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~ TWO KIDS ARRESTED ~
The Police arrested two youths yesterday. One was drinking battery acid and the other was eating fireworks. They charged one and let the other one off.

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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.

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

WEBSITE: www.bahcc.org

Club Calendar

January 8th - General Meeting

7:30pm at the Morrison Home
1450 Grand Avenue, Piedmont

see "President's Message"

New Location
(January only)

January 15th - Board Meeting

7:30pm at the Crowell Home
2874 Fieldview Terrace, San Ramon

February 5th - General Meeting

7:30pm at the Piedmont Community Center
711 Highland Avenue, Piedmont

February 19th - Board Meeting

7:30pm at TBD

March 4th - General Meeting

7:30pm at the Piedmont Community Center
711 Highland Avenue, Piedmont

March 18th - Board Meeting

7:30pm at TBD

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President's Message

The Christmas Party of 2019 (BAHCC) was a great year-ending event. Special thanks to John and Carolee Morrison for arranging this event—a lot of work to put on the Christmas Party. Special thanks to others that are not known but also helped. They are Bill Hund and Gerald Robinson for putting on the bar. I noticed that they were also having a lot of fun.

Member Appreciation Certificates were given by Ed Harley and Christine Crowell to various members for their strong service to the club this year.

Again this year, Santa Claus and his Elf helper appeared and delivered presents to all the kids. Some got small one armed bandits that would squirt water on you when the handle was pulled. That child was soaking wet. One eight-year-old Kingston Kopman, played Jingle Bells on the piano keyboard.

I enjoyed socializing with members that we don't see all the time. Later, Bill Hund's small puppy was socializing with all.

The first new year Club Meeting will be January 8, 2020 at John and Carolee Morrison's house at 1450 Grand Avenue, Piedmont. (The first Wednesday of January is a national holiday.)

Also the Piedmont Hall is not available due to refinishing the hardwood floors. The meeting will be held in the room above John and Carolee's garage in the backyard. To get to the Morrison's backyard, go through the driveway of 11 Arbor Drive.

Come to the first meeting to get an idea of the tours and events for the beginning of the new year.

See you at the meeting; also see all the new Board Members.

Tony Wollesen, your new President.



Pilgrims' Picnic 2019

*'Twas the day after Thanksgiving and all through the house,
were the sounds of leftovers being packed to take out.*

*For the hour was fast approaching to meet for a tour,
the last of the season... to be sure.*

The idea for a Day after Thanksgiving tour was hatched many years ago by Adria. We pack up the family and leftovers and spend the day outdoors. Over the years, this event morphed to family and friends, and eventually included an old car (you can't leave out the old car!). Today it has further evolved into a Horseless Carriage Club tour.

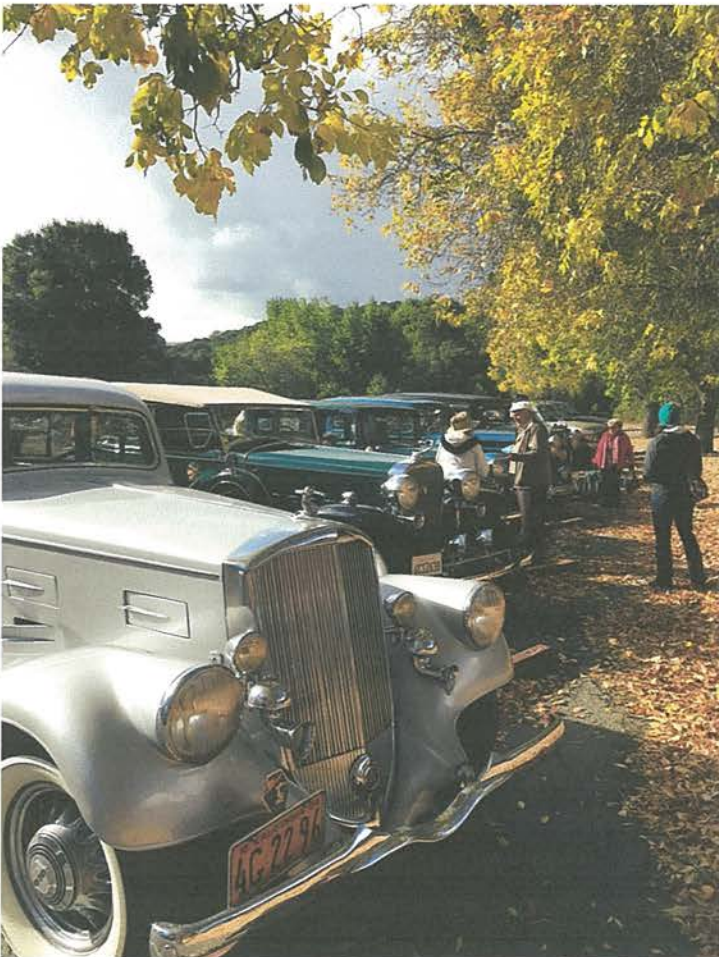
This year's tour was a Horseless Carriage-Classic car tour, with most of the cars being later than 1915. We had a total of about 40 pilgrims who turned out to brave the elements. Magically, it was the one good day to be outside. We all met underneath the train trestle in Martinez and headed West, up the hill and onto Cummings Skyway. From Cummings Skyway you get a good view of the North Bay,

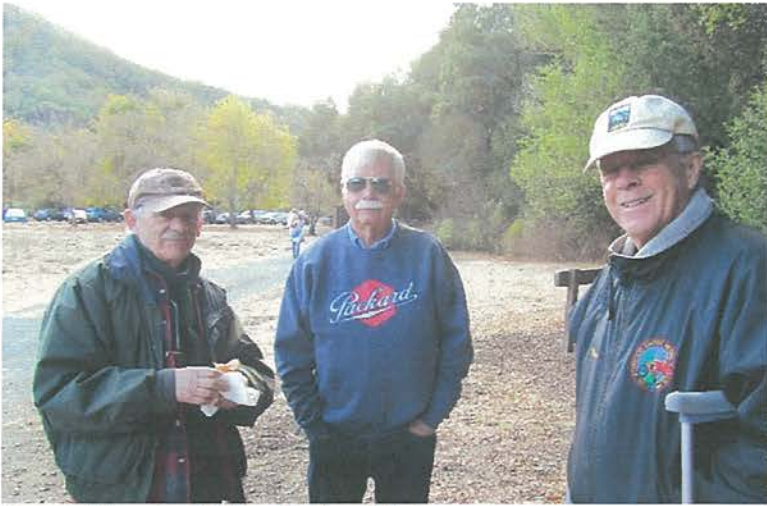


Carquinez Straits and across to Benicia and Vallejo. At the end of the skyway we turned onto San Pablo Avenue. This was the old highway to all points North and East. We passed through the forgotten town of Selby, which boasted of a post office, established in 1886. This corridor is known for a number of towns established in the late 1800's including Hercules, originally the home of Hercules Powder Works, which now goes by the nickname of the "dynamite city." Wending our way out of town, we found our picnic area in Briones Park. While the temperature was a little on the cool side, I am sure we fared better than the original Pilgrims. After lunch, we returned to 406 Ward street in Martinez for dessert and a good visit.

Thanks to everyone for great afternoon,

Norman Schwartz





Norman Schwartz, Bob Reed & Vince O'Brien



George Teebay's 1934 Pierce Arrow



Kaaren & Bill Brommer



3/4 of the Drewitz Family



Rich & Ellen Green's 1914 Ford



Johnny Crowell and his 1932 Cadillac



Reed Family 1937 Packard



Tony Wollesen's 1932 Chevrolet



Allison Schwartz in the Family's 1930 Buick



Eric Larson in his 1930 LaSalle with passenger Steve Jackson



Bill Hund's 1914 Ford

Most photos by Ed Harley



Ed Harley striking a pose at the Schwartz Museum



Charles Ebers & Bill Cassidy checking out the cars



A Thank You Letter

Thank you all BAHCC Members.

As my year as President of the BAHCC comes to an end, I would like to thank the Membership of the BAHCC for your enthusiastic support and participation. I especially want to thank the hard-working, innovative Board Members who served with me this year, namely; Ed Archer (Chairman), Christine Crowell (Vice President), John Morrison (Secretary), Whitney Haist (Treasurer), Mark Cerruti (Gazette Editor), Johnny Crowell and Vice O'Brien (Co-chairman: Tours). Each Board Member committed their time and talents to the BAHCC's 69th year, ensuring that the Club will continue for years to come.

I would list the following as our significant achievements of 2019:

We conducted four successful Tours:

Date	Name
Sunday, May 5	Blackhawk Museum Show and Diablo Countryside Tour
Saturday, July 4	4 th of July Parade and Barbeque
Sunday, July 21	Danville's Hot Summer Sunday Car Show and Tour
Friday, Nov 29	Pilgrim's Picnic

We added content to the Club Meetings with a Spring "Hats Off" to Don and Joyce Azevedo and a Fall "Hats Off" to Bill and Kaaren Brommer.

We welcomed 12 new members based upon our Summer Mailing Campaign, increasing the Membership to 87.

We thoroughly 'scrubbed' our Membership Roster, enabling us to publish a very accurate 2019 Membership Directory.

Mark Cerruti produced bigger and better Gaslight Gazettes, with 20 pages every issue, because the Membership supported the magazine with content and photos, more than ever before.

We updated the Website with accurate Member contact information.

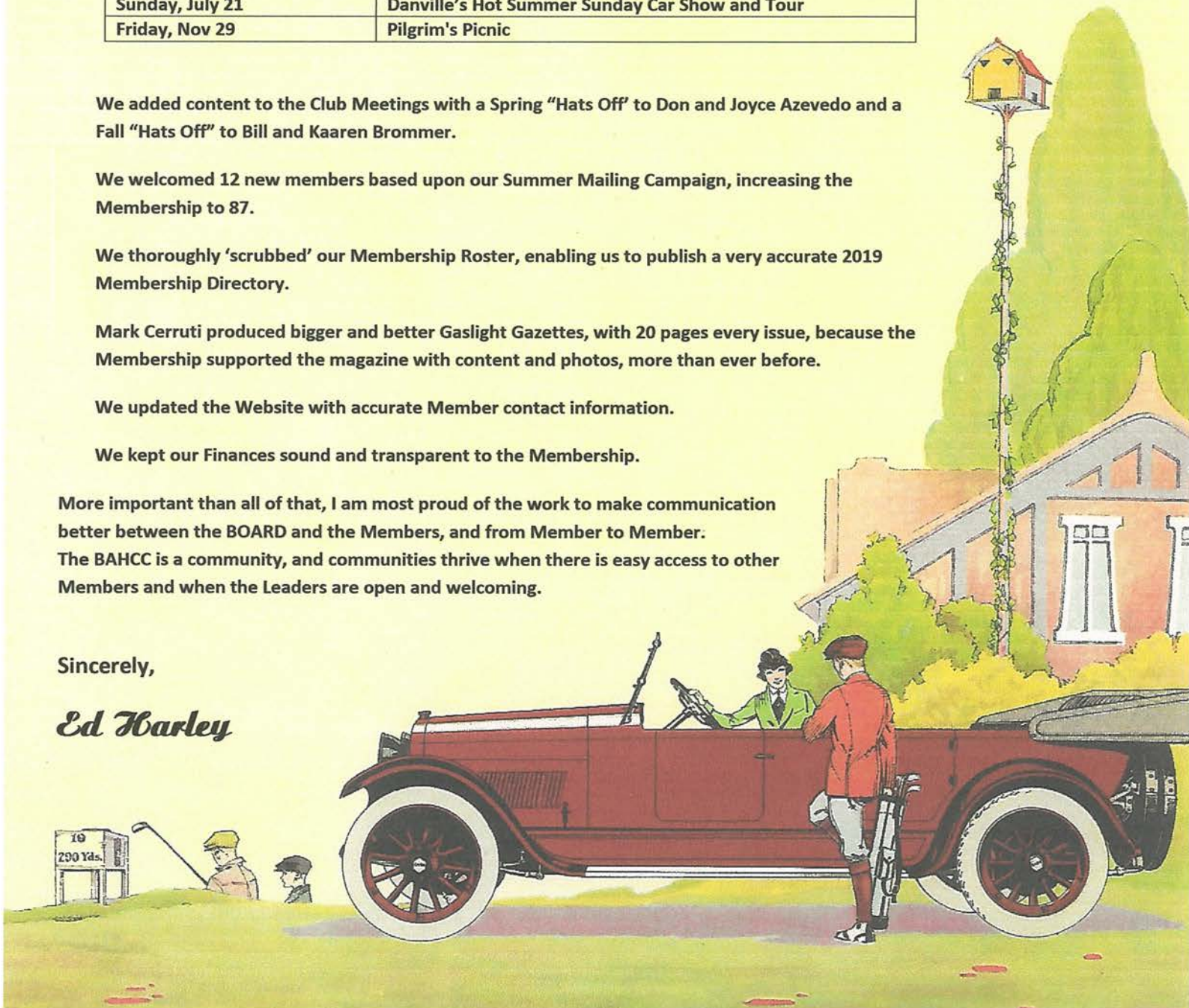
We kept our Finances sound and transparent to the Membership.

More important than all of that, I am most proud of the work to make communication better between the BOARD and the Members, and from Member to Member.

The BAHCC is a community, and communities thrive when there is easy access to other Members and when the Leaders are open and welcoming.

Sincerely,

Ed Harley



BAY AREA HORSELESS CARRIAGE CLUB

Holiday Party

Saturday, December 14th, 2019



Harold Drewitz showing off his gift from Santa photo by Anthony Drewitz



Ben Kopman, Tony Wollesen & Don Azevedo photo by Ed Harley



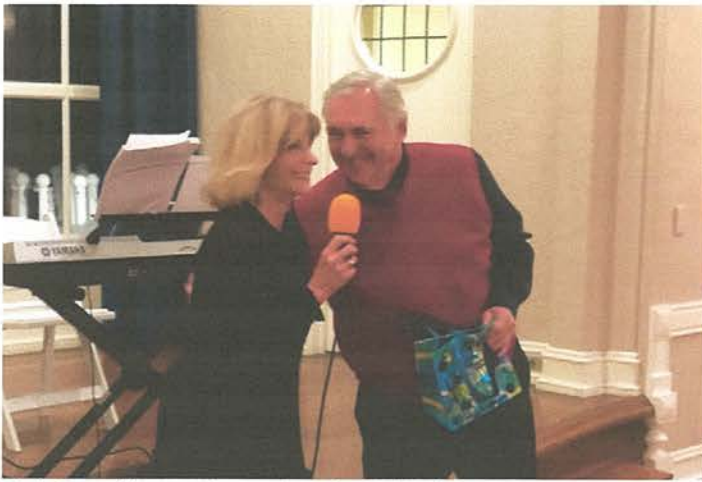
Samantha & George Cerruti photo by Veronica Cerruti



Joyce Azevedo & Dormain Drewitz photo by Ed Harley



Mr. Ron Sparzo provided the entertainment photo by Ed Harley



Chris Crowell presenting an Award to Ed Harley photo by Anthony Drewitz



President Ed Harley, handing over the Gavel to new President, Tony Wollesen photo by Anthony Drewitz



Erika Kopman & Kaaren Brommer photo by Ed Harley



Ed Harley presenting an Award to retiring Board Member, Ed Archer photo by Anthony Drewitz



Ed Harley presenting an Award to retiring Board Member, John Morrison photo by Gerald Robinson



2019 Board: Vince O'Brien, Ed Harley, Mark Cerruti, Johnny Crowell, John Morrison, Whitney Haist, Ed Archer & Chris Crowell photo by Anthony D.



Past Presidents Present: Ed Harley (2019), Johnny Crowell (1981), Eric Lundquist (2015), Kaaren Brommer (2010), Ed Archer (2014 & 2018), John Morrison (1992 & 2004), Gary Borges (1990), Whitney Haist (2011 & 2016) & Don Azevedo (2006, 2007 & 2017) photo by Anthony Drewitz



Leo Drewitz & Kingston Kopman photo by Anthony Drewitz



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is time to renew your BAHCC Membership for 2020!

ALL RENEWALS ARE REQUESTED TO BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER 31, 2019

Please complete this renewal form and submit according to the instructions on the form.

Your Name _____ Spouse _____

If all your information listed in the 2019 Directory is correct, there's no need to fill out this form, except "Your Name."

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email #1 _____ Email #2 _____

Telephones _____
Main _____ Your Cellular _____ Spouse's Cellular _____

Your Birthday _____ Spouse's Birthday _____ Wedding Anniversary _____
Month & Day Month & Day Month, Day & Year

2020 Dues are \$40.

Due to the ever-increasing cost of printing and postage, we are requiring those who wish to receive a printed copy of the Gaslight Gazette to include an additional \$15.



Choose one:

\$40 for 2020 BAHCC Dues and the Gaslight Gazette delivered via email only \$ _____

- or -

\$55 for 2020 BAHCC Dues and the Gaslight Gazette delivered via email and a printed copy delivered by USPS \$ _____

- optional -

Dues do not cover the Club's costs of operation. Dues are kept artificially low to encourage membership. If you are willing to make a contribution, anonymous or otherwise, please indicate here:

___ \$25. ___ \$100. ___ \$500. ___ \$Other . . . \$ _____

Total Remittance \$ _____

Pay by regular mail

Please write check payable to BAHCC and mail to:

Whitney Haist
12 Sunrise Hill Road
Orinda, CA 94563

- or -

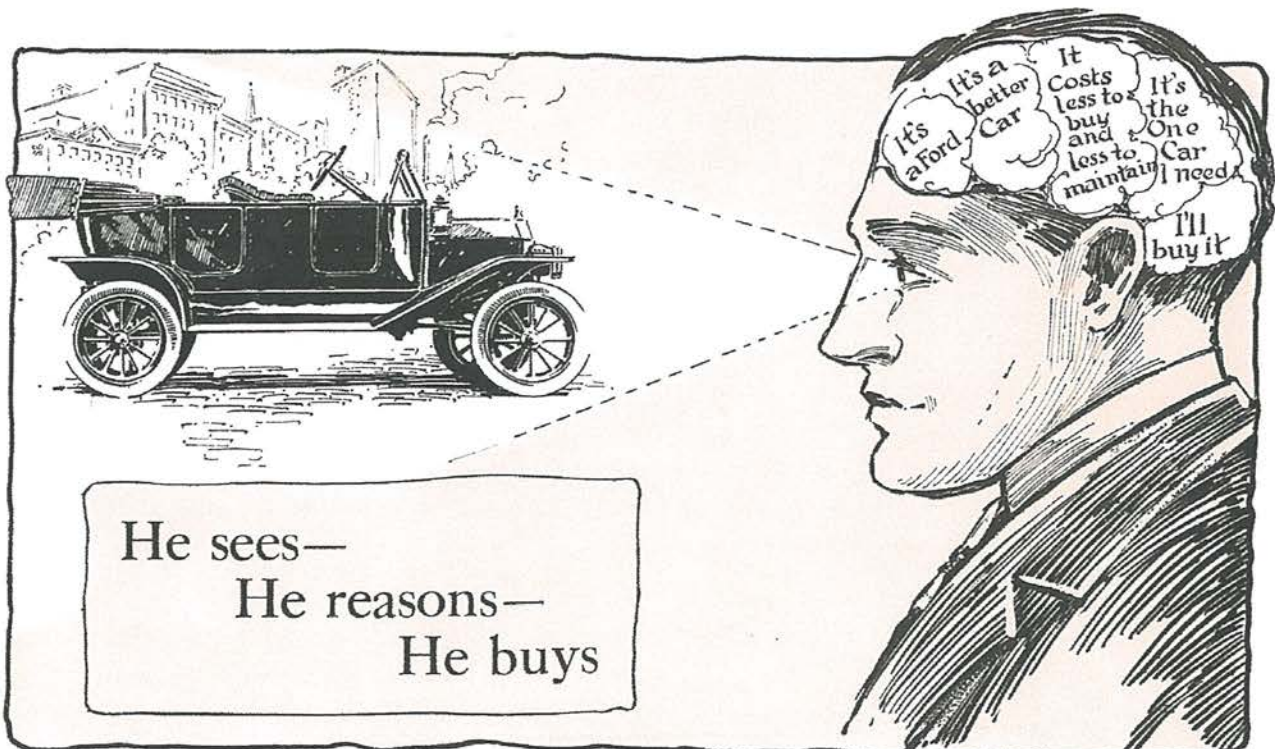
Pay with



Send remittance to:

treasurer@bahcc.org

Be sure to select "Send money to Friend or Family" to avoid additional charges.



Microsoft Windows vs. Ford Motor Co.

For those of us who feel only the deepest love and affection for the wonderful way computers have enhanced our lives,.....read on.

At a computer expo (COMDEX), Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated;

"If Ford had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we could all be driving \$25 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon."

In response to Bill's comments,.....Ford issued this press release;

If Ford had developed technology like Microsoft has, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics:

1. For no reason what-so-ever, your car would crash,...sometimes several times a day.

2. Every time road workers repainted the lines on the road, you would have to buy a new car.

3. Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could even continue, and for some reason, you just simply accept this.

4. Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.

5. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive - but would cost 3 times as much and would run on only five percent of the main roads.

6. The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single "This Car Has Performed An Illegal Operation" warning light.

7. The airbag system would ask, "Are you sure?" before actually deploying.

8. Occasionally, for no reason at all, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you lifted the door handle, turned the key back and forth twice, and grabbed the radio antenna,.....all at the same time.

9. Every time a new car was introduced, car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the new car controls would operate in the same way as they did in the old car.

10. You'd have to press the "Start" button to turn the engine off.

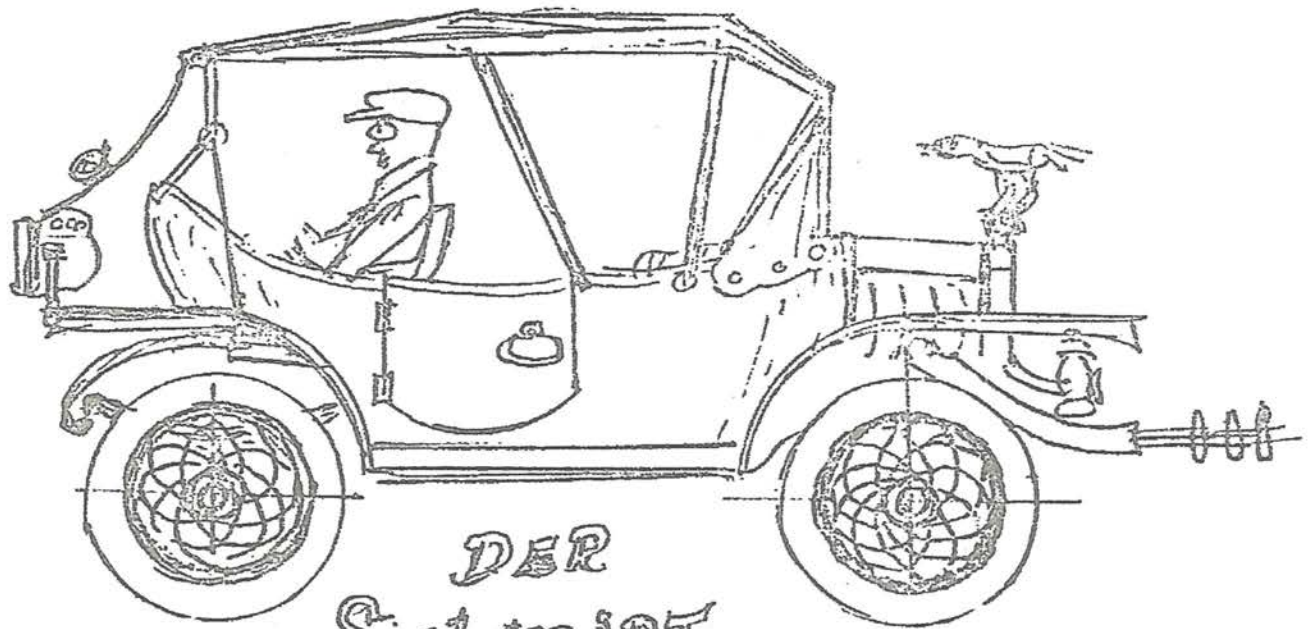
PS - I'd like to add, when all else fails, you would call 'customer service' in some foreign country and be instructed in some foreign accent,.... how to fix the car yourself!

Please share this with friends and family who love AND hate,..... a computer!



Courtesy of Norman Schwartz

Horseless Carriage Cartoons From The Past



DER Schmidt UBANGER

As promised in the last Gazette, the once famous Schmidt Ubanger is being featured at this time. This machine has been brought to light by L.W.H. "Bill" Cross of London, a true connoisseur of fine automobiles.

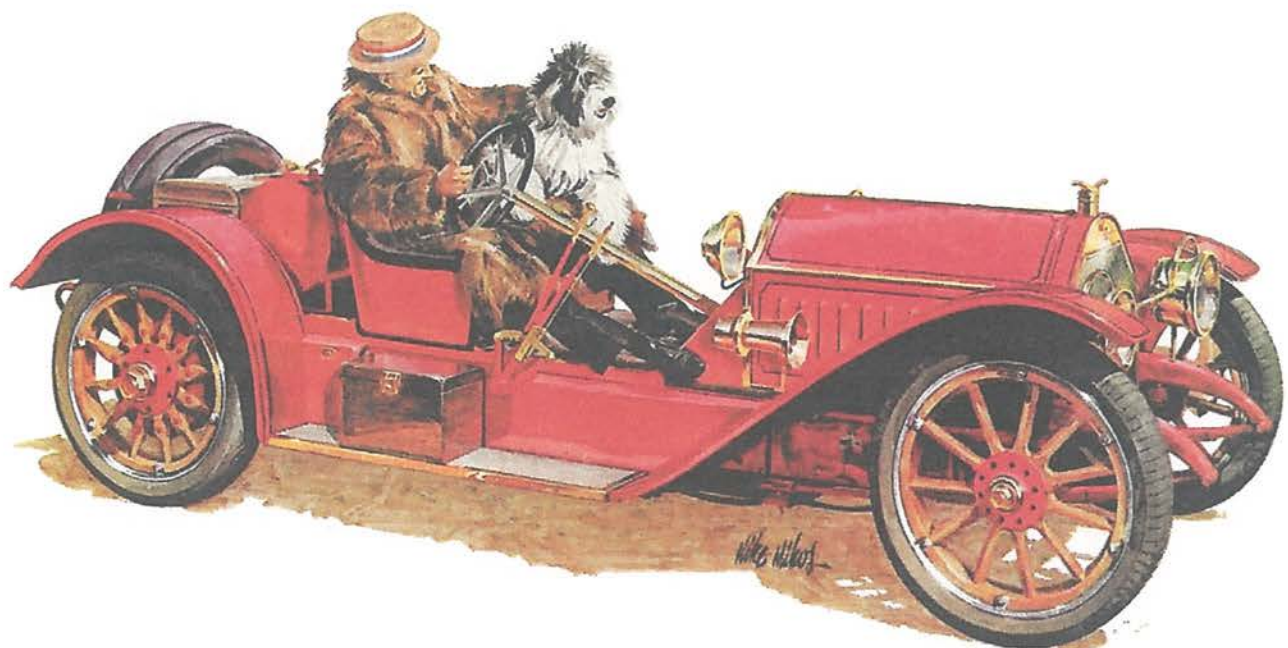
Pictured above is Dr. C. von Schmidt, himself, testing his invention, which featured 4x4 inch square pistons, 4" stroke, 4 cyl. engine, 4 to 1 final drive, 4 speed gear box, and room for 4 passengers.

It was called the Model 4 GNIRUOT, and Dr. von Schmidt's sales pitch was "Der heet und der shmell iss lefft behindt!"

The company reportedly went into receivership, due primarily to its name, which did not have the ear appeal of such marques as Rolls Royce Silver Ghost, Bugatti Royale, and other fine cars.

Photo courtesy of the H. D. Lundell collection

Courtesy of John Morrison





Maxwell Bros.

CORNING, OHIO

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SEPT 3 1923

THE F. WILKING SONS CO.

ZANESVILLE, OHIO

GENTLEMEN,

MR. FRANK JENKS OF HENLOCK, OHIO
WHO PURCHASED A 91 TOURING CAR FROM
US APRIL 19 1923 HAS MADE A COMPLAIN
THAT FRUNT HANGER OF MOTER BROKE OFF
ALSO THAT BODY OF CAR IS BRAKING IN
THREE OR FOUR PLACES AND SAK THAT WE
MAKE SAME RITE.

SO WE ARE ASKING YOUR
ADVICE IN THIS CASE.

HOPING TO HEAR FROM YOU
AT ONCE.

SEARIL NO #32149 MOTER NO# 34049

YOURS VERY TRULY

MAXWELL BROS.





Events Near and Far

Non - BAHCC events that may be of interest

January 25 & 26	Turlock Swap Meet	Turlock, CA	turlockswapmeet.com
March 20 - 21	Chickasha Pre-war Swap Meet	Chickasha, OK	Mike Ersland 405-224-9090
April 17 - 18	Bakersfield Tour & Swap Meet	Bakersfield, CA	Tour: Gil Klecan, gilklecan@hotmail.com Swap Meet: Tom Lane, tlane12931@yahoo.com
April 19 - 22	HCCA National Convention & Tour	Stateline, NV	hcca.org
June 8 - 12	Nickel Era Tour	Moscow, ID	John Manifer 562-665-0381
June 14	Pava Tour & Ice Cream Social	Shingle Springs, CA	David@Pava.com 530-677-2923

Contact the Editor to add a pre-war auto-related event to this Calendar

1907 MODEL, TYPE XIV
Autocar
30-34 HORSE POWER
\$3150.00

**Middleton Motor Car Co., 550 Golden Gate Ave.,
San Francisco.**

E. G. KROPP CO., MILWAUKEE.

He's Catching Grasshoppers

ON a hot night in the country you will hear grasshoppers singing in the bushes. In the day-time they are comparatively quiet. What does this quiet mean? Mischief, as usual. They are out eating up the farmers' crops. But the days of their feasting are numbered, for Mr. Samuel H. Pierce, of Dayton, Ohio, has invented a machine for harvesting grasshoppers.

The machine looks like a great overgrown megaphone on wheels. The funnel is of metal, and has a motor-driven fan close to its mouth. This creates sufficient suction to draw the insects into the funnel, where they are

gathered into a perforated chamber and thence drop into a removable box. A revolving brush keeps the air-holes in the chamber entirely clear of the bodies



This peculiar-looking machine harvests grasshoppers by the wholesale

of the insects and thus insures a free draft. The grasshoppers are fed to chickens.

Happy Birthday!

Carolee Morrison	January 1
Doug Marin	January 2
Matt Ryan	January 2
Anne Metais	January 3
Frank Swenson II	January 5
Colin Feichtmeir	January 9
Jim Pappakostas	January 12
Mark Forbes	January 13
Kaaren Brommer	January 20
Bill Gularte	January 27
Karen Archer	January 31

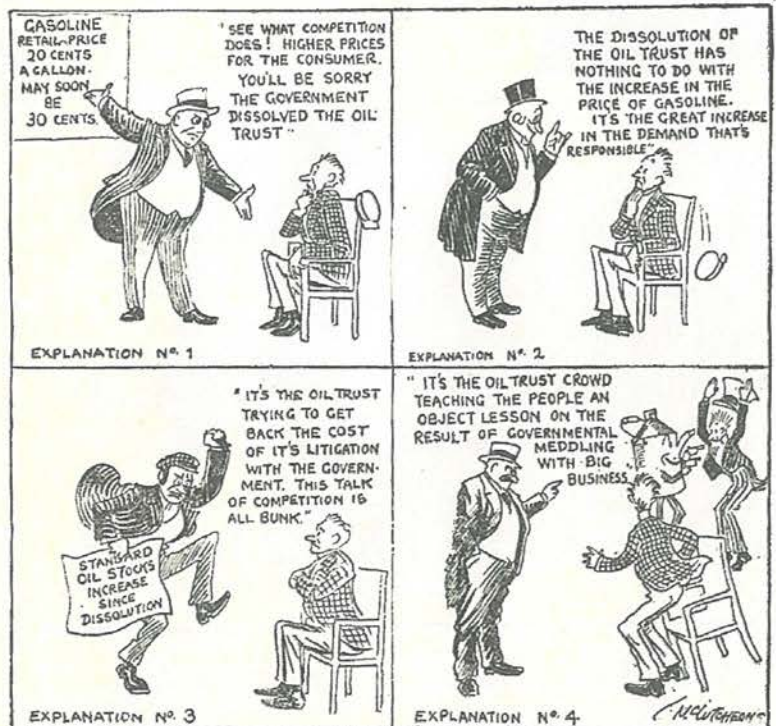
Happy Anniversary!

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

Welcome!
New Members

Buck Kamphausen
Vallejo, CA

Jim & Linda Snook
Santa Cruz, CA



Evening Sun (N. Y.)

Why Gasoline Is Going Up in Price: Take Your Choice of These Four Explanations



PIONEERS IN THE MOTOR CAR FIELD

ELWOOD HAYNES

Elwood Haynes was born in Portland, Ind., October 14, 1857. Early in life he showed a decided taste for scientific research, and at the age of 17 had gained a fair knowledge of elementary chemistry and physics. He graduated in 1881 at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute of Worcester. Afterwards he took a post graduate course of one year in the Johns-Hopkins University.

About the year 1888 he became interested in the production of a carriage that would propel itself over common roads, but was unable to develop or construct a carriage until 1892, when he moved to Kokomo. Later in 1893 he began the construction of a machine of this description, which may be briefly described as follows:

The carriage proper consisted of an under frame made of steel tubing, which included the rear axle, and a tubular frame work extending forward nearly to the front axle; thus permitting either wheel of the axle to pass obstructions without disturbing the frame work. The motor was placed upon this tubular frame work just in front of the rear axle. Crossing the frame work just in front of the motor was a countershaft on either end of which was placed a small sprocket which communicated by means of a chain, to the rear wheels. The rear axle was of the stationary type, and constituted a part of the steel frame work of the machine. The power of the engine was carried forward to the countershaft by means of sprocket chains, and the countershaft was set in motion by throwing in one or the other of two friction clutches located on the countershaft. The engine was of the single cylinder, two cycle, upright form, and weighed nearly 300 pounds. It was rated by its builders at one-horsepower. The gasoline tank was located on the under frame just in front of the countershaft. The body of the car consisted of a light runabout carriage body, equipped with a single seat for two people. The springs were of the side-bar pattern, and extended the full length.

When the machine was completed, it was found advisable to remove it to the country before starting it, as it was immediately surrounded by crowds of people as soon as it was taken on the street of the city. The first time it was started it ran one and a half miles, carrying three persons. Afterwards it was stopped, turned around, and then ran the entire distance into the city—about four or five miles, carrying two persons, without a stop. Its speed, however, was only about seven or eight miles per hour



ELWOOD HAYNES

on the level. This machine was afterwards equipped with a more powerful motor and pneumatic tires, which increased its speed to about twelve miles an hour. The car ran, all told, about 1,000 miles. The best record observed by its builders was five miles in 26 minutes, which was about the speed which he had hoped to attain from the machine. The second motor gave 2-horsepower and weighed about 300 pounds. The Haynes Automobile Company of Kokomo, Ind., is now building a motor weighing 450 pounds which readily gives 40-horsepower



A. L. RIKER

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Andrew Lawrence Riker has every claim to be termed a pioneer designer and builder of motor cars in America. His first road vehicle was completed and tried out in 1884, and was of the electric type. Mr. Riker carried on many experiments with electric automobiles and the elements of the same until late in 1898, when the Riker Motor Vehicle Company was formed,—which company was located at Elizabethport, N. J.

Mr. Riker designed and built his first racing car in 1896, and it did some very creditable work at some of the earliest automobile race-track meets. In 1900 Mr. Riker designed and built the famous electric racer which won the first automobile road race ever held in this country; this was over a fifty miles course on the Merrick Road, L. I.

Late in 1900 the Riker Motor Vehicle Company was absorbed by the Electric Vehicle Company, and Mr. Riker's services were with the latter organization until late in 1901. Many will recall the neatly designed racer built at Elizabethport by Mr. Riker to compete in the speed trials on Long Island in 1901. This was a four-cylinder gasoline car and would have made a great showing but for the purchase of unsuitable gasoline which clogged up the carbureter.

Late in 1901 Mr. Riker joined forces with the Locomobile Company of America sub rosa, and began the design of the Locomobile car which was on the road and running early in the spring of 1902,—a very quick piece of work. The working drawings were made in New York and the construction of the model car carried on at Chicopee Falls, Mass.

The Locomobile Company did nothing whatever in the race game until 1905, when Dr. Harold E. Thomas, of Chicago, prevailed on the Locomobile company to build him a high powered car which he entered in the Gordon Bennett race and the Vanderbilt race with results now already known. That Mr. Riker has evidently given much thought to racers is shown by the fact that the 1905 Locomobile racer not only was a thoroughly successful machine, but the 1906 car shows very few changes, and this largely in the nature of details.

The excellent performance of the Locomobile racer in the recent Vanderbilt cup race places Mr. Riker in the front rank as a racing car builder.



64TH ANNUAL

**HOLIDAY
MOTOR EXCURSION**

Presented by

The Horseless Carriage Club of So. Cal.

Sunday/December 29, 2019

7:30 am arrival @ the Park

Tour Departs around 9:30 am

Donations Appreciated

****1932 and older stock vehicles
required for tour participation****

Arcadia Regional Park

405 S Santa Anita Ave Arcadia CA 91006

****Limited spectator parking available****

Please park in designated parking spots only.

Please no trailers at the County Park

All vehicles must be clear of the Park by 10:00 am

HCCA NATIONAL NEWS



Re: Member Questions and Statements – Do You Know?

Issue: 2019-11-22 #06

Due to recent questions and statements I have received from members, it is a good time to clear up some basic information ...

National Board and Leadership – The HCCA Board of Directors consists of 15 members. Each year a class of 5 directors is elected to serve a 3 year term. A goal of the nomination committee is to try and get diversified representation of the worldwide members.

The Board Officers (President, Vice Pres., Treasurer and Secretary) are elected by the directors and serve one year terms. To reduce costs, each year there are 4 board meetings held in 3 locations. Because of the size of the organization and to minimize club expenses, Directors are NOT reimbursed for travel expenses to events and meetings ... There is a high use of email and conference calls and each year the Annual meeting is rotated to new locations (CA, AZ, TX, FL, OK, CA, FL ...

Communication to Members – The HCCA communication has improved over the years ...

- HCCA Gazette / 3 Month lead time - The HCCA magazine, mailed to all members, is a bi-monthly magazine that contains information, articles and pictures.
- Website / To use this communication, members and visitors must visit the site - The HCCA website was created to reach out to the digital world for members and non-members. ... Changes are being made to the site to offer more information to members that will be interactive. To reduce the printing and distribution cost of \$25,000, the Member Roster will be accessible to members through ... a security members area.
- Facebook / Visibility – Site was created to allow members to post current events and information. More exposure to the public.
- HCCA National News and email Notices – Give the ability to reach out quickly to members any time. It is only sent to members on the HCCA distribution list – local officers, National directors and any member who has signed up. Best way to keep members informed.

Board Members – Though new board members are recruited each year, the quality of participation and responsibility varies ... HCCA is continually looking for members who want to make a positive difference

and improve the organization. The organization needs more members to get involved at the Local and National levels... GET INVOLVED, it is your organization.

Cost of Services – Some members think ... “Money is spent frivolously”; “Cannot get answers to questions”, “Numbers are not forthcoming”; “Budget is not shared and reporting is thin”. These statements are a sign of lack of involvement ... Minutes, Budgets and Expense reports are available to any member who requests information from the HCCA office. If you have a finance question, contact the Office / Treasurer. If you do not get a reply, contact and follow up with an email to the HCCA president.

In 2016, a Cost analysis was done of the HCCA Services per member. The Office Cost = \$18.78; Website Cost = \$6.15; Magazine Cost \$27.20. The review allowed board members to realize that HCCA needs to make changes ... Find ways to increase the number of members, Adjust the fee structure, Increase alternative income, Reduce operation expenses. In the fall, the HCCA Board of Directors made changes to member fees for 2020.

From the Treasurer – During an annual budget review this year, along with measures to keep expenses to a minimum, it was clear that finances have been slipping. The cost of doing business has risen and the number of members has dropped. We were forced to take monies out of our savings this year to operate. Before we have to take monies from our investments and after much heated discussion, the Board voted to increase the annual dues \$10, across all memberships starting January 1, 2020. There has not been an increase in the HCCA dues since 2001.

HCCA National News – At the beginning of the 2019, I was asked to keep members informed until a new editor could be found to take over, but that did not happen ... Since limited information has been passed on to me, this will be my last issue of the HCCA National News. I hope my communication helped inform members ... Anne and I wish each member a great holiday season and New Year.

Carlton Pate / anpcop@aol.com

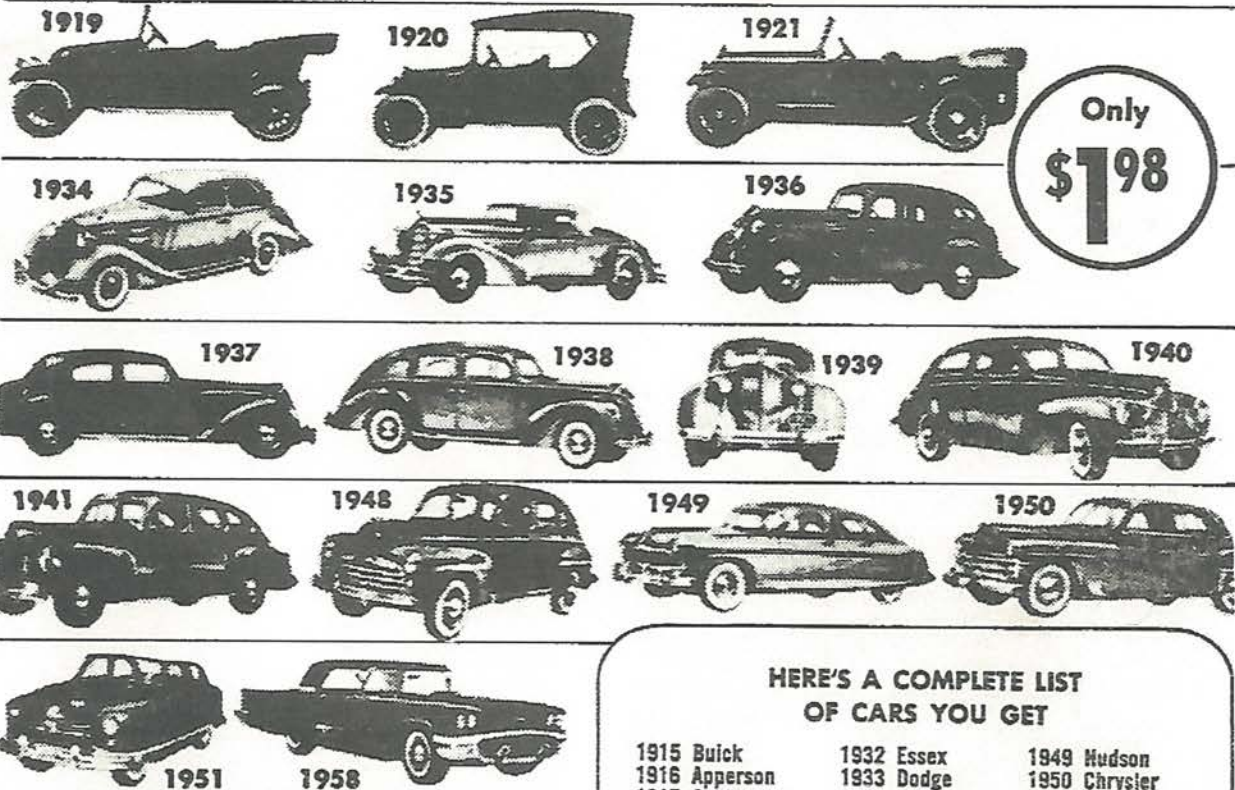
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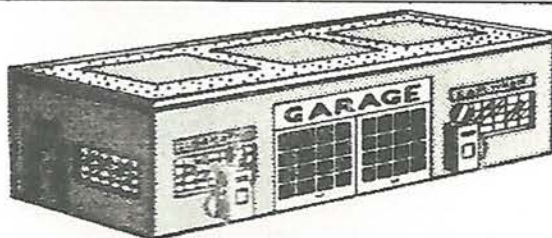
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