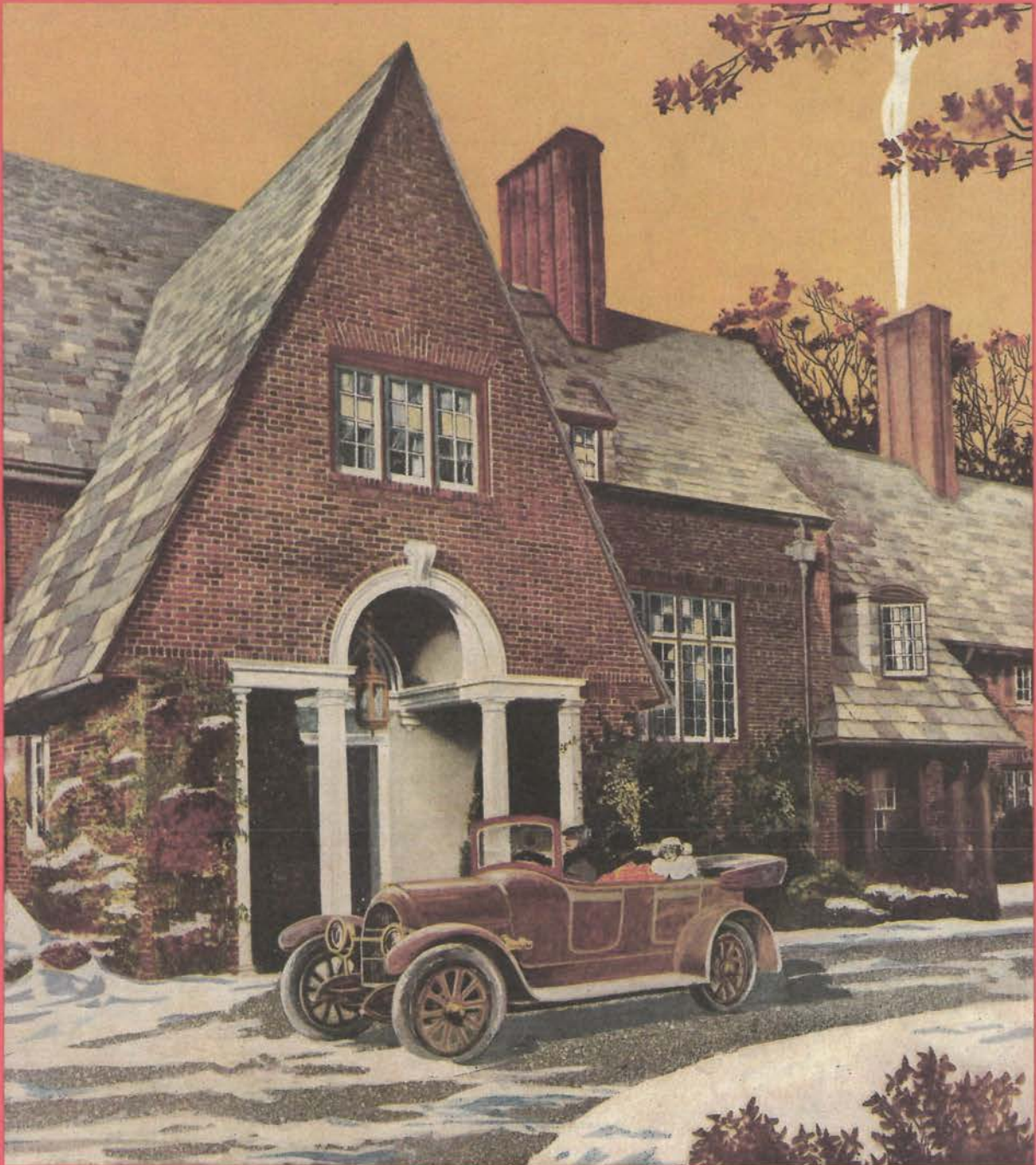


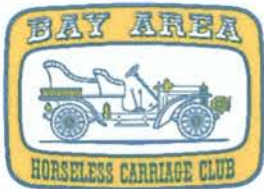
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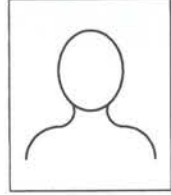
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Fred — "Why did he name his automobile after his wife?"  
Jack — "Well, he found he couldn't control it."

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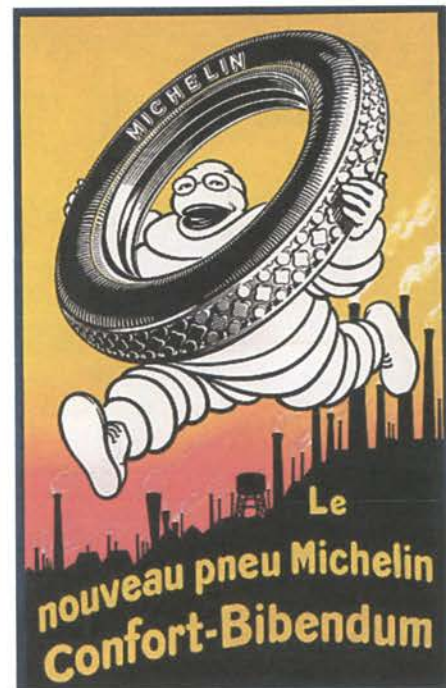
The BAY AREA HORSELESS CARRIAGE CLUB (BAHCC) was founded in 1951 by and for automobile antiquarians dedicated to the preservation of pre-1916 motor vehicles. The BAHCC is one of numerous Regional Groups of the Horseless Carriage Club of America, (HCCA) which has 4500 members worldwide. HCCA membership is required of all active touring BAHCC members, but is not required for "Associate" members. New membership into our club is invited.

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** First Wednesday at 7:30pm, monthly, (except July & December - no meeting) at the Piedmont Community Hall, 711 Highland Avenue, Piedmont, California. April and November are Potluck dinners starting at 6:30pm. Guests are always welcome. Special presentations at meetings.

**BOARD MEETINGS:** Monthly, see Calendar for schedule. All members welcome.

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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I am the 61st different president of the Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club over its 70 years of history. I thank the members for electing me to the BAHCC Board, and I thank my fellow Board Members for electing me the Club President for 2019.

I will do my very best to lead the Club into the future while respecting its rich and successful past.

The Holiday Party on December 12<sup>th</sup> had 43 partygoers. We all enjoyed the food, music, and the appearance of Santa. Thank you to John and Carolee for making that event a delight.

During 2019, I will lead three areas of focus:

**#1 – Keep doing what we are doing well.** The Club is in good shape; We have 70+ members. We have sound financials. We must work to keep it that way.

**#2 – Challenge ourselves to continue offering quality, fun, engaging Tours & Events.** We must offer tours and events, in line with what the membership wants and needs. On Wednesday, February 6, at the Club Meeting, Johnny Crowell and Vince O'Brien (Tours and Events Co-chairman) will have an open forum on the tours and events planned or in the planning stage for 2019. Come and give your input. Volunteer to be actively involved.

**#3 – Improve our existing Website and media.** The current website is certainly something that we can be proud of. Most of the content is quite engaging; however, we need to update the website software to provide us with more flexibility in making changes. On January 3, at the Club meeting, **John Eugenio** (Membership and Media Chairman) will have an open forum on the website. Come and give your input.

I am looking forward to working with all the Board Members on these three areas of focus and any other matters required to keep the BAHCC thriving. They will make this journey both productive and fun.

Now back to our hobby. On Saturday, January 19, is the Annual Train Trip to Sacramento with the other car clubs in the region. (See flyer). Last year, over 100 people talked and sang their way from the Bay Area to Sacramento and back. Call Ed Archer (510-909-1491) to understand where you can board the train and the possible group ticket discounts. As a bonus, Ed Archer promised to be on the train, with his ukelele and songbook.

A happy and healthy Happy New Year to all.

Ed Harley

## *2019 Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club Board of Directors*



Mark Cerruti, Vince O'Brien, Johnny Crowell, Chris Crowell, Ed Harley, John Morrison, Whitney Haist and Jon Eugenio  
(not pictured, Ed Archer)



# A London-Brighton Adventure

by Norman Schwartz

Every adventure has a beginning and an end. This one starts with the tearing of a red flag and ends with a warm cup of chili and rice. In between is what I can only describe as adventure.

By tradition, the London-Brighton veteran car run begins with a ceremonial destruction of a red flag signifying the 1896 repeal of a red flag law which required that a motorized carriage be preceded by an escort carrying a flag to warn others of the impending arrival of one of these new age devices.



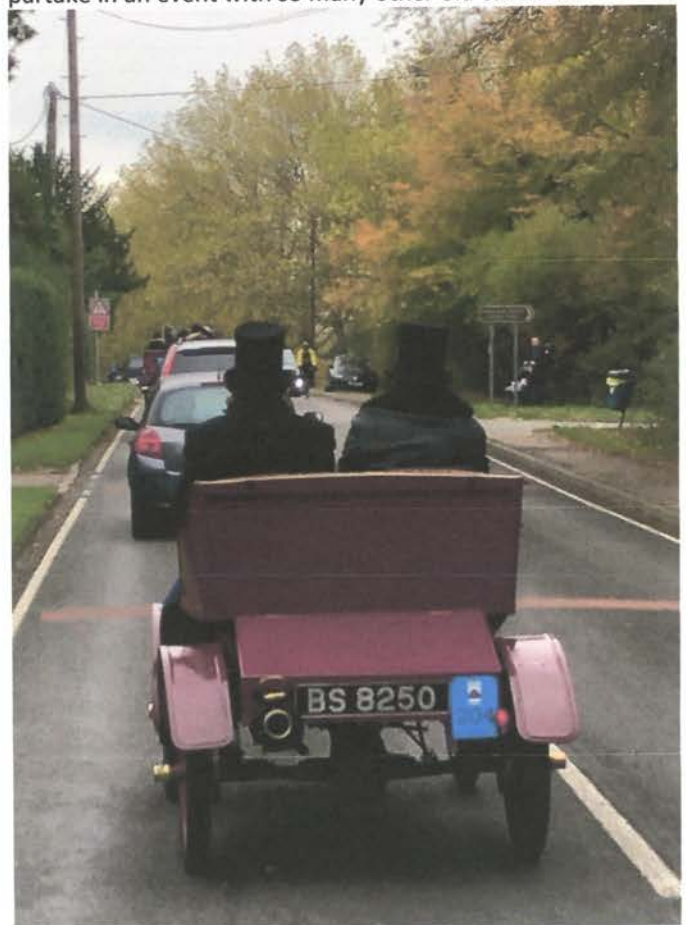
This is where the adventure begins for 450 like-minded old car enthusiasts who collect in Hyde Park the first Sunday of every November to celebrate the dawn of the automobile age and to see if they can coax their cars, all built before 1905, sixty long miles from London to Brighton Beach, on the South coast of England.



At the halfway point in Crawley (probably appropriately chosen to remind us of the speed of these vehicles in contrast to today's cars), I was approached by a film crew for an interview. The essence of their line of questioning was "why do you do this?" In my case, why do you ship an open 1-cylinder car all the way from California, to drive 60 miles in cold, and usually wet weather over challenging terrain, competing with modern cars and busses for the road.



For me, it is the challenge and the experience. The challenge of actually making it all the way to Brighton before the 4:30 cutoff ("punctual arrival"), knowing that about 20% of the field does not finish. Mostly, it is about the experience. Not only is it the longest running old car event in the world (this year was billed as the 122<sup>nd</sup> anniversary run), but where else can you partake in an event with so many other old car nuts.



This year was especially good.... no rain, no massive roadworks to slow your progress and the largest crowds of onlookers I have ever seen. Yes, I have done this run before. Somehow, I can't get enough and keep coming back. With less than 10 runs under my belt, I still feel like a newbie. I met an Englishman who has done it 59 times! As I said, the crowds of onlookers were especially plentiful this year, some camped out in lawn

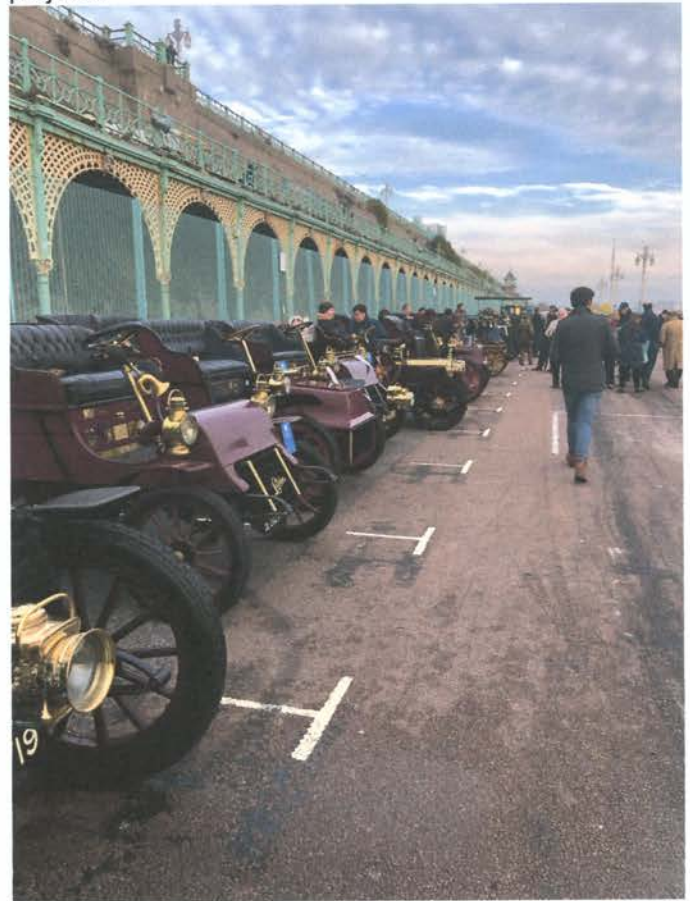


chairs or viewing from the back of open SUVs along the way. When you get out into the countryside, groups of people cluster around roadside pubs to cheer you on and "modern" car clubs use this as an opportunity to bring out their old cars for display along the route. I am not sure who is the biggest spectator, us or them.

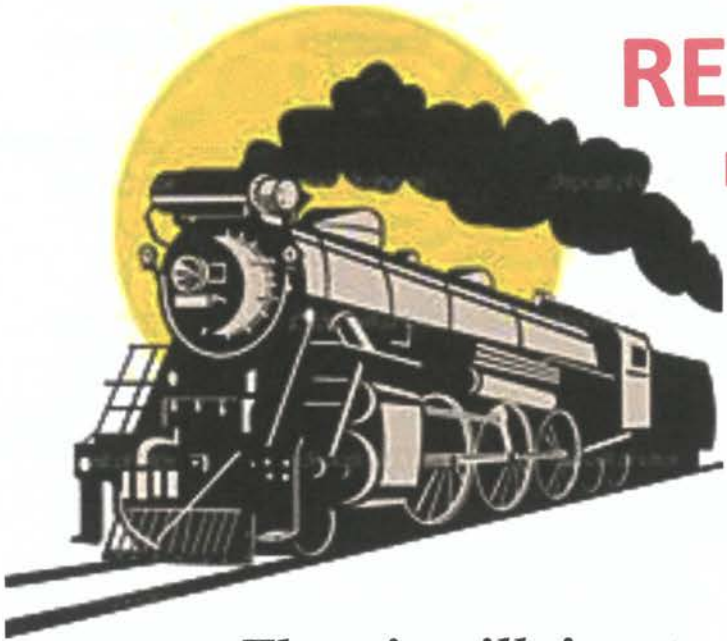


This is probably the best run I have done. The weather cooperated, traffic was manageable, lots of encouragement... all until about 8 miles from the finish. There was a loud

crashing noise from under the seat and the unmistakable tinkle of metal parts on the road. As it turned out, a counterbalance on the crankshaft had come loose and left a gaping hole in the top of the engine case. Undeterred, we gathered up all the parts, got the car started and coaxed it all the way to Brighton. The bowl of chili and finishers medal felt especially good this year. One thing about the old car hobby, you never run out of projects.







# REDUCED FARES!!!

EXTENDED DEADLINE to DEC. 29

TRAIN TRIP III to

## OLD SACRAMENTO

ON JANUARY 19, 2019

*There's still time to sign up,  
if you want to join in on the fun!*

Our new deadline is December 29<sup>th</sup> (Don't ask how that happened, just take advantage.) Also take advantage of the gigantic reduced price break. From San Jose around \$22.00 round trip, Oakland and Emeryville around \$19.00 round trip, Martinez around \$15.00 round trip. These are all give or take a couple of dollars. Please be aware that when you sign up with me, once I submit my passenger list on the 29<sup>th</sup> I have to pay for all tickets on that date, so you'll need to pay for your ticket(s) whether you go or not. Right now all I need is the names of the passengers and the station that they're boarding at. Once I submit my list on the 29<sup>th</sup> I'll know the total amount of passengers at each station so I can calculate what everyone owes and will let everyone know asap how much is due.

*Any questions call or email me.*

Ed Archer 510 581 4911 email [karened4@att.net](mailto:karened4@att.net)

New deadline for Reservations is December 29, 2018





# Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club Holiday Dinner

December 12th, 2018  
Piedmont, California



Leo Drewitz & Kingston Kopman with respective parent. Nice hats boys!  
*photo by Jon Eugenio*



President Ed Harley addressing the group  
*photo by Jon Eugenio*



A group of handsome gentlemen  
*photo by Jon Eugenio*



John Morrison with Johnny & Chris Crowell  
*Photo by Ed Harley*



Bartender Doug Durein was checking IDs  
*photo by Jon Eugenio*



*photo by Jon Eugenio*





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Doug Durein & Don Johnson debate

photo by Ed Harley



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Norman Schwartz & Don Azevedo

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Santa's coming!

photo by Joh Eugenio





Santa & his helper making their rounds *photo by Jon Eugenio*



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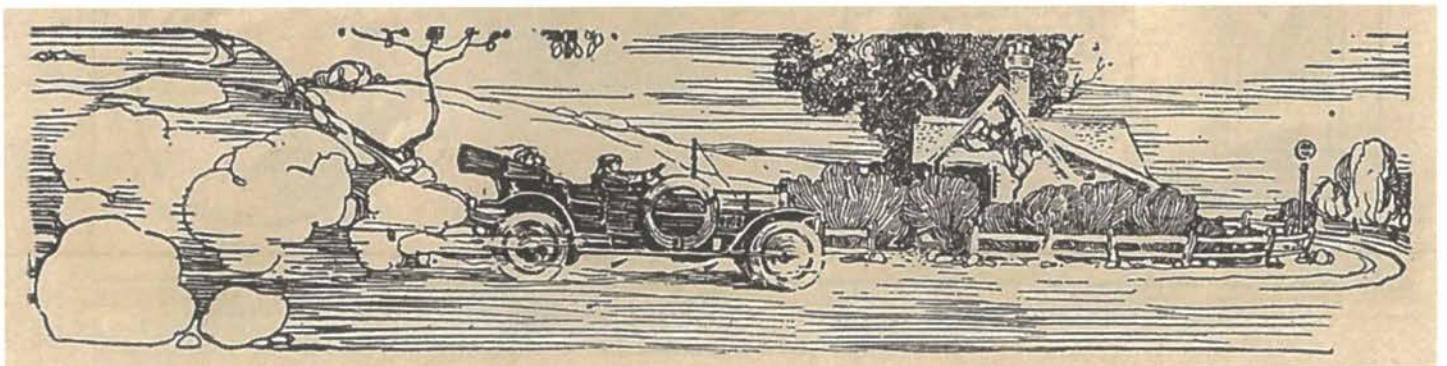
Erika Kopman & Don Azevedo

*photo by Ed Harley*



Mr Ron Sparzo entertained the crowd

*photo by Ed Harley*










# BAHCC Club Meetings Calendar

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Month	Date/Day	Events	Speaker/ Special Event
Jan 2019	Jan 2 - Wed	Club Meeting	<p><b>Jon Eugenio</b>, (Membership and Media chairperson) will guide the members through the existing BAHCC's website. Jon's objective will be to familiarize the members with our current online content and solicit members' ideas to make our website more comprehensive and more visually exciting to potential club members and Horseless Carriage lovers everywhere.</p> 
	Jan 16 - Wed	BOD Meeting	John Morrison's House
Feb 2019	Feb 6 - Wed	Club Meeting	<p><b>Johnny Crowell and Vince O'Brien</b> (Tours and Events co-chairman) will review the Tours and Events Calendar for 2019. Touring is an activity we, as a club, want to do well and must do well. By having two co-chairman, we will double our efforts to offer fun, engaging, well-attended tours and events. Come listen. Ask questions. Give suggestions. Participate in the planning process.</p> 
	Feb 20 - Wed	BOD Meeting	
Mar 2019	Mar 6 - Wed	Club Meeting	<p><b>Don and Joyce Azevedo</b> will be the honored members this evening. <b>We ask everyone to attend the meeting wearing a hat.</b> We will have an open microphone, encouraging anyone to share a story about when Don did this or when Joyce did that. We will conclude the evening by all tipping our hat, saying goodbye and thank you to Don and Joyce as they move from the Bay Area to Coarsegold, CA.</p> 
	Mar 20 Wed	BOD Meeting	
Apr 2019	Apr 3 - Wed Apr 17 - Wed	Club Meeting BOD Meeting	Potluck Dinner and Auction
May 2019	May 1 - Wed May 15 - Wed	Club Meeting BOD Meeting	
Jun 2019	Jun 5 - Wed Jun 19 - Wed	Club Meeting BOD Meeting	

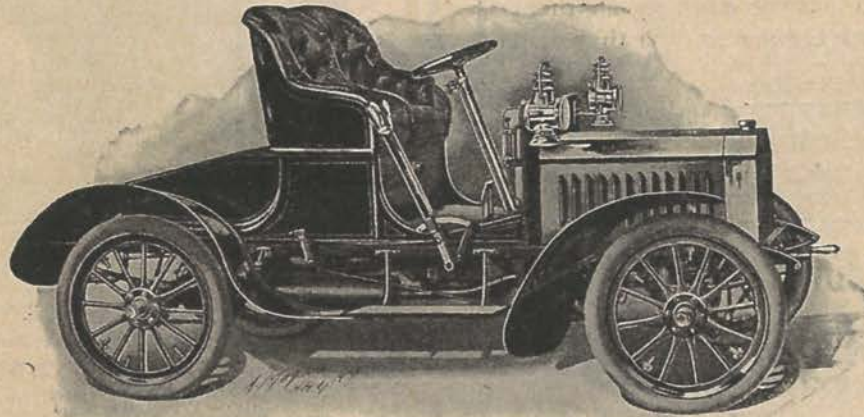


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## Happy Birthday!

Carolee Morrison	January 1
Doug Marin	January 2
Matt Ryan	January 2
Anne Metais	January 3
Frank Swenson II	January 5
Renee Henningsen	January 8
Mark Forbes	January 13
Kaaren Brommer	January 20
Bill Gularte	January 27
Karen Archer	January 31

## Happy Anniversary!

John & Kathleen Vitale	January 16th, 1982
David & Patricia Pava	January 19th, 1997
Jim & Jean Boyden	January 25th
Ed & Karen Archer	January 31st, 1959



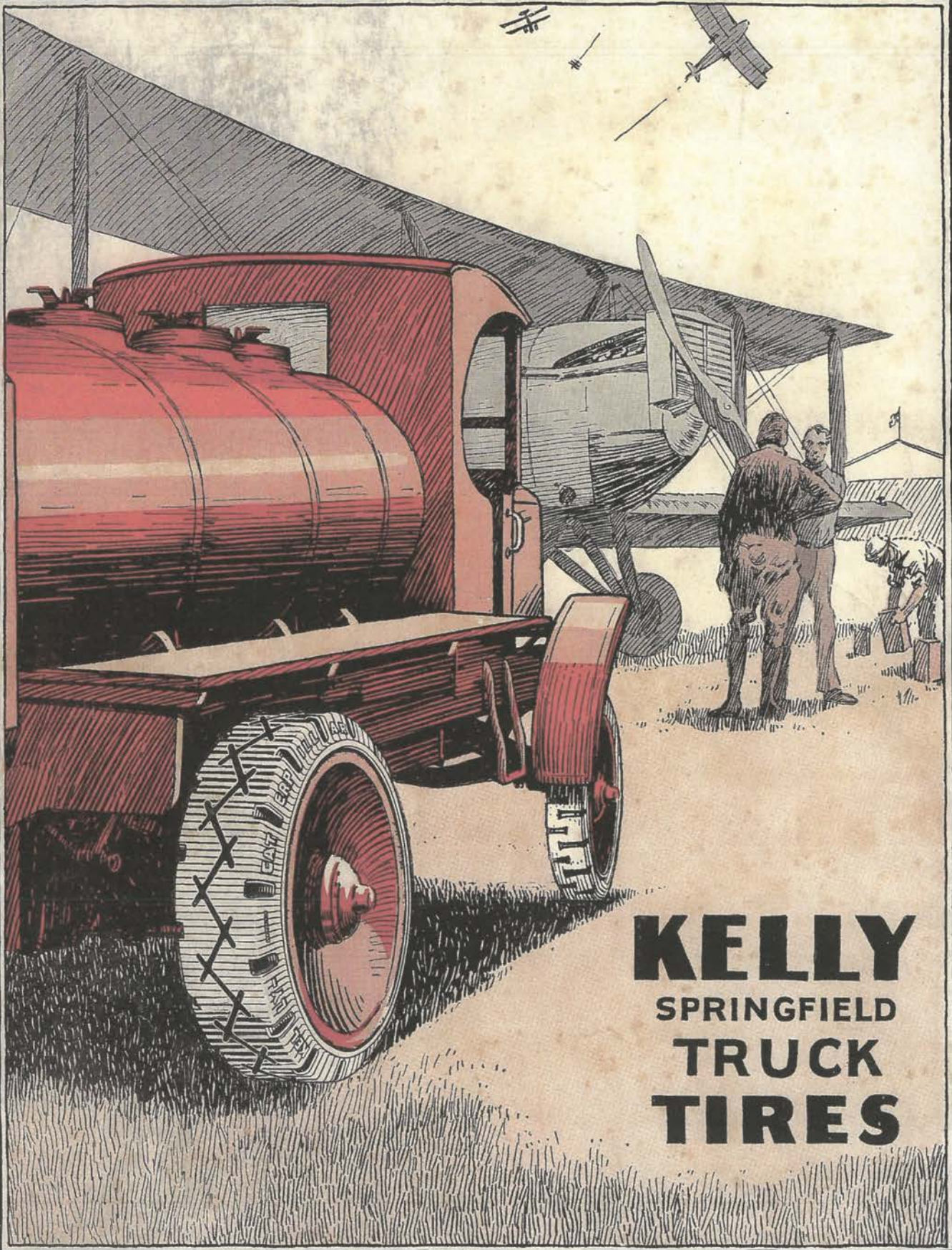
## Hospitality Calendar

### Dessert Sign-ups

January	Donna Jones
February	L. S. Elliott-Eugenio
March	Chris Crowell
April	Potluck - By alphabet, check Gazette
May	Kaaren Brommer
June	Karen Archer
July	4th of July Picnic
August	Pam Johnson
September	Ed Harley
October	Carolee Morrison
November	Potluck - By alphabet, check Gazette
December	Holiday Party - Catered

Contact Pam Johnson or Kaaren Brommer to Sign-up!





**KELLY**  
**SPRINGFIELD**  
**TRUCK**  
**TIRES**