adventurers pushed it over the snowpack, and by June 9, they had reached Soda Springs, where they spent the day making repairs.

The next morning, Foote and Starr pulled their vehicle over Donner Summit and then manhandled it to Donner Lake, where they enjoyed a well-earned breakfast. With nothing left but the open road from Truckee to Tahoe City, the triumphant contestants reached Tahoe Tavern at noon. Overall, the outing had taken eight days. The 3-foot-tall trophy was theirs, and so were bragging rights.

The Tahoe Tavern proprietors were astonished to see Arthur Foote and George Starr. On June 11, the Grass Valley Union reported on the front page: "The victors enjoyed the consternation which they caused by their unexpected arrival. The resort management had not expected these men from Grass Valley to achieve their success by shoving, tugging, and hoisting their Model T over seemingly impassable mountainous terrain."

May the spectacular allure of Lake Tahoe and the spirit of adventure in getting here live on.

*Gary Noy has taught history at Sierra College in Rocklin since 1987. In 2006, the Oregon-California Trails Association named him Educator of the Year. This story is excerpted from Gary's new book "Sierra Stories: Tales of Dreamers, Schemers, Bigots and Rogues" (Heyday Books and Sierra College Press, 2014)*



**Date:** 12/03/2015

**To:** Regional Groups and Affiliated Registries

**From:** Carlton Pate – Regional Group Chairman

**Re: 2015 MARIAN WELCH SERVICE AWARD**

**REQUEST FOR NOMINEES**

Each fall the HCCA requests from Regional Groups and Affiliate Registries nominations for candidates for the Marian Welch Service Award ... (list of past winners on page 21 of the 2015/16 HCCA Roster).

The award is presented annually to a member who has demonstrated truly outstanding service to the Horseless Carriage Club of America. Recognition is for dedicated, consistent, continuing service over a considerable length of time. The plaque on the trophy reads: "Presented in Recognition of Outstanding Contribution to the Horseless Carriage Club hobby and the General Welfare of the HCCA". As Executive Secretary to the HCCA for many years, Marian Welch gave so much extra of her time. Paul N. Eoff conceived the idea of the award.

This award is not a popularity contest, but is intended to honor an individual who has rendered substantial service to the HCCA over the years.

Annually nominees are sought for the award from throughout the membership. Any member or group of individuals wishing to submit a nominee to the Awards committee for consideration must be received by the committee designee on or before December 1, 2014 so that a selection can be made by the HCCA Board of Directors by the end of the year. The individual will be honored at the annual Convention.

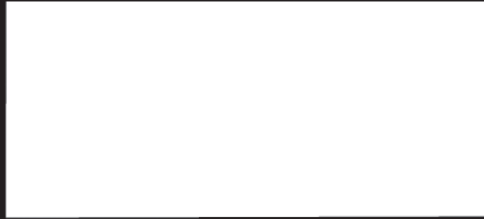
With detail information about a candidate, there needs to be a description of the activities, efforts and contribution that the person has made to the organization over years of membership. The HCCA board of Directors will consider all nominations received.

- **Due Date:** Nominee application and information must be received by **December 31, 2015;**
- **Format** of the Application: Though there is no formal format, the key factor is a clear concise explanation of the long term contributions that the individual has made to HCCA over many years of service;
- **Delivery:** Nominee candidate information should be sent to Awards Committee Member:

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