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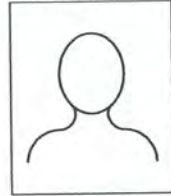
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~ OUT WEST ~

There was a young man in Dakotah,
Who bought a fine car with a motor,
But as he foreboded,
The damned thing exploded,
And now Dakotah is minus a voter.

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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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EDITOR'S NOTES:

Dear Members,

Spring is just around the corner! Plans are already underway for some great touring this year. Please lend a hand if you can, and get that car ready to go!

Last month, me and the wife fled cold California for slightly less cold Florida. While in St Peters-burg, we visited the Dali Museum, and came across this vehicle:



Salvador Dali's "Rainy Rolls" is a RR Sedanca 20/25. In the back seat, where it's always raining, a Mermaid is awaiting departure. The Chauffeur wears a brass diving helmet.

Mark Cerruti, Editor

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President's Letter

John, Whitney, Mark, Johnny and Vince, Jon, Christine, Ed and Me

I want to repeat what I said in my January President's letter; "I will lead three areas of focus:"

1) Keep doing what we are doing well.

John Morrison, Secretary. John records the minutes of both the Club meeting and the Board meeting. All minutes are printed in full in the monthly Gazette, keeping every member informed. John's minutes is where you get information about the goings on of the club. **Thank you, John.**

Whitney Haist, Treasurer. Whitney manages the Club payables and receivables, manages dues payments, and organizes and files all the federal and State organization and tax forms. Whitney work keeps the Club's financials up-to-date and in compliance. **Thank you, Whitney.**

Mark Cerruti, Gazette, Editor. Mark is the editor and publisher of the Monthly Gaslight Gazette. Kudos to Mark for the Gazette's ongoing excellence. **Thank you, Mark,**

2) Challenge ourselves to continue offering quality, fun, engaging tours and events

Johnny Crowell and Vince O'Brien, Tours and Events Co-Chairman. John and Vince will work together calendaring and supporting the chairs of each event.

At the February Club meeting, Johnny and Vince will spend approximately 30 minutes covering the planned Tours and Events for 2019. Come to the meeting, listen, and participate. Your input is critical to the club success. **Thank you, Johnny and Vince**

3) Improve our existing Website and media

Jon Engenio, Membership and Media chairperson. Jon maintains and publishes the Membership Directory, a booklet that is vital to all members. The Members Directory is another area we need to keep doing right. Jon also maintains and improves our Website. The Website is a focus this year. Since late December, John has been investigating our Website and correcting some known and unknown problems. In short order, the club should have an updated and fully functional website to which we can add new content.

At the January Club Meeting, Jon orchestrated a discussion on the BAHCC website's current state and its desired future state. Many members commented on what they would like on the website and what they would like eliminated. **Thank you, Jon.**

Lastly, I want to round out our excellent team with two other Board Members.

Christine Crowell, Vice President. Chris and I will co-share hosting all the Club meetings. Chris will also Chair all the Club activities, the biggest of which is the Annual Action on April 3. **Thank you, Chris.**

Ed Archer, Board Chair. Ed Archer will make sure the Board follows the Club Bylaws plus give us all sage advice. Ed Archer can 'jump-in' or 'jump-out' of any activity -- he has earned that right. **Thank you, Ed Archer.**

Ed Harley
President

JUST AN ALL OUT FUN SPRING/WINTER DAY

By Ed Archer

Have you ever been on board ship long enough to where you get back to shore and find yourself still rolling with the movement of the ship? Well, I spent so much time standing and walking around talking to friends during our train trip that when I got home last night, I found myself rocking back and forth with the rhythm of the coach..... that I wasn't on! Fortunately this morning I'm just about back to normal.....well, my normal. So it all started yesterday (Sat. Jan. 19) around 7:20 AM as members from 10 old car clubs (BAHCC, Nor. CA. Classic Car Club, Nor. CA. Rolls Royce owners Club, Santa Clara Valley and South Valley Model T Ford Clubs, Mid Peninsula Old Time Auto Club, Greater Bay Vintage Chevrolet Club, Mission Trails Early Ford V8 Club, Pacific Coast Durant Club) began arriving at the Amtrak station in San Jose where we eventually boarded 46 Passengers on the #724 Capitol Corridor Express train headed for Sacramento, and boy what a great bunch! Everyone was really upbeat, prepared to have a fun time. Most showed up way early as our train didn't depart until 8:15 AM which caught me off guard. Yeah, I wasn't ready, but fortunately it only took me a couple minutes to get my act together and after that it all went smooth as silk.



The #724 to Sacramento.

In order to get the incredible low round trip fare that we got, we had to have six passengers to each ticket and the passengers names are on the ticket. Those six people have to board together. The tough part of that might have been getting all six together for boarding, as everyone's arriving at the station at random times and other than your traveling partner, there was no advance notice who your boarding with. So when you arrive you're told who you're boarding with, then have to find your boarding group. Believe it or not it really went smooth. The up side to that process is, you may be on the same ticket with people from different clubs and therefore make new old car friends. Everyone was so

compatible, it couldn't have gone better. Once you're on board you're on your own, don't have to stay with your ticket group and only have to meet with them for the return trip boarding. Somewhat typical of Amtrak, they announced the track number that we were to board at and that the train is ready for boarding. So we all followed directions outside to track 7 only to stand alongside of the train and wait for about 10 minutes or so for them to open the doors. Fortunately, nobody needed to be reminded. Hang loose, have fun! Key words especially when you're traveling by train. BAHCC members boarding in San Jose were Jim Boyden, Rob Guzzetta, Karen and I.



Hurry up and wait!

Once on board, we had a good conductor, she got all of us on the same coach and directed our group passengers that we picked up on the way, to our coach, except that by the time we reached Martinez where we picked up the rest of the BAHCC members, our coach was full so they overflowed into the coach ahead. Early into the trip, traveling through the marshes in South Fremont, the train came to a halt in the



Where's Rob? Beginning our sing-along.

middle of nowhere. After a few minutes I brought out the old ukulele, passed out the words to all the old time song favorites and with the help of BAHCC member Rob Guzzetta

and his ukulele. We had a great sing along. Some Forty minutes or so later we began to move again. Word finally came down that Amtrak crews were doing unexpected track maintenance.

So as we headed East, well really North at this point, we picked up nine more of our group in Hayward, (Rolls Royce and Model T club) ten in Oakland (Classic Car and Rolls Royce). Gerald Robinson was supposed to board there but was too sick to travel. After Oakland we rolled on through some of the most beautiful parts of the trip between Pinole and Martinez as we traveled along the edge of the San Pablo Bay, Carquinez Strait, Suisun and Grizzly Bays. Before crossing the bridge over Suisun Bay, we stopped in Martinez and picked up our remaining twenty four passengers. Among them BAHCC President Ed Harley & First Lady Carolyn, Whitney & Diane Haist, and Doug & Susan Durein. Vince O'Brien & Carol Graves were to board there also but Vince was also too sick to travel. That miserable cold is a bad one and did a lot of us in. I was just recovering from my stint with it and in fact started losing my voice again during the singalong.



L to R; Jim Boyden, Bobbie McPheeters, President Ed Archer and First Lady Carolyn Harley at Joe's Crab Shack.

After leaving Martinez I got a rough count of those that were going to join us for lunch at Joe's Crab Shack in Old Town Sacramento and called in a revised number of 40 for lunch. Fortunately Joe's is a big place because 40 wasn't enough, so when we got there we had to move a bunch of tables together to get us all seated. They were amazingly fast getting us all seated and served. If you haven't been there it's really a party place, right on the river, lots of fun with the servers performing, never a dull moment, varied menu good food.

After lunch people scattered, some went to the train and car museums, Crocker Art museum and a lot of us just wandered through Sacramento Old Town shops. The weather was perfect, mostly sunny, no wind and just plain pleasant. Time went by pretty fast and by 3:30 or so those of us that boarded in San Jose headed back to the Train Station to board the #743 departing at 3:55 PM to head home. The Martinez passengers had a little extended stay heading back on the #745 an hour later, arriving in Martinez around 6 PM, in time to meet their 6:30 reservations for 16 people at La Tapatia, Mexican restaurant within walking distance from the

train station, down town. Karen and I, on the earlier train got off in Oakland and were able to back track a bit so that we could enjoy dinner with the group. I know the following kinda sounds corny but it's true. The meal topped off a wonderful mild winter day with a great bunch of like minded people ready to just have a good time together, and we sure did!



This shows the HUGE SIZE of Joe's Crab Shack!

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Touring Questionnaire

To better plan for the Touring Season, please take a moment to complete this Questionnaire.

1. Do you have at least one PRE-16 automobile currently capable of making a 50-mile tour?
 YES NO

2. Do you have a 1916-1935 automobile currently capable of making a 50-mile tour?
 YES NO

3. Do you have a trailer and tow vehicle?
 YES NO

4. Where would you like to see a one-day tour run?

Mail completed form to:

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 2874 Fieldview Terrace
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or

Email your answers to:

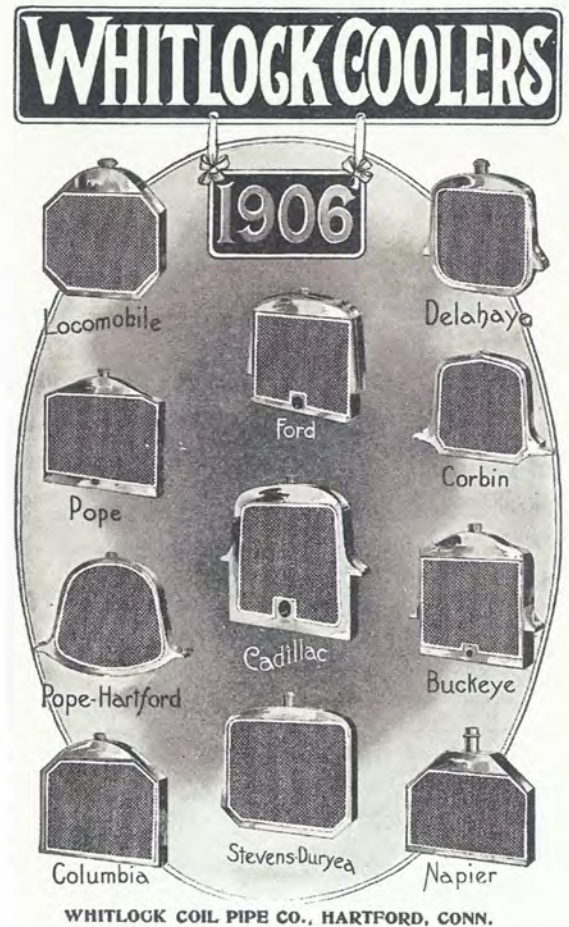
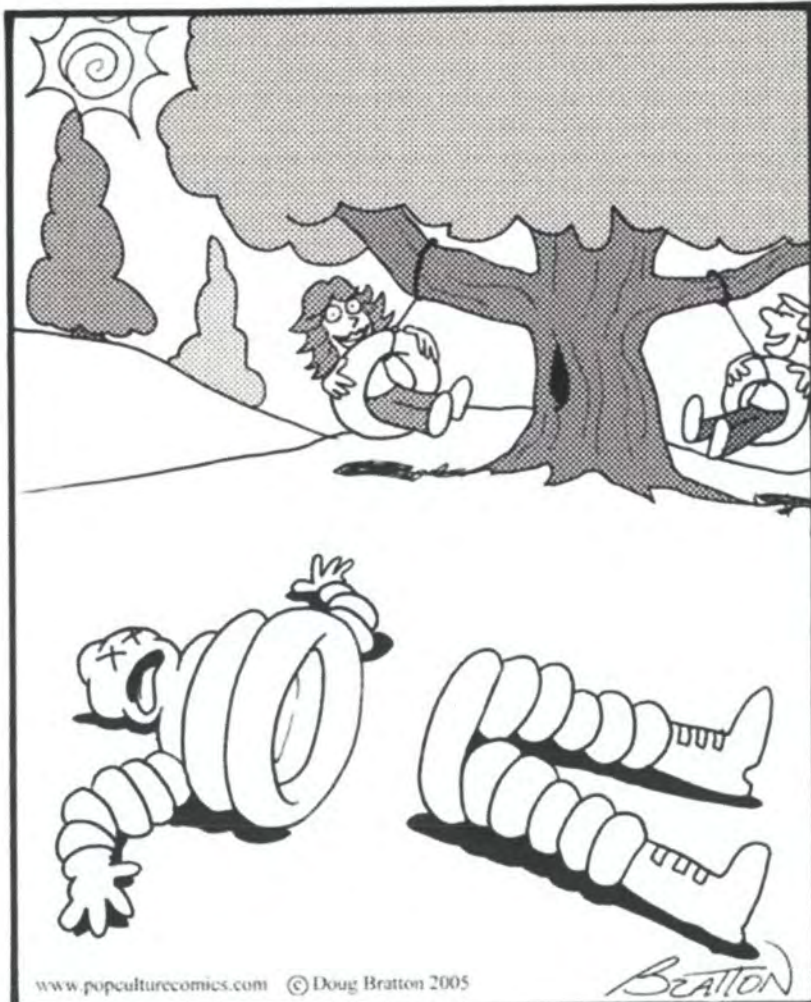
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or

Bring form to February meeting.

Thank you,

Johnny Crowell & Vince O'Brien
 Touring Co-Chairmen
 Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club



A Nuts & Bolts Story

This is a mini Nuts & Bolts example of how a problem was solved. It took a year and a half, and much head scratching, but the problem was figured out.

Go back to the Valentine tour of 2017. It was held at Pier 29, and the Alameda Naval Air Station. Bill Cassidy went with Doug Durein, and the Brommer's were in the back seat of Doug's 1908 REO Touring. During the ride around the base, the REO started running poorly and the car was popping like when an engine is running lean. They finished the tour and made it home.

That was February, and the car had to be running properly by May because Doug and Susan were going on the 1 & 2 Cylinder tour in Santa Maria.

Bill and Doug felt it was the carburetor running lean, that's why the popping sound. They adjusted the carburetor and checked ignition and the car ran better at times, but it still wasn't right, but May was here, and they went on the tour. The first day's shake down tour was only 10 miles, and Julia Schwartz was riding with Doug. What an embarrassment that first three miles. Car ran terrible, Julia didn't get a decent ride, and they headed back to the hotel.

Doug put on old clothes and proceeded to try to figure out what was wrong and how to fix it. Not much was decided that evening. Next morning Doug was up at the crack of dawn and between carb adjustments and driving up and down the frontage road with little power. Tony Wollesen and Don Azevedo were consulted. Tony rode on the running board up and down the road, trying to figure what could be done. It was now 9:00am and the tour was starting, so Doug and Susan took the modern car. Back early that afternoon, Doug is hard at it, asking anyone for advice. It was decided that a new needle valve was needed. Doug drove modern car into town and got one, but brass fitting on the end was different, so new copper tubing was needed with a flare on the end

instead of a compression fitting. Much tinkering and another early morning frontage road drive, and still no power, and running poorly. Modern car again that day, and the REO went in the trailer.

The rest of 2017 the car pretty much sat, and Bill and Doug would try things, with not much success. At one point, they took the carburetor off and took it apart with the idea of putting the old needle valve back in it. While they had it on the bench and apart, they noticed that the



float measurement wasn't what the Carter BB1 specs showed. So, they adjusted it up, raising the float, to what the specs showed. (This turned out to be the worst thing they could have done). Carb back in, and at one point they took a drive and thought the car ran pretty well. But, from that day on, the carburetor leaked gas with the engine running or not running.

It is now 2018, and Doug and Susan are planning on going on the 1 & 2 Tour in Visalia. Luckily, they had to cancel for another reason, but if they had gone, the REO wouldn't have run any better than the year before. Hind sight is wonderful. So, knowing they weren't going on the tour, it was time to get this whole thing figured out. First thing Bill and Doug did was to take the carburetor off and send it to a shop in Santa Clara. The shop did a wonderful job of re-building and adjusting the BB1. With the carb back on and popping still going on, something else was wrong. It wasn't running lean. Bill decided the popping is only from two things, either running lean, or

unburned gas building up in the muffler, and when the muffler gets warm the gas explodes in the muffler.

It was decided that ignition must be the problem. But, they had checked spark plugs, checked the timer last fall, on one of the many mini Nuts & Bolts they were having.

So, on Saturday, Bill arrives at Doug's garages loaded for bear. He said, "I have been laying awake at night thinking about this problem." It's got to be ignition. They had done this before, but all bets were off, they were starting from scratch. Doug would crank the engine to number one, and the coil would buzz. Same with number two. They took the plugs out and laid them on the cylinder and cranked again. The plugs would spark like crazy. The coils are Model T coils, and Bill said let's push on the vibrator one at a time with the engine running and see if the engine slows down with one or the other. He pushed on number 2 and the engine slowed down. He pushed on number 1 and no change. Ah ha, coil number 1 isn't firing or the wiring it touches in the box is faulty. They switched coils in the box and tried it again. It wasn't coil 1, because now the other coil was doing the same thing. This meant the wiring was bad or the timer wasn't working right for number 1, the front cylinder. Bill then said let's pull the front plug out and set it on the cylinder with the engine running. They did that, and wow!!!, what a surprise. The plug wasn't getting any spark. So, all the times they would crank the engine not running, the plug would fire on contact, but not when the engine was running, nothing.



So now they knew that unfired gas was going from the front cylinder to the muffler and exploding. Evidentially the front cylinder was firing sometime, because the car was definitely running on two cylinders now and then. Now it was time to take the timer off and apart. As Bill was doing that, Doug was reading the instructions on the 1908 REO timer. As Bill was taking the timer off, he

commented that all the grease that we had put in it last fall was still there. Doug was reading the final paragraph on timers and it said, "never put any grease in this timer." They didn't do a dance, but they looked at each other and said, "Where was that book last fall?"

The timer was cleaned of grease and re-installed. The engine was started with the plug on the cylinder, and it sparked like crazy. The plug was put back in the front cylinder and the car ran like never before.

A ride was in order with plenty of power, and not a pop in the muffler. It only took a year and a half and much fussing and thinking and trying things, but in the end, they beat the problem. Bill thought maybe Doug didn't need to have the carburetor re-built, but Doug said it was money well spent.

This might have been a long winded mini Nuts & Bolts fix, but the two guys wouldn't have missed the experience for anything.

Doug Durein

Nuts & Bolts

Special Garage Tour

Saturday, February 9, 2019 - 9am

Noted auto restorer and collector, George Smith of Martinez has cordially invited the Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club to see his most recent project, a 1913 White Motor Bus. After years in storage by previous owners, George is returning this unique piece of transportation history to its original grandeur. Its working day history is still to be discovered, but it is certain that a machine of this magnitude played an important roll in the hospitality industry in its day. Come enjoy a cup of coffee and a donut while you browse George's eclectic collection of autos, trucks, tools and machines and related memorabilia.



RSVP / Questions

Call or Text Whitney at 925-899-4912 or email haist2@comcast.net

405 Ward Street - Martinez



Genelle Azevedo

1920 - 2019

Genelle passed away peacefully, in her sleep on January 26th, just 17 days short of her 99th Birthday.

There are no Services planned at this time.

Hospitality Calendar

Dessert Sign-ups

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
January 2020	
Contact Pam Johnson or Kaaren Brommer to Sign-up!	

Happy Anniversary!

Steve & Diane Hoffman February 13th, 1982
 Bill & Kaaren Brommer February 19th, 1966

Happy Birthday!

Diane Hoffman February 7
 Christine Crowell February 9
 Anne Gurney February 10
 Charles Ebers February 21
 Veronica Cerruti February 22
 Scheryn Pratt February 22
 Taylor Andre February 23
 David Pava February 23
 Susan Durein February 27



LOST & FOUND

A Bowl and 2 Spoons were recovered after the November Potluck.

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HOLIDAY MOTOR EXCURSION

December 30, 2018

Pasadena, California



*Photos by
Jon Eugenio*





BAHCC Club Meetings Calendar

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Month	Date/Day	Events	Speaker/ Special Event
Feb 2019	Feb 6 - Wed	Club Meeting	Johnny Crowell and Vince O'Brien (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. 
	Feb 20 - Wed	BOD Meeting	
Mar 2019	Mar 6 - Wed	Club Meeting	Don and Joyce Azevedo will be the honored members this evening. We ask everyone to attend the meeting wearing a hat. 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. Carolee Morrison will be the moderator for this celebration. 
	Mar 20 - Wed	BOD Meeting	
Apr 2019	Apr 3 - Wed	Club Meeting	Potluck Dinner and Auction   <p style="text-align: center; color: red;"> Bring Food. Bring Auction Items. Raise your Paddle High Chris Crowell: Activity Chair: Ed Archer and Don Azevedo: Auctioneers </p>
	Apr 17 - Wed	BOD Meeting	
May 2019	May 1 - Wed May 15 - Wed	Club Meeting BOD Meeting	Haist's Home - 7:30PM
Jun 2019	Jun 5 - Wed Jun 19 - Wed	Club Meeting BOD Meeting	Harley's Home - 7:30PM
Jul 2019			NO MEETINGS

BAHCC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

from JANUARY 2, 2019 *(as yet unapproved)*

Call to Order—Incoming President Ed Harley called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. He thanked outgoing president Ed Archer for having worked hard and for having done an outstanding job in 2018. He then presented Ed and Karen with a small gift of appreciation. Ed H. noted that he had learned from Ed A. that the fact that we are a touring club is the single most important aspect of our success of the BAHCC, and then he noted that J. Bob Ladd of the National HCCA board had just written the same thing (about the importance of touring) in the national gazette. With this in mind, Ed then introduced this year's co-touring chairmen, Johnny Crowell and Vince O'Brien (followed by applause).

Ed A. then thanked all of the 2018 Board of Directors for their good efforts that contributed greatly to the club's having had a successful year.

New ideas for agenda format—President Ed said he will try for 40 minutes for the business part of the meetings and 20 minutes for dessert/entertainment. He will also have Vice President Christine Crowell sit at the front table and participate with various agenda items in addition to the usual Secretary and Treasurer being at the table.

Birthdays and Anniversaries—Christine recognized Karen Archer for her January birthday and then both Ed and Karen Archer for their January Anniversary.

Sunshine Report—Bill Cassidy reported that Charles Ebers' mom is recovering from a heart attack.

Brass era cars bought or sold—Chris asked if any have been bought or sold recently, and Doug Durein announced he had just recently sold his Buick through a broker, and that the sale had gone very well. The car went to a fellow in Coronado. Doug was asked what he will buy with the money, and he said he may use some of it on a race car project he is currently working on.

Anyone having trouble with a car?—Ed Archer said he has been having trouble with the generator of his 1917 Auburn, that he sent it to Bob Smith recently, and that progress is already in the works.

Nuts and Bolts—In lieu of a Nuts and Bolts project at this time, Doug Durein announced he is planning to organize a visit to the John Bertolotti Collection and possibly to the Tom Holthaus Shop February 9th or 16th. Ten members present indicated they would be interested in going, so he said he would pursue getting it set up.

Also Brian Harlamoff said he will soon be ready to start a rebuilt engine in an old Lincoln he has, in case folks would like to be there to see it.

Approval of the November, 2018 General Meeting Minutes—Ed asked if there were any corrections or additions to these minutes as printed in the Gaslight Gazette; none were forthcoming, so the minutes were deemed approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report—Whitney Haist reported that 46 memberships have been renewed so far for 2019, that there are 5 or 6 more to add still, that there is one new membership, and that additional renewals are expected later.

Cost of hard copies of Gaslight Gazettes vs. receiving the Gazette by email—Brian Harlamoff asked if it is financially better for the club for members to receive it by email vs. to pay the additional \$25 to receive it by USPS, and Whitney's answer was "yes."

Editor's Report—Mark Cerruti said everything is going well and that the deadline for the February issue is January 23rd. Mark also reported he appreciated receiving an interesting batch of old Gaslight Gazettes (as old as from the 1950s and 1960s) from long-time member Dick Silvera, (for many years of Antioch, CA but currently of Minden, NV). Mark put them out on the table and invited folks to check them out after the meeting.

Possible copies of past HCCA Gazettes—Jon Eugenio said he is interested in finding if there is a way to copy old national gazettes. The question arose as to whether this was possible, and it will need to be looked into prior to continuing in any way with this idea.

Ed H. said co-tour chairs Johnny Crowell and Vince Obrien are interested in organizing a visit to Don and Joyce Azevedos' new home and shop in Coarsegold, CA sometime in March. Ed also said he has asked Carolee Morrison to moderate a tribute to Don and Joyce for all they do and have done for so many years for the BAHCC, the HCCA, and for the hobby in general. This tribute will take place at the March General Meeting.

Polling of members in attendance—Co-tour Chairman Johnny Crowell passed out a form to begin to gather information with regard to the various cars members have which are currently in touring condition, and where members would like to go with them.

One vs. two calendar format—Our club has had a two calendar format for a year or more, and the question arose as to whether people like this format over our former one calendar format. It was decided to take this question up at our next Board Meeting.

Estate Sale—Don Azevedo announced there will be an estate sale of leftover items at his Parents' former home in Gilroy. The sale will occur Friday and Saturday, January 11-12, and will feature items that neither Don nor his bother chose to keep

after the recent sale of their parents' home. (Don said he would email members about the sale.)

Annual Train Trip Event to Old Sacramento—Ed Archer reported he has to turn in his list of our BAHCC participants on January 3, and that there are approximately 85 car hobbyists signed up from 7 or so various car clubs.

Adjournment—Don Azevedo moved and Ed Archer seconded that the meeting be adjourned, and the motion passed at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Morrison, BAHCC Secretary



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BAHCC Board Meeting Minutes from January 23, 2019 *(As approved)*

The meeting was held at the home of John and Carolee Morrison in Piedmont, CA. All board members were present except for Vince O'Brien, who was under the weather. There were no guests.

President Ed Harley called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Welcoming Announcements—Ed passed around a sign-up sheet for Board Meeting Hosts during 2019.

Post Mortem—Ed reviewed the following items and the Board discussed each of them to ascertain if they had been successful or if there were suggestions for improvement:

1a. November 14th Board Dinner and the Board Election Process—Consensus was that it was a very good meeting, food was reasonably priced, well qualified folks had been elected to fill the appropriate positions, and the event itself had been planned so as to be cost-effective.

1b. November 14th Board Meeting-- location—Consensus was that the Brass Door in San Ramon had been a good choice again this year.

2a. December 12th Holiday Party—Board Transition—Consensus was that the transition has been smooth so far.

2b. December 12th Holiday Party—Dinner and Dancing—Approximately 43 attended, including four children that were not forgotten by Santa. Food was good yet amazingly reasonable, table decorations were attractive, music was quite good background (but not much actual dancing), and the bar was very well done thanks to Doug Durein.

3a. January 2nd Club meeting—process—President Ed had asked Vice President Chris Crowell to accompany him, Treasurer Whitney Haist, and Secretary John Morrison at the front table so as to add greater dimension to the various presentations that occur at our meetings. Consensus was that it was a good idea and proved to be a plus for the dynamics of the meeting.

3b. January 2nd meeting's post dessert speaker—Jon Eugenio spoke about the work he has been doing to update the website and to work on updating information as needed in order to create a correct Club Roster for 2019. There was a good deal of interest in his presentation, and there were a lot of good questions and answers.

Opportunities and Issues—

1. Holiday Party Day and Date for December, 2019—We learned there was a conflict with our usual 2nd Wednesday for 2019 because the City of Piedmont needs to use the building that evening for another event of their own. So we discussed a request we received to change our party to an alternate date. After discussion, it was decided that we would ask for the second Saturday of the month, which will be December 14th, 2019. (Note: This request has been made since the board meeting of these minutes, and the City of Piedmont has accepted our request for the second Saturday instead of the second Wednesday of December, 2019. Best of all, the City volunteered to waive the usual increase of the rental fee for our use of a Saturday night rather than a Wednesday night.)

2. Hobby Night—Do we want one this year? Ed began a discussion of pros and cons on this subject. We had one in 2017 that had five presentations, and in 2018 we had another one that only included one presentation. The consensus was to Poll the Membership at the next General Meeting, as to whether or not to have another hobby night for 2019.

3. Guest authors of President's Letter in the Gazette—President Ed floated the idea of inviting members to write a Letter in place in the his President's Letter. It was decided that the President's Letter should appear every month, but the general membership would have an open invitation to write Letters that would be included in the Gazette.

4. Follow-up with club meeting guests—Ed said we should investigate having a follow-up on contacting guests, such as a thank-you note or even

such as inquiring if they would like to consider joining our club. Jon Eugenio, current Membership Chairman, volunteered to do these suggested types of follow-ups.

5. and 6. Sharpsteen Museum exhibit publicity—Ed asked if we should try to help publicize the current exhibit? Should we consider offering to extend the exhibit a second six months? And other board members asked if we should try to offer to have exhibit(s) elsewhere which might garner greater exposure. After discussion we decided not to offer an extension at Sharpsteen, since members who had agreed to loan items for the exhibit had only agreed to the six month period. Even though some board members felt they would be willing to leave their items there longer, some had reservations. Ed Archer and Jon Eugenio would consider contacting other potential places for displays (Oakland Airport, Blackhawk, etc.) if that turns out to be of interest to the board and the club.

7. Method of Delivering the Gazette—Ed raised the question as to whether Mark Cerruti should continue to make the distribution of the "Gaslight Gazette" as an email or as an email attachment, linked to the club website. This was considered and discussed with no decision for a change made so far.

8. 2019 Club Roster—Ed said that Jon Eugenio has been hard at work on getting our club roster fully updated and corrected. Ed asked if we should consider using this information somewhere on our website that was only accessible to our membership, or should we continue to use a printed annual roster? The consensus seemed to be that we should continue using a printed roster.

9. Club Jackets—Ed asked for any progress there has been with this topic. John Morrison reminded the board that he had worked on this project last year, but hadn't been able to find any suitably priced jackets. After that, Johnny and Christine Crowell reminded that they also had agreed to try to find a jacket source through a vendor they knew, and that that also hadn't been entirely successful, although some were available at much more reasonable prices than what John Morrison had been able to find.

So that brought us to up to date as to where we are now at this board meeting, and Ed Archer said he also had an idea of a source that he thought would have good prices. He then offered to look further into that possible source.

10. Ed H. brought up the topic of whether we should have two or just one calendar in the Gazette. (Some have complained about the present format of two.) After discussion, it was decided to incorporate all club meetings, club sponsored tours & events into one calendar. A second Calendar would have other tours & car-related events that may be of interest to the general membership.

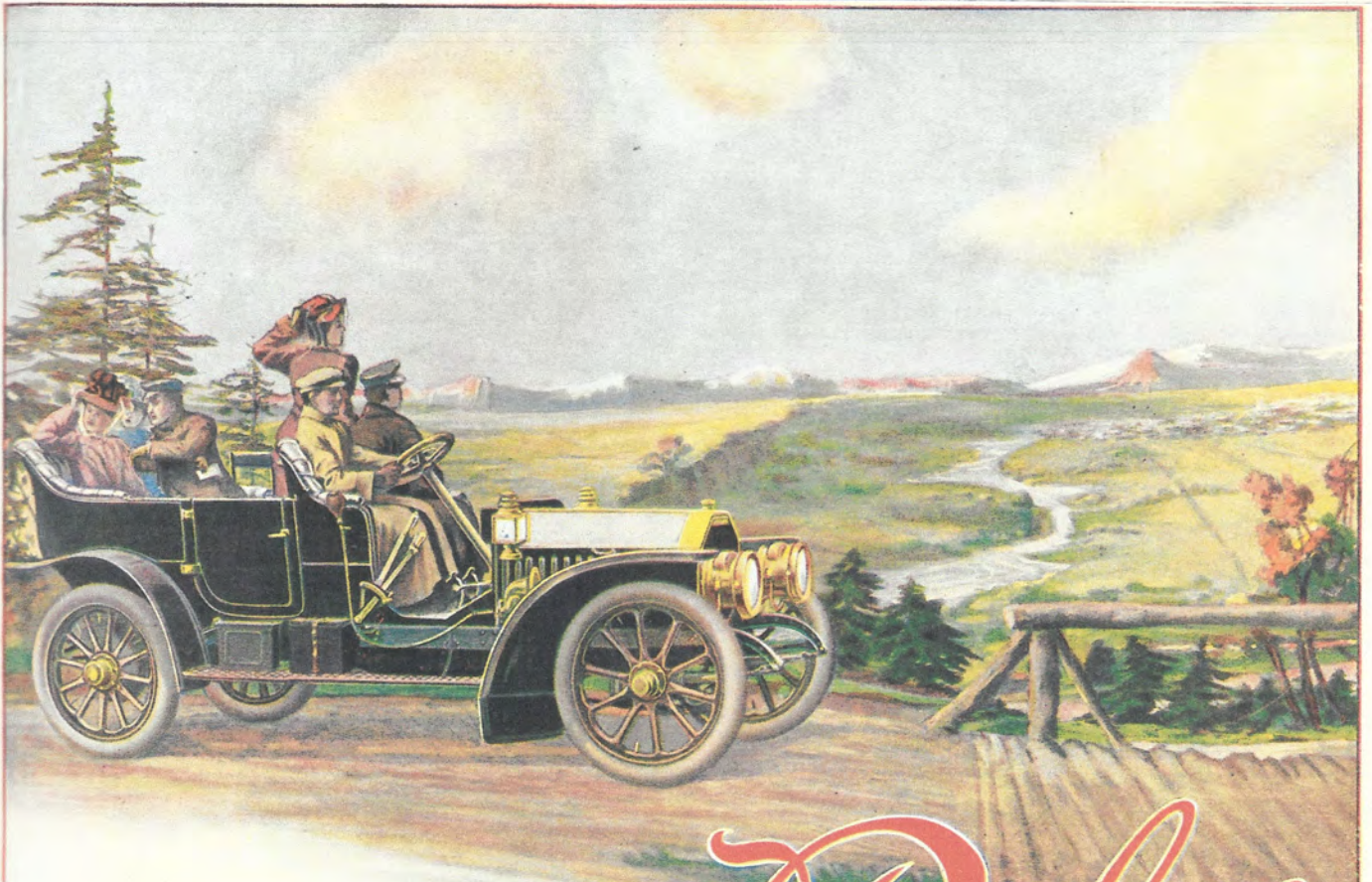
11. Club annual Swap Meet—The group considered whether it would be a good idea to try to sponsor and hold an annual swap meet similar to what we used to have in the past at Pleasanton Fairgrounds and Cal State East Bay. After discussion, it was decided that it is a huge job, and if quite successful, our experience has been that the host site management would then considerably raise the price on us, so much so that we would no longer be able to make a desirable profit. Also it was noted that the advent of eBay makes it possible for antique car people to shop every day rather than await a swap meet, with the exception of specialized, large ones like Bakersfield and Hershey. So we ended up with the idea of possibly trying to arrange for an "unofficial" BAHCC Swap Meet booth at Bakersfield by hoping to become part of one or more booths of our own members who traditionally already have booths.

12. Treasurer's Report—Whitney said we currently have 60 paid member families for 2019, with a few more expected soon. He also said we did fairly well financially for 2018, with a net loss of only about \$1,000. Whitney added that 44% of our memberships were paid through PayPal. And lastly he noted there were \$410 in donations that were sent in along with membership dues.

13. Adjournment occurred at 8:56 p.m. to refreshments of key lime pie with Redi-whip and ice cream.

Respectfully submitted,

John Morrison, Secretary



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