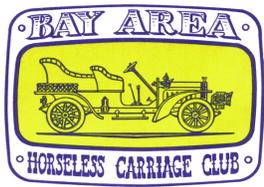




*Bay Area  
Horseless Carriage Club*



# 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:

**NEXT MEETING DATE, WEDNESDAY MARCH 2, 2016 WILL BE HELD BACK AT OUR REGULAR MEETING PLACE, THE PIEDMONT COMMUNITY HALL IN PIEDMONT. RENOVATIONS ARE ALMOST COMPLETE, BUT THEY ARE STILL ALLOWING US TO MEET THERE.**

**NEWS UPDATES FOR THE CLUB INCLUDE:** the Website is being reworked and most aspects are now working. The newsletter will be sent from the website this month as well as by regular US mail to all members. The membership list is still being updated by our Treasurer and Membership chairmen and soon they will have everything ready for Muriel to prepare the new Roster. Once this is completed only paying members will receive the Gazette and the Roster. If you have not yet paid your dues you will be removed from the Roster and the email list so be sure to make your payment to the Treasurer, Whitney Haist immediately.

This is a very full issue with lots of information on upcoming events and tours.

There will be a presentation on FRANKLINS at our next meeting so be sure to attend.

There is a flyer included this month reminding those that would still like placards for their cars to fill it out and get the information to Eric so that he can make up a personal laminated placard for your car/cars.

See you Wednesday and hope you join us for dinner before at the Mexican Restaurant

## *PRESIDENTS COLUMN*



Have you ever heard of a car called the Pioneer? It wouldn't be surprising if you don't know of this car. Only four were built and only one remains. It has been hidden in an Oakland warehouse for some 40 years. What's significant about the Pioneer is that it was the very first car on the West Coast and it was built in San Francisco.

The Pioneer was built by John Meyer between 1893 and 1896. Meyer was born in northern Germany in 1862 and had seven brothers. While in Germany Meyer studied to be a machinist. He moved to Fresno while still in his teens. In time he moved to Benicia where he began designing and building engines for a boat builder. While there Meyer learned of the first cars built by Daimler and Benz (then separate companies) in Germany and by the Duryea Brothers in Massachusetts. By 1893 Meyer had moved his family to San Francisco and he began building his first car in his basement. Although his neighbors thought the effort a complete folly, Meyer tore a hole in the basement wall three years later to reveal California's first car.

The Pioneer was built on a crude redwood carriage. But it had a two cylinder, water cooled engine and a three speed transmission. The engine was unbelievably simple. It had an open crankcase and no carburetor, but it could speed along at 18 miles per hour. Noe Valley's local paper proclaimed that "it was a perfect machine... carries his wife and children at the fastest pace and in finer style than any nabob in the city."

By 1897 Meyer's car had developed many improvements. Meyer discarded the first body and rebuilt the car on a professionally built carriage. And he drove it proudly in that year's Fourth of July parade. Shortly thereafter Meyer drove the car to San Jose and returned to San Francisco via an Oakland Ferry. In doing so, it became the first car to drive around the San Francisco Bay. As a result of these demonstrations Meyer's car gained a good reputation and the construction of several more cars. The first car survived unharmed in the 1906 earthquake and was used to transport people and small goods all over the city's broken streets. In time the car was seen regularly until being displayed in the San Francisco office of the AAA during the 1960s. Meyer's descendants donated the car to the Oakland Museum of California in the early 70s. The car remains there to this day.

Sadly, despite its historic significance, the car has been stored away at the museum. It has been out of sight for decades now. So, what next? I think the fact that it was built here and was California's first car is significant. Meyer's story needs to be highlighted and the car should be shown prominently. I'd like to use its image and story in conjunction with our club. What car could be more relevant to our club? Let's talk about the car; let's put our heads together and see what can be done. All ideas are welcome.

Cheers,

Jon



# GREEN BRASS TOUR

**SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016**

**Hosted by the Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club and  
the Santa Rosa Regional Group**

**We will be touring scenic southern Sonoma County with a no host lunch  
stop at the historic Washoe House.**

**Meet at Don & Pam Johnson's: 1818 Maiden Lane, Petaluma**

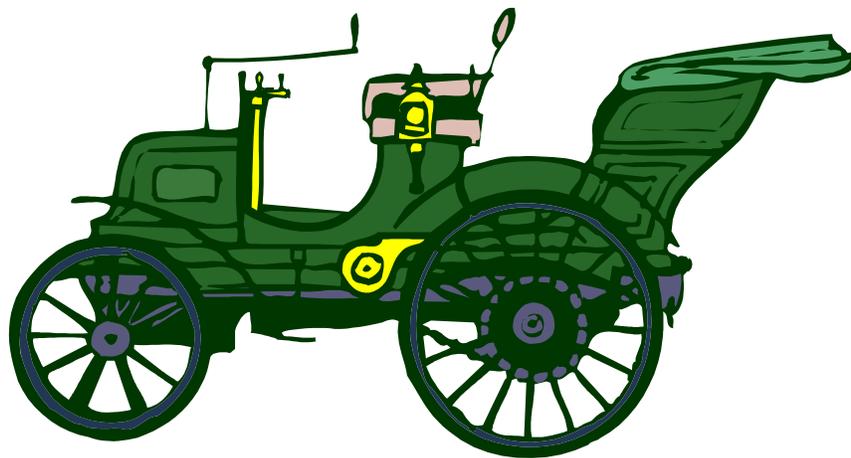
**See Map for trailer parking**

**Time: 9:30 AM coffee and pastries, 10:00 AM drivers meeting**

**RSVP: Don & Pam Johnson, 707-782-0229, [dearlj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dearlj@sbcglobal.net)**

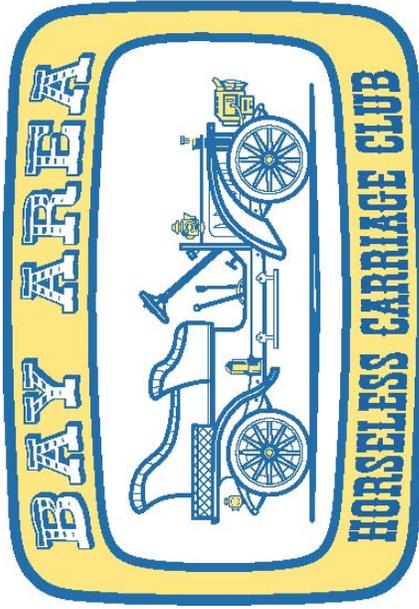
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**Due: April 1, 2016    BAHCC Board of Directors is offering free PLACARDS for your car.  
Please fill out, and return to: Eric Lundquist, 1384 Rollins Road, Burlingame CA 94010**

**Year** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mfg** \_\_\_\_\_



**Model:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mfg City/State:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cost New:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Other Details:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Owners:** \_\_\_\_\_

**[www.BAHCC.org](http://www.BAHCC.org)**

**Thank You For Not Touching**

## A Centurion Birthday Celebration with Cars

Several weeks ago I received the following email from a man named Bryan Bashan.

*My father, Saul Bashin, who turns 100 on February 20<sup>th</sup>, has been a lifelong automobile enthusiast. As a 12-year-old in Los Angeles in 1928 he spied a pile of auto parts laid out across a building. He bought the pile for \$2 and carted it home in multiple loads on the classic radio flyer wagons.*

*That summer he assembled the parts into their origin -- A Model T touring car. In the free-wheeling environment of 1920s Los Angeles he just started driving, without a license.*

*My father's story spans almost 90 years of driving, more than nearly any human being can now claim. He's got a detailed knowledge of the obscure and beautiful mechanical reasons why cars were designed the way they were in the early part of the last century. He worked on cars as a passion all his life and his early mechanical knowledge helped him become, eventually, a mechanical *engineer designing solar power systems for spacecraft.**

*Two years ago he had to give up living on his own and our family moved him to be closer to us (we live in Berkeley, Oakland and Orinda). We're now planning his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 20<sup>th</sup> and we know that if there is a single passion strongest in him it's to be with the old cars and the people who love them.*

That's all it took to mobilize a rendezvous with a 100 year old man and the cars he grew up with as a youth. Don Azevedo, Rich Green, Bill Cassiday, Bill Austen, Jon Alff, Norman Schwartz, and Whitney and Diane Haist, all turned out to honor this man with the cars he loved. Mr. Bashin, who taught himself to drive at age ten, shared many stories of his early driving experiences. Three generations of the Bashin family witnessed the event along with Cathy Dausman, Staff Writer, with the [Lamorinda Weekly](#). A link to her article will be e-mailed to club members as soon as it is published.

Whitney Haist



Cathy Dausman (back to camera) of the Lamorinda Weekly photographs Saul Bashan, 100, with family and Rich Greens' Model T Ford like one he had 90 years ago

Dear Whitney,

Well the festivities for my father's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday are over and I want to thank you and the Club for the wonderful turnout you managed to pull off at the Wagner school. My father was at first a bit bewildered as a half-dozen ancient automobile beauties appeared as if out of nowhere. He didn't quite get that they were all assembled in honor of him, but in the moment that followed he did. His ride up with Rich in the 1914 T was a huge thrill to him, and for the next two days he kept talking about Rich's car. In the hours afterward he remembered, for example, how low gear was engaged continually by stepping onto a pedal, something he hadn't done himself for maybe 60 years. He began making cross-sections in his head of the relatively thin tires and suspension system of the car and told us how far the mechanical art had traveled over a century.

Rich was gracious and stayed a while at my sister's house. They are nearly neighbors.

My father would love to follow up when the club is ready to hear some of his stories in Piedmont. He is also interested in upcoming tour dates through spring and summer.

Finally, Cathy and I spoke yesterday as she got more of the story about the Club and my father's own background. I think she said her story will come out Wednesday and there may be more photos than they can use which she'll send to us.

Again, Whitney, please extend the fondest thank-you to all members of the club who took loving time to assemble this impromptu meet-up and show the old man some love.

Warm regards,

Bryan Bashin

Michelle Bashin

Shari Bashin-Sullivan

Last Saturday a number of us met in Orinda to share our cars with Saul Bashin on his 100th Birthday. Cathy Dausman has recorded the event in the Lamorinda Weekly, Orinda's local newspaper. You can see the article here:

<http://www.lamorindaweekly.com/archive/issue0926/Model-T-Ride-Drives-Centenarians-Surprise.html>



## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

RIGGS	Lloyd	Jane	3/1
JOHNSON	Don	Pam	3/7
SHELDON	Wayne	Linda	3/19
REAK	Ron	Bea	3/21
ALFF	Jon	Amelia	3/31
CROWELL	Wes	Henrietta	3/31

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
BITTNER	Paul	3/12
HIRONIMUS	Gene	3/13
CERRUTI	Mark	3/14
NELSON	Marion	3/18
ROSEN	Bob	3/20
HARDIN	Jim	3/27

MAY 20 - 22, 2016

## Joint Horseless Carriage and Model T Tour

Bay Area, Northern CA, Santa Clara HCCA plus Sacramento and Mother Lode MTFCA Invited

**Please bring and wear your club name badges**

This is a weekend tour, headquartered in Cameron Park (30 miles east of Sacramento off highway 50) starting Saturday morning and ending Sunday, midafternoon, with an optional Friday Evening pre-tour event.

You may choose to attend both days and spend one or two nights at the motel (or home) - or attend only Saturday or Sunday. The tour is priced by-person, by-day.

**Friday**, March 11, optional ... arrive and check-in at the motel (if applicable) then pick up your tour package at the Pava's Home Winery, **from 3 to 5 PM** (address below) - enjoy a glass of wine and cheese, while visiting with other early arrivers. No tour – but you are encouraged to drive your antique car and park it in our vineyard or orchard. Dinner on your own; recommendations provided.

**Saturday** - tour to Volcano for lunch and then Sutter Creek for antiques, wine and cheese tasting - plus boutique shopping. Dinner on your own; several restaurants nearby; recommendations will be provided.

**Sunday** - Visit roadside "farm-trail" fruit stands followed by a catered barbeque lunch at an old gold-mine. Optional mine tour available.

*This will be a low-key tour with miles of very scenic back roads and no freeway driving.*

### **Saturday, May 21, 2016 – Volcano Lunch & Sutter Creek Antique / Boutique Shopping and Wine Tasting**

Arrive by 9:45 AM and check-in – if you have not already done so at Safeway Parking Lot. Cameron Park Dr. exit from Highway 50 heading east – 30 miles east of Sacramento – exit southbound - turn right and immediately right on Coach Lane. Trailer Parking at the west end of Coach Lane – less than ¼ mile beyond Safeway.

10:00 AM Drivers Meeting at Safeway Parking Lot – Cameron Park, CA

Depart for 1 PM lunch in the quaint gold rush town of Volcano

3:30 PM Sutter Creek – boutique shopping, antiques, wine and cheese tasting

At your leisure Dinner on your own - or if staying locally return home

### **Sunday, May 22, 2016 – Country Fruit Stands and Gold Mine Catered Barbecue Picnic Lunch**

9:30 AM Drivers Meeting at Safeway Cameron Park

Depart Motel for Fruit Stand Tour

1:00 PM Barbecue Lunch – Gold Bug Park – Placerville, CA

3:00 PM Depart

**Motel Information - Quality Inn and Suites, 3361 Coach Lane, Cameron Park, CA 530-677-2202**

Make your own reservations – Rooms aproximately \$100 breakfast included. Book on-line two weeks or more in advance, pre-pay and get a 20% discount; around \$80. Motel is directly across the street from Cameron Park Safeway. Of course those who live in the Sacramento Region may choose to stay at home.

The tour is priced to “break even” – any excess revenue will be proportionally split between participating clubs. Refunds will only be available to the extent costs incurred can be recovered.

**Please return the attached form by May 14, 2016 with your full payment.**

**Make checks payable to NorCal HCCA**

Send Registration Form and Payment to:

David Pava, 4801 Jubilee Trail, Shingle Springs, CA 95682

If you have any questions please call 530-677-2923 or email [David@Pava.com](mailto:David@Pava.com)

**May 20 - 22, 2016**

**Joint Horseless Carriage and Model T Tour**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State / ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Names of all Passengers: \_\_\_\_\_

**Car Information**

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Body \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Carrier \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation: Bay Area, Northern CA or Santa Clara HCCA – Sacramento or Mother Lode MTF-CA

Event	# People	\$	Circle Choice	Total \$
Tour Registration		\$10 per-person 1 day or both	Saturday Sunday Both	
Friday - Welcome			Please note here if you will attend	None

Saturday Volcano – Lunch at St. George Hotel		\$23 Tax and Tip In- cluded Circle Choices	Burger, Fries & Salad - or Ruben Sandwich & Salad - or Fettuccine Pasta Primavera (veg) All include coffee and tea	
Sunday Gold Bug Mine Catered by Hog Wild Barbeque		\$20 Tax Included	BBQ Brisket, Baby Back Ribs, Mashed Potatoes, Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Rolls, Cold Beverages	
Total Enclosed				

**Waiver and Release of Liability**

I hereby agree, as a condition of my participation in this tour that I and my passengers are participating in the event for our own pleasure and that I will be fully and legally responsible for my car and passengers at all times. I release all the participating car clubs and the tour organizers from all liability whatsoever for any act, thing or event that may transpire during or by reason of this event. I agree that a currently licensed driver will operate the car and comply with the California Motor Vehicle Code. I further certify that the automobile to be driven on this tour is in good safe working order, currently and properly registered and insured as required by law.

Driver's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's Name Printed \_\_\_\_\_

**Send this Registration Form and full payment by March 5, 2016 to:**

David Pava, 4801 Jubilee Trail, Shingle Springs, CA 95682

**Make checks payable to NCRG HCCA**

(Any excess revenue will be proportionally split by the participating clubs.)



**Blackhawk Car Show and Diablo Country Tour**  
 Sunday May 1, 2016 Danville, CA  
 7:00AM to 1:00 PM (including picnic lunch)

**Suitable for ALL brass-era cars including one and two cylinders**

**Car Show**



**Country Drive**



**Picnic Lunch**



You will be **ENERGIZED** by displaying your car and by talking with over 1000 other car owners and enthusiasts at the Blackhawk Museum's Cars and Coffee event.  
 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle  
 Danville, CA 94506

You will be **MESMERIZED** by the vistas and by the quiet as we tour in the shadows of Mount Diablo. Separate route for 1 & 2 Cylinder cars.

**Period Attire Encouraged**

You will be **FERTILIZED** by a picnic lunch and a docent talk on the grounds of the Tassajara Grammar school, established in 1889.  
 (\$10 donation)  
 1650 Finley Road  
 Danville, CA 94506

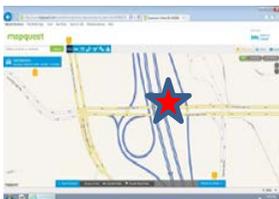
**Early Participants List**

Parade order	Car	Member(s)	Lunch Count
1	1906 Locomobile	Ed & Karen Archer	2
2	1908 Reo	Doug Durein	1
3	1910 Buick	Ed & Carolyn Harley	2
4	1910 Mitchell	Charles Ebers	2
5	1913 Buick	Jon & Amelia Alff	2
6	1914 Ford	Don & Joyce Azevedo	2
7	1914 Ford	Donna Jones	1
8	1915 Studebaker	Whitney & Diane Haist	2
9	??	Johnny & Christine Crowell	2
10	??	Gerald Robinson	1
11	??	Bill & Alaine Schrambling	2

**Reserve Now!**

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 (925-838-7460)

Whitney Haist, co-chair  
[Haist@comcast.net](mailto:Haist@comcast.net)  
 (925-253-1333)



Meet at the **Danville Park n' Ride** (680 & Sycamore Valley Road) between 6:15AM and 6:45AM. There is ample space for trailer parking. Depart at 7:00AM. Return by 1:00PM

## Valentine's Day Lunch and Tour

For at least the third year in a row, the weather permitted a Valentine's Day luncheon with a follow-up tour and this was a home run situation on both parts. The cars all showed up at the restaurant in time for the lunch to start at 12:30. The club members were treated to individual orders that were delivered in short order from Pier 29 in Alameda, given the fact that we had 30 members and guests to serve (twice the number of participants in the 2015 luncheon) and I heard no complaints about the food. We even had the extra comfort of having a photographer from the Bay Area News Group who I was most fortunate in having come for pictures (and video), acting as an impromptu guard of the cars while we enjoyed our meals. Joining us for the lunch and tour, was our new member Vince O'Brien with his 1910 Model T Touring.

Doug Durein was prepared at the end of lunch for a tour around the west end of Alameda that was flat, and had the least amount of stress on all those ancient autos. The autos then set off behind Doug and Sunshine Durein in their 1903 Dyke for both an informational experience of the old and now closed Naval Weapons Station; where the first major sight was of the Hornet Aircraft Carrier (Museum), and through to the remaining housing and transformed portion of the Station into good commercial use by now.

I do not have to recount the autos of the tour here, as again due to our good fortune D. Ross Cameron has both pictures and video for all of our enjoyment. The pictures can be accessed at <http://photos.mercurynews.com/2016/02/14/bay-area-horseless-carriage-club/#1> and the video at [http://www.contracostatimes.com/news/ci\\_29529238/alameda-vintage-cars-are-sight-behold](http://www.contracostatimes.com/news/ci_29529238/alameda-vintage-cars-are-sight-behold). Additional information about the tour is available at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/47690598379/>.

Bill Schrambling



Doug and Susan Durein in the Dyke



Paul Chapot in his Saxon



Bill Hund and Mary



Ed and Karen Archer



John Morrison



John and Carolee Morrison



Vince O'Brian



Touring Alameda for Valentine's Day



Paul Chapot in his Saxon



Doug and Susan Durein

## *FRANKLIN CARS - 1902 to 1934*

Of more than 200 makes of cars in the early 1900's, the Franklin Motor Company cars, Syracuse, NY, has a special place in automotive history. Of the 150,000 produced, 2,400 are known to survive today and previously unknown Franklins are still appearing. The Franklin Club's museum is located within the Gilmore Musuem complex in Michigan, plus there are other museums specializing in Franklins. Their legacy continues through the website [Franklincars.org](http://Franklincars.org) and a dedicated fan base that does a yearly trek in upstate New York in their Franklins and the annual Westrek held in various locations in the western states.

20 years ago, while working at our Rochester area office, I contacted the Rochester Area HCCA Group. One of their members, Howard Sharp and I became friends and we have bought and sold cars to each other. Howard and his son Doug, for the past 25 years have run the "Great Race" first in his 1912 Velie and now a 1916 Hudson. Howard and Doug have taken First place several times, claiming "the winnings helped put my kids through school".

One visit with Howard, we spent the entire day visiting his friends, as well as several car collections in the Buffalo/Rochester area. My favorite stop was a friend's house in Buffalo to see a beautiful fire engine red 1928 four door Franklin touring car with dual side mounts, whitewall tires, big chrome (faux) radiator and windshield. So very elegant. This beautiful cars ranked with the elegant Packards, Cadillacs and Pierce Arrows of that vintage.

In 2009 some BAHCC members attended a 100th birthday party for a 1909 Zimmerman owned by Chet and Marlene Zimmerman of Los Altos, retired BAHCC members. Having met and visited with Chet and Marlene at several BAHCC and SCVHCC meetings, they always spoke of the yearly Franklin Trek in upstate New York. The Franklin group come from all over the world in their Franklins and take day trips into the Finger Lakes area. They house at Cazenovia College, near Syracuse, and it is a week long program. Recently I asked Marlene if she could help on an article on Franklins, and with her editing I put together this article.

The Franklin company produced its first car in 1902, a two seater runabout, similar to the most early runabouts which were low horsepower, somewhat simple in design, and slow, but that was the state of the art in 1902. The first Franklin sold (for \$1200) is now owned by the Smithsonian Institute and is deployed, via a long term loan, at the Onondaga Historical Association in Syracuse. By 1908 Franklin produced a larger four passenger touring car, and continued production until 1925 with several models, mostly touring cars, each having a distinctive hood but no "radiator" as all Franklins had "air cooled" engines, so it was not necessary to have a "radiator". In the early 1920s, Franklin dealers began to request that a "radiator" be added so that the car "looked" like its competitors, Buick, Hudson and Jordon "L" car. From mid-1925 to 1934, the "faux" radiator adorned the front of the Franklin cars.

The pricing of the Franklins was "mid-range", and hence while the Model T was selling up to 1,000,000 cars per year, the Franklin's best year was 1929 with 14,000 cars, an insignificant number. The Great Depression took its toll, and Franklin sales slipped to 2,800 (1931), then 1,300 (1933), then 400 cars (1934). The Franklin plant was taken over by the bank in 1934, and the company closed.

Throughout their 32 year run, Franklin cars had several unusual characteristics:

- Air Cooled engines – four, six, and twelve cylinder
- Wooden frames (1906 to 1925 models)

- Unusual front hood design

- Cross engine (referring to engine being mounted sideways rather than the conventional fore-and aft)

1902-1905



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- Round style (referred to as barrel-hood)

1906-1910



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- “Renault hood”

1911-1921



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- Horsecollar

1921-1925

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- DeCause (named for the designer of the elegant faux radiator) 1925-1934



Chet and Marlene have seven Franklins, the Zimmerman (now with Chet’s son), and a Grant (for sale).

Eric Lundquist with editing by Marlene Zimmerman

HEAR A MORE INDEPTH PRESENTATION ON THE FRANKLIN AT OUR MEETING WED., 3/2/16

# HCCA NATIONAL NEWS



**To:** Regional Groups (RG) and Affiliated Registries (AR) Contacts and Others  
**Re:** Publication Awards, 2016 Board Meeting Schedule, 2016 Convention Reminder  
**Issue:** 2016-02-15 #02

- **HCCA 2015 Publication Award Winners** – Like last year, we are pleased to announce the HCCA Publication Award winners before the 2016 Convention and Annual Meeting. The winners are listed in alphabetical order ...

#### **Newsletters – First Place** / Highest Honors

1. The Brass Nuts (Northern Calif. Reg. Group)
2. Brass Ramblings (Skagit-Snohomish Reg. Group)
3. Dashboard Ditties (Valley of the Sun RG)
4. Drip Pan (North Texas Reg. Group)
5. The Early Ford Registry
6. Gaslight Gazette (Bay Area)
7. The Gearbox Chatter (West Michigan Reg. Group)

*Reviewer Comment - I think we must have some "closet writers" in the HCCA who showcase their talents by authoring these wonderful newsletters.*

#### **Websites – First Place** / Highest Honors

1. Early Ford Registry
  2. Northern California Regional Group
  3. Skagit-Snohomish Regional Group
- Reviewer Comment - All of the winners had, in my opinion and using the grading mechanism, truly stellar websites.*

In the 4 years I have been involved with the HCCA Publication Awards program, I have never before seen all of the participants score the highest level. If you are a member of these local clubs, you are lucky to have such great communications (Newsletter editors and web site administrators).

- **2016 Board Meeting Schedule** – With the Annual Meeting being held in April 2016, we feel that advance notice should be given to the members and supporters so that they can make plans ahead of time.

Though the transition to the 2016 board will not be done until the Board Meeting in Brooksville, FL, the planning of the 2016 Board meetings have been determined to allow HCCA Board Directors and members to plan ahead.

- April 3-8, 2016 – **Annual Meeting**, Brooksville, FL / **First** Board Meeting (4/5/2016), Annual Meeting and Convention, Convention and tours
- May 22-26, 2016 – **Brass in Berks County**, Strasburg, PA / **Second** Board Meeting (5/23/2016) – Establish Goals for the year and hold a Discussion Workshop  
For information on the tour contact Jim Dix H (607) 562-3501; email: [jdix6@stny.rr.com](mailto:jdix6@stny.rr.com)
- October 5-8, 2016 – **Hershey Show**, Hershey, PA / **Third** Board Meeting (10/4/2016) – Report status of Goals
- 2017 – **TBD** / In planning stage  
**Fourth** Board Meeting (**TBD 2017**), Annual Meeting ...

- **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 result in the Sharing of information and friendship; learn about the development of the automobile; Early racing and what young American volunteers did to save 500,000 French soldiers in WWI. The event will allow you to meet new members, reunite old hobby friends and allows the club to expose the public to the Horseless Carriage Club of America in different parts of the country.

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

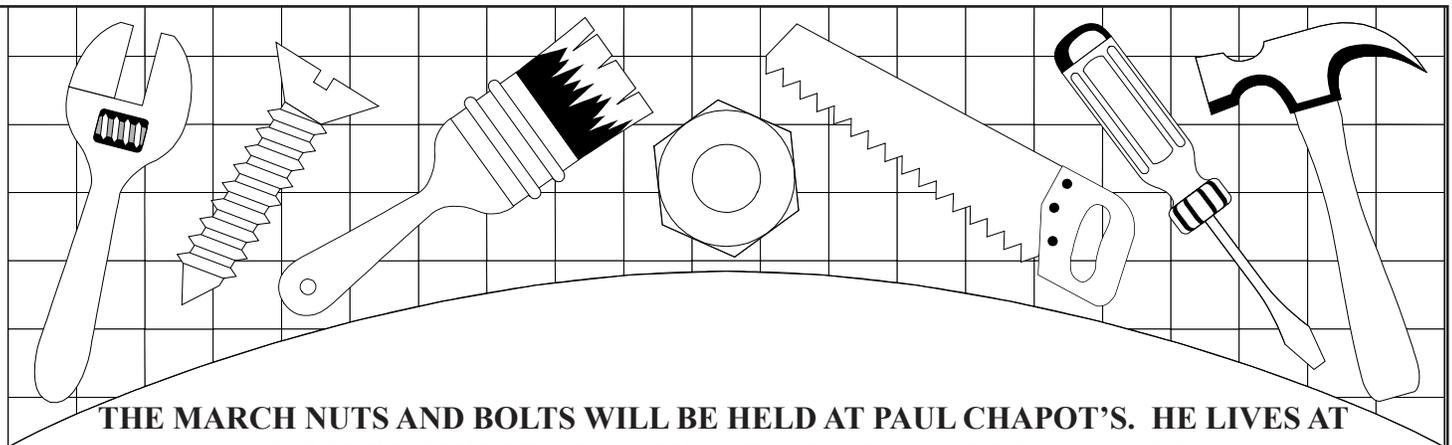
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HCCA National Vice President

BAHCC CALENDAR 2016

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>		
		5/21,22	Pava Tour Shingle Springs
		5/24-5/29	Blossom Tour, Watsonville, SCVHCCA
2/14/16	Valentine Brunch Pier 29 Alameda	6/1/16	BAHCC Club Meeting
2/17/16	BAHCC Board Meeting	6/4/16	Nuts and Bolts
3/2/16	BAHCC Club Meeting	6/5/16	Auburn Swap Meet
3/5/16	Nuts and Bolts	6/12/16	Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Endurance Run
3/13/16	Green Brass Tour, Petaluma	6/15/16	BAHCC Board Meeting
3/16/16	BAHCC Board Meeting	7/4/16	Piedmont Parade
3/17,19	Chickasha Oklahoma Swap Meet	7/22,24	Ryan's Ramble Washington
4/3,8	HCCA national Convention Brookville FL	8/3/16	BAHCC Club Meeting
4/6/16	BAHCC Club Meeting/Pot Luck Dinner and Auction	8/6/16	Nuts and Bolts
4/9/16	Nuts and Bolts	8/17/16	BAHCC Board Meeting
4/10,13	Grizzley Bear Tour Salinas, CA	9/7/16	BAHCC Club Meeting
4/14,16	Bakersfield Swap Meet	9/10/16	Nuts and Bolts
4/20/16	BAHCC Board Meeting	9/11/16	Antique Autos in History Park
4/23/16	Stockton Museums Trip	9/21/16	BAHCC Board Meeting
4/24/16	Nor Cal HCCA Swap Meet American River College	10/5/16	BAHCC Club Meeting
5/1/16	Blackhawk Cars and Coffee and BAHCC Tour/Picnic	10/5-10/8	Hershey
5/4/16	BAHCC Club Meeting	10/8/16	Nuts and Bolts
5/7/16	Nuts and Bolts	10/19/16	BAHCC Board Meeting
5/9,12	Western Gaslight 1 & 2 Cylinder Tour Oakdale, CA	11/2/16	BAHCC Club Meeting/Pot Luck Dinner
5/18/16	BAHCC Board Meeting	11/5/16	Nuts and Bolts
		11/16/16	BAHCC Joint Board Meeting
		12/14/16	BAHCC Christmas Party



**THE MARCH NUTS AND BOLTS WILL BE HELD AT PAUL CHAPOT'S. HE LIVES AT 1528 COURT STREET, ALAMEDA. TIME: 9:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON.**

**No Nuts and Bolts in April, due to Bakersfield and the Pat Craig visit taking up two Saturdays in April.**

**The May Nuts and Bolts will be at Mark Cerruti's garage in Danville on the 7th.**

## BAHCC MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 3, 2016

The February meeting of the Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club was called to order by President Jon Alff at 7:45 pm.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the January club meeting were posted in the February newsletter. The minutes were accepted as published.

**Treasury Report:** Whitney reported he has received dues from 53 members for membership renewal. We have also paid the rent for the year for the Piedmont Community Center.

**Membership Report:** Ed Archer reported on the Board accepting the membership application from Brian Harlamoff from Santa Cruz.

**Gaslight Gazette Report:** Muriel reported she had problems with the electronic distribution as she uses the web site mailing list. Some of the newsletters were kicked back and others were not sent. The size of the newsletter may be contributing to the problem as this month it was 16 pages. Muriel appreciated the contributions by members for the newsletter.

**Nuts & Bolts:** Doug Durein reported we will be going to the Schwartz's shop in Martinez this Saturday and have a lesson on steam cars. Norman has a newly-purchased 1907 10-HP Stanley that he would like to drive. A fellow steam car owner will help in this endeavor. Don suggested we each bring a fire extinguisher.

**Authenticity:** No report.

**Health and Welfare:** Doug reported Susan sent out two cards from the Club; one to Rene Lawrence, who had gall bladder surgery and to Bill and Kaaren Brommer who both are down with the flu.

**Webmaster Report:** Jon reported we are getting very close to finding solutions to our website. Stay tuned for the news.

**Nuts and Bolts:** The January session of the Nuts and Bolts was held at Eric's warehouse in Burlingame. The group was successful in properly evaluating the problems with a Model T and getting the engine running. Another success story from the WOG NABS (Wise Old Geezers of the Nuts and Bolts Session). Eric also reported he has 2 freezers available for anyone needing a freezer. (The warehouse must be emptied.)

### **Tours and Events:**

Don reported on the trip to the Walt Disney Family Museum in San Francisco on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The museum was enjoyed by all that attended.

Bill Schrambling reported on the upcoming Valentine's Day Brunch on February 14<sup>th</sup> at Pier 29 Restaurant in Alameda. Members are encouraged to bring their antique cars as an impromptu tour on the island will occur after brunch (weather permitting). A sign-up sheet was passed around.

Don and Pam Johnson, Donna Jones and John Pearson are planning on the Green Brass Tour for Sunday, March 13. We will begin at the Johnson's home in

Petaluma. Tour details will be available next month.

John Pearson invited the club to join the Santa Rosa Regional HCCA on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> on a tour to the Bodega Bay Fisherman's Festival. We will meet at 9:30 at the Guerneville and Fulton Roads in Santa Rosa.

Don Azevedo is working on a modern car trip to the Stockton area on Saturday, April 23 to visit a couple of museums.

Ed Harley reminded members of the Blackhawk Cars and Coffee event we are planning to join on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. We need to leave the Park and Ride location by 7:00. A tour of the back roads is planned after the car show. Lunch will be enjoyed at the historic Tassajara Grammar School that was established in 1889. A docent will give us a lesson on early school procedures. Be aware, a test may be given!

David Pava has invited our club to join his Shingle Springs tour on May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Tny Wollesen invited everyone to the Blossom Tour scheduled for May 24 – 27 in Watsonville sponsored by the Santa Clara HCCA.

Eric Lundquist asked if there was interest in touring the Tesla Motors Plant in Palo Alto (formerly the NUMMI Plant, a joint venture between General Motors and Toyota). There is adequate interest in a tour. Eric will pursue a date and plan the event.

**Old Business:** Don gave a report on some very old business. In 2010, Don's pickup, enclosed trailer and restored 1911 EMF were stolen from his home. The trailer and pickup were soon recovered and 5 months later the EMF was found on Bethel Island, but it was stripped of all the brass and other items. EMF parts were recently advertised on the HCCA web site in the classified section and noticed by Doug Marin. Doug notified Don and yes, the parts were off Don's car. Don has recovered the radiator, hood, all the lights, windshield and steering wheel and spider. The recovered parts were on Bethel Island! Don hopes to have the car back on the road this year with a lot of its original parts. (J. C. Taylor, my insurance company actually "owner" the recovered parts as they had paid the claim 5 years ago. They were more than fair with me and I was given the recovered parts!)

**New Business:** Eric reported that the Burlingame Fire Department has a 1936 Seagrave fire truck that has a 12-cylinder in-line engine. They need some advice or help with this engine.

The February Board meeting will be held at Ed and Karen's home at 7:30 on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Refreshments:** Donna Jones provided delicious cookies for all to enjoy.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted by Don Azevedo, Secretary

## BAHCC Board Meeting Minutes

The BAHCC Board met at Fred Byl's home on Wednesday, January 20th. The meeting was called to order by President Jon Alff at 7:30 p.m. with all Board members present except Eric and Muriel.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the last Board meeting (Joint Board Meeting in November) were read by Secretary Don Azevedo. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Whitney provided a year-end financial profit and loss accounting. The treasury spent \$514 more than deposits for the year, which is less than expected.

**Tours and Activities:** Bill Schrambling reported he is still trying to receive the banquet menu from Pier 29 in Alameda for the Valentine Day Brunch on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Bill is working with Doug Durein for a tour of Alameda after our dinner (weather permitting).

Don and Pam Johnson Donna Jones are working on the Green Brass Tour that will probably begin in Petaluma in March. The date and further details will be available at the February Club meeting.

**Nuts and Bolts:** The January Nuts and Bolts was held at Eric's warehouse in Burlingame. The group was successful in identifying the problems with the Model T that would not run. The group succeeded in getting the Model T running.

**Web Site:** The dues for the web site are approaching and the Board is evaluating our options. The Board is strongly considering changing our web site host. If a suitable host cannot be found quickly, the Board approved the \$143.88 cost for a one-year subscription with Host Monster. Jon is exploring other options.

**Gaslight Gazette:** No report.

**Membership Report:** The Board reviewed the membership application from Brian Harlamoff. Brian has a number of horseless carriages and lives in Santa Cruz. Don and Ed know Brian and recommend him as a member. The Board accepted Brian's application.

The Board discussed the various practices of members giving dues payment to the Treasurer or the Membership Chairman and who should be receiving the new applications for membership. Additionally, Eric has produced the roster for the Club and many times he receives the dues payment. The Board decided the Membership Chairman (currently Ed) needs to receive the dues payment and all new membership applications. The Membership Chairman will keep the membership record up to date and give the dues payments to the Treasurer. If Eric is agreeable to produce the yearly roster, the Membership Chairman will provide Eric with the names of the current members for the roster. All membership applications should be given to the Membership Chairman for distribution to all Board Members. Additionally, the Membership Chairman will issue a welcome letter to each new member.

**Authenticity Report:** No report.

**Old Business:** The Board discussed the recent decision to mail each member the Club newsletter and send it electronically to those with e-mail addresses. The Board also decided to increase the dues from \$35 to \$45 to offset the expected printing costs. The Board stands behind the decision to mail newsletter copies to all members. Since the majority of the members have already paid their dues for 2016, the dues will remain at \$45 this year. The Board will evaluate at the end of the year the financial and membership impact due to these decisions and consider changes.

Eric digitized a film of antique car tour in the 1950s. Whitney gave a copy of the DVD to Don to see if copies can be produced.

**New Business:** Whitney reported that the rent on the Piedmont Community Center has been paid for the entire 2016 year.

John Morrison told the Board about the recently finished video produced by the Horseless Carriage Education Institution (HCEI). He would like to show the video at a Club venue some time.

John Morrison has antique clothes donated by member Phyllis Pottle. John may have the cloths for sale at the April Club meeting and then at Bakersfield.

Next meeting in February will be at Ed and Karen's home. Other Board meeting locations will be:

March	Haist
April	Morrison
May	Alff
June	Schrambling
July	no Board meeting
August	Azevedo
September	Byl
October	Morrison
November	Joint Board Meeting Brass Door
December	no Board meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00. Snacks and refreshments were provided by Fred.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Don Azevedo

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