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Now that we have everyone washing their hands correctly.
Next Week: Turn Signals!!!

Courtesy of Norman Schwartz

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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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WEBSITE: www.bahcc.org

Sisters die 102 years apart from two separate Global Pandemics

A pair of sisters have died from two separate global pandemics, over a century apart, according to a report on Friday, April 17.

Selma Esther Ryan died Tuesday from the Coronavirus at an assisted living facility in Austin, Texas, three days after celebrating her 96th birthday. Her death comes after her older sister, Esther – whom she never met – died at the age of 5 during the 1918 Spanish flu pandemic.



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On the Cover; *Medical staff & workers in Surry Hills, Sydney, Australia in April 1919.*
Photographer; *unknown*

President's Message

Hello,

Another month of 'stay at home!' I sure miss driving my cars and participating in our hobby. This pandemic has slowed the whole world. I assume from hearing the news that we will not see the norm, for at least a year and a half, or two. Social distancing is the only thing that can save us now.

So back to the car hobby. I have been working on a couple of car tours and I think we can do these car tours with the social distancing. It will take a lot of unique planning that can make it safe for all of us. I also think we can have our meetings at the Piedmont Community Center with social distancing. This can only happen when they lift the 'stay at home' order.

By the time you are reading this, you should have gotten an e-mail from Gerald Robinson, explaining the May 6th meeting using video conferencing. This will be using Zoom. If you have a web camera on your computer, you can link up. If you do not have a web cam you can use the telephone and view the meeting on your computer.

So stay safe until we can meet again.
I hope all of you are doing well,

Tony



6th Annual

Blackhawk Car Show and Diablo Countryside Tour



Sunday, May 3, 2020

9:30 AM to 2:00 PM

3 Events - 40 miles (4 cylinders) or 20 miles (1 & 2 Cylinders)

Suitable for ALL brass-era cars - Abundant Trailer Parking - Period Attire

#1 You will be ENERGIZED by displaying your car on the Plaza in front of the Blackhawk Museum and talking with the museumgoers and other car enthusiasts.



#2 You will be MESMERIZED by the vistas and by the quiet as we tour in the shadows of Mount Diablo.



#3 You will be FERTILIZED on the grounds of the established in...



Rather than simply reading about it, why don't you

Sign-up Today -- Email or Call

Tour co-chairmen

Ed Harley: epharley@pacbell.net 925-997-7710

Whitney Haist: haist2@comcast.net 925-899-4912

\$10 donation for picnic lunch

Park at the Danville Park n' ride at the intersection of highway 680 and Sycamore Valley Road in Danville. Be ready to depart by 9:30 am

Good advice, . . . Then and Now



THE "FLU" IS INCREASING

No one knows the cause of this disease.
It killed twice as many people in the United States
last year as our armies lost in France.

IF YOU WANT TO PLAY SAFE:

1. Keep away from sick people, especially if they cough or sneeze.
2. Use your handkerchief when you cough or sneeze.
3. Avoid crowded street cars, trains, or houses.
4. Don't spit on the floor.
5. Wash your hands before eating.
6. Keep your fingers out of your mouth.
7. Avoid common drinking cups.
8. Keep out of dusty places.
9. SEE THE PLANT DOCTOR IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING RIGHT



INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY


Courtesy of Whitney Haist

Happy Birthday!

Phylis Pottle	May 1
Anthony Drewitz	May 4
Eric Lundquist	May 5
Kelly Stone	May 10
Gary Larsen	May 12
Carol Marin	May 15
Baynard Brown	May 19
Sam Gurnee	May 21
Whitney Haist	May 24
Steve Jackson	May 26
Patrica Ryan	May 29
Jackie Silvera	May 29
Dick Silvera	May 31

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Welcome!

New Member

Gary Hagen

San Jose, CA

Happy Anniversary!

Bernard & Anne Metais	May 1st, 1964
John & Carol O'Neill	May 5th, 1986
Mark & Tanya Forbes	May 12th
Doug & Carol Marin	May 20th, 1972

Our cleaning
lady just called
and told us she
will be working
from home and
will send us
instructions on
what to do.

Courtesy of Norman Schwartz

An Old Cadillac Pennant

Leads to some Forgotten,
but Interesting History

by Mark Cerruti

The Cadillac pennant (pictured) has been hanging on my wall for some time. For whatever reason, I decided to do an internet search on the Marksheffel Motor Company. Not much came up about the company itself, but a very sensational story about its founder, Albert Marksheffel, appeared from several sources.

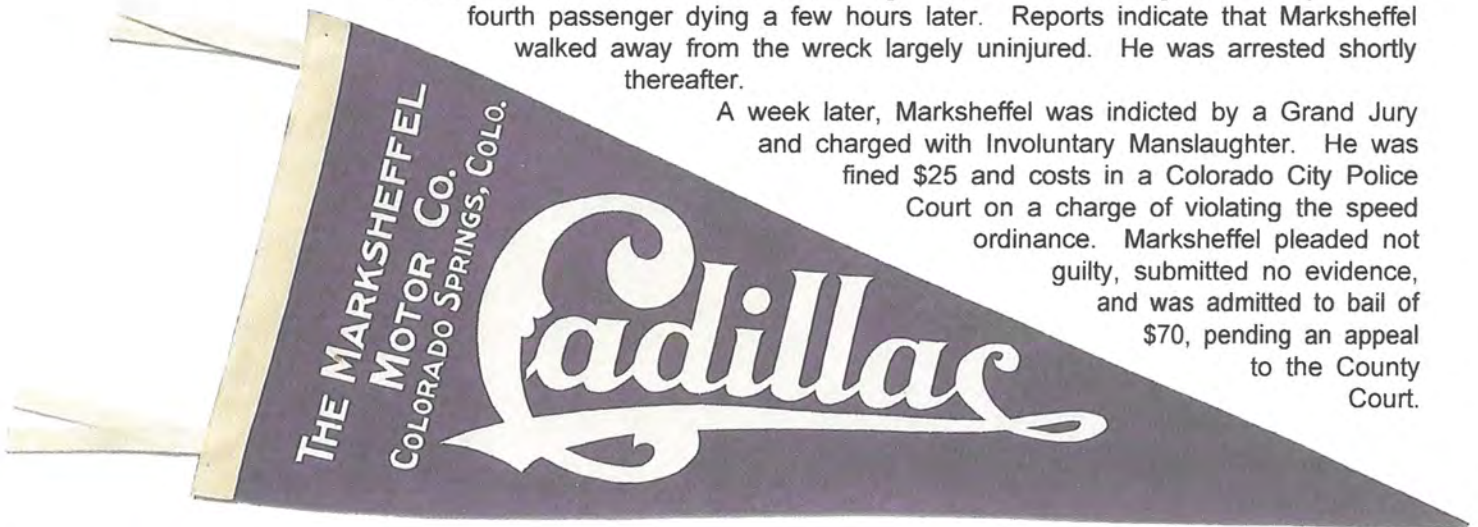
On September 17th 1907, after an evening of drinking, 26-year-old Albert Marksheffel drove his car at high speeds in the mountains outside of Colorado Springs. He had seven passengers in his 40hp Model K Ford.

Marksheffel lost control of the car, killing three of the passengers instantly, with a fourth passenger dying a few hours later. Reports indicate that Marksheffel walked away from the wreck largely uninjured. He was arrested shortly thereafter.

A week later, Marksheffel was indicted by a Grand Jury and charged with Involuntary Manslaughter. He was fined \$25 and costs in a Colorado City Police Court on a charge of violating the speed ordinance. Marksheffel pleaded not guilty, submitted no evidence, and was admitted to bail of \$70, pending an appeal to the County Court.



The Marksheffel Motor Company in Colorado Springs, circa 1917.



AUTO IN MAD DASH KILLS 4

POWERFUL RACING CAR FINDS
MORE VICTIMS

Wheel of Powerful Motor That Ran
Over Man in Recent Races Strikes
Obstacle and Causes Fatal
Accident

By Associated Press.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Sept. 17.—
Eight men, crowding into a powerful racing
automobile built to hold but three
passengers, dared death in a wild burst
of speed down the West Huerfano street

The case dragged on for two years, resulting in no jail time for Marksheffel. Newspapers throughout the country reported on the horrific accident and its outcome. The case, considered to be the first drunk driving prosecution west of the Mississippi, resulted in many States enacting laws regulating drinking and driving.

Albert Marksheffel went on to found Marksheffel Motor Company in 1909, and he eventually became a pillar of the community. Marksheffel Motors sold Chalmers, Dodge Brothers, Chevrolet, and of course, Cadillac cars. He also had an agency selling Kelly-Springfield trucks. Marksheffel died in 1938 after a long illness, aged 57.



Albert Marksheffel with his infamous and third wife, Zeo Zoe Cunningham (nee Wilkins) but that's another story.

hill at 3 o'clock this morning and a frightful accident resulted. Four men lost their lives, being mangled almost beyond recognition and the other four occupants of the car were more or less seriously injured.

The machine, a six cylinder, forty-horse power, Ford, is the same one which ran over and killed C. V. Dasey in the recent double tragedy at the automobile races at Overland park, Denver.

The dead are:

W. H. RALSTON.

JOHN S. GREY, formerly of New York.

H. WINNALL.

BRITTON L. GRAVES.

The injured:

James English, George Buckley, F. H. Ward, A. W. Marksheffel.

Marksheffel, who was driving, lost control of the wheel and the powerful machine, swerving from side to side across car tracks, ran into the gutter. For fully fifty feet the heavy car plunged onward, the right front and rear wheels running in the gutter and the two left wheels a foot higher on the curb. Suddenly one front wheel struck some object and the machine, slewing around, was thrown a distance of about forty feet down the hill. The car would probably have been whirled down the hill for a still greater distance but for a telephone pole which

barred the way.

Grey was crushed against the telephone pole as though thrown with a catapult. The entire left side of his face was flattened and his skull was laid open, the impact tearing the top of his head almost in two. Ralston was evidently thrown against the pole or against the board fence on the other side of the walk. His skull was also fractured, as was that of Winnall. Winnall was hurled a distance of more than fifty feet.

William Ralston was a member of the firm of the Central Electric company. Grey and Winnall were both professional chauffeurs. Graves was a drug clerk. He died in the hospital several hours after the accident.

All of the injured and Ralston, who was killed, were prominent Elks. A social was given at the Elks club last night to the non-Elks of this city. As the time approached for the breaking up of festivities some one suggested an automobile ride. The fun-seeking crowd clambered aboard the huge racing machine, clinging to guards, hood and seat and drove to Manitou, eight miles distant. The road back is a gradual grade and the car is said to have been speeding at a rate of sixty miles an hour when the accident occurred.

Los Angeles Herald - Sept 18, 1907



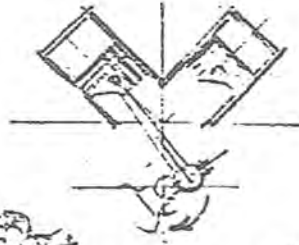
Al Marksheffel's Ford Rests in Pieces "... large crowds flocked to the scene of the disaster on West Huerfano Street during the entire day. There was little to see of the night's carnage except the once powerful racing machine, demolished and wrecked, with its wheels broken off, its steering gear twisted out of place and the body battered and beat out of shape." Colorado Springs Gazette

Horseless Carriage Cartoons From The Past

ENGINEERING TECHNIQUES DEVELOPING THE "VEE ONE"

It has been in my close association with the brilliant young genius, Mike Otto, of Piedmont, Ca., that this new departure in the internal combustion engine has been developed. This has come about in the following steps:

1.
machineability
fair to poor



Utilizing the square piston in the 90° square bore. Twin cams, double o.h. valves, single carb (idea from the famous Schmidt U-banger-to be featured in another issue). A milestone is in the arrangement of the piston rings crossing.

2.
machineability
fair to reasonable



The "Wye Shuttle"
Spherical piston without the otherwise required wrist pin. One large piston ring is used, similar to the self-aligning ball bearing.

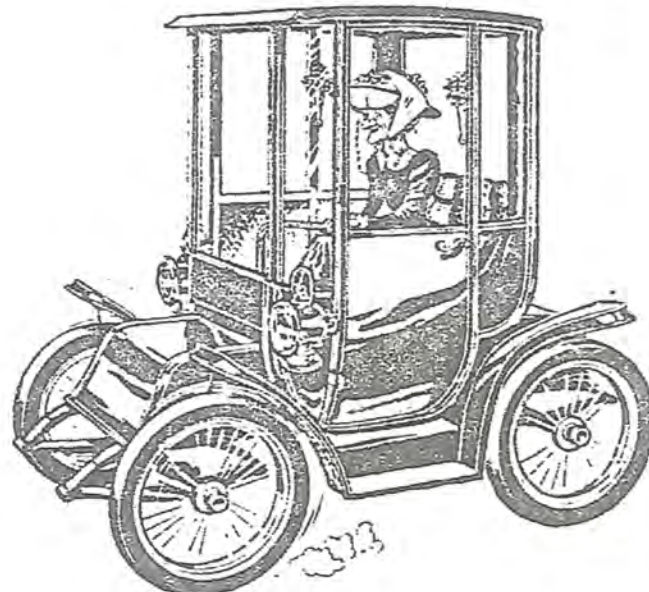
3.
machineability
fair to excellent



The "Rotating Reciprocator"
By cleverly rotating the piston alternatively 180°, the machine has proven flawless in operation.

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gear

By H. D. Lundell





1913 Rambler at Echo Summit (Hwy 50) July 12, 1913

Courtesy of Johnny Crowell

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The car has a lot of history. They were built in Detroit for only eight years, 1917 - 1924. About 18,000 Columbia Six cars of all models were produced. It has the original Continental Six engine. The car was restored between 1974 and 1980 and

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- Knute Kleinen



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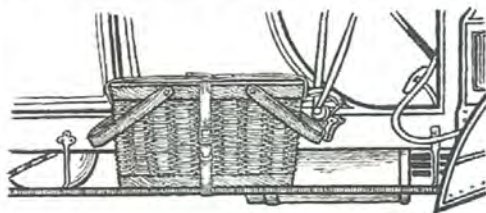
BAHCC Club Meetings, Events and Tours Calendar

Meetings and Events Managed by: Gerald Robinson (1-510-332-9588)

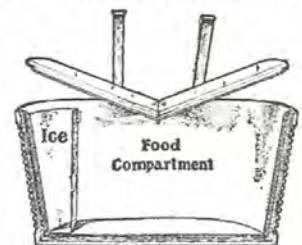
Tony Wollesen (1-408-264-2444)

Month	Date/Day	Events	Speaker/ Special Event
May 2020	Sunday May 3 rd	Tour	Blackhawk Car Show & Countryside Tour - CANCELED
	Wednesday May 6 th	General Meeting	NO Meeting at the Piedmont Community Center! Join the live zoom Meeting @ 7:00pm  <p>Contact Gerald Robinson if you did not receive ZOOM Invitation, or if you should need any assistance. Gerald: 510-332-9588 gefrobinson@yahoo.com</p>
	Wednesday May 20 th	BoD Meeting	CANCELED
June 2020	Wednesday June 3 rd	General Meeting	Piedmont Community Center - 7:30pm - Tentative - <i>stay tuned</i> 711 Highland Ave, Piedmont
	Wednesday June 17 th	BoD Meeting	Location TBD - Tentative - <i>stay tuned</i>
July 2020	Saturday July 4 th	Parade & Picnic	Piedmont 4th of July Parade & Picnic - Tentative - stay tuned Antique Cars parade down Highland Avenue, followed by a BBQ Picnic in the Morrison's backyard
Aug 2020	Wednesday August 5 th	General Meeting	Piedmont Community Center - 7:30pm 711 Highland Ave, Piedmont
	Wednesday August 19 th	BoD Meeting	Location TBD
Sept 2020	Wednesday September 2 nd	General Meeting	Piedmont Community Center - 7:30pm 711 Highland Ave, Piedmont
	Wednesday September 16 th	BoD Meeting	Location TBD

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Can be firmly strapped to running board—cannot slip or jar loose. Think what it means when the thermometer is flirting with the 100° mark, to have cool butter, sweet milk, and fresh, palatable food which you can eat with a zest and relish. Lock buckles—neither basket nor lunch can be stolen. Regular price, \$6.00, express prepaid east of Denver. Special baskets made to order.



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Non - BAHCC events that may be of interest

May 21 - 23	Lodi Tour	Lodi, CA	Eric & Steve Coelho CANCELED	3122
May 29 - 31	Swanton Campout	Swanton, CA	Brian Madamoff POSTPONED	l.com
June 3 - 7	Western Gaslight 1 & 2 Cyl Tour	Albany, OR	Gerry & Sandy Grulkey	503-873-4788
June 8 - 12	Nickel Era Tour	Moscow, ID	John Manifor CANCELED	0381
June 14	Endurance Run & Lowland Tour	Hollister CA	David Deun CANCELED	.org 2923
June 14	Pava Tour & Ice Cream Social	Shingle Springs, CA	Rich Angerson CANCELED	560-678-3733
June 18 - 21	Single Cylinder Tour	Yreka, CA	Rich Angerson	560-678-3733
July 12	Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance	Hillsborough, CA	hill CANCELED	s.org
August 5 - 9	Ryan Ramble	Sacramento, CA	Matt Ryan	916-747-7046
August 13	Pebble Beach Tour d'Elegance	Pebble Beach, CA	pebt CANCELED	s.net
August 16	Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance	Pebble Beach, CA	pebt CANCELED	s.net
September 4 - 6	4th Annual Tri-County Tour	Salinas, CA	Jim Skillicom	831-455-5105
September 20	Antique Autos in History Park	San Jose, CA	Allan Greenberg	allang@pacbell.net
September 26	Ironstone Concours d'Elegance	Murphys, CA	ironstoneconcours.org	
October 7 - 10	Hershey Swap Meet	Hershey, PA	hershey.aaca.com	
January 30 & 31	Turlock Swap Meet	Turlock, CA	turlockswapmeet.com	

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

**SPEED OF ALL VEHICLES MUST NOT BE
FASTER THAN A HORSE CAN WALK**



A Home Run With Every Gallon

BUDDY RYAN, well-known in baseball circles, sells the kind of gasoline that guarantees a return trip. Motorists who fill at his station are sure to come back to the home plate, for Buddy believes in honest measure of the kind of products that keep a motor running surely and sweetly.

Mr. Ryan is manager of the Sacramento Coast League baseball team, and is remembered as one of the best batters that ever faced a pitcher in the Coast League. His station has been in operation for about two years. From a modest beginning it has gradually expanded and improved

until it is now regarded as one of the best and most completely equipped of Sacramento's numerous efficient service stations.

Another ball player who sells Associated products is Vean Gregg, a well-known ball pitcher with the Washington Club in the American League. His Seattle station was opened March 21, 1925.

Gregg's station maintains a greasing rack, and he also sells tires and accessories. He is one of the few resellers who have appreciated the importance of an attractive comfort station, separate from the sales building.



THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

Marriages That Make Sense

An elderly woman became a local celebrity in her small town by getting married at the age of 92. The newspaper sent a reporter to interview her. His first question was how she enjoyed being a newlywed in her 90's.

"Oh, this isn't my first husband," the woman replied. "I'm used to this by now."

"Really? How many times have you been married?" asked the interviewer.

"This is my fourth husband," replied the lady. "When I was 22, I married a banker. He died, and then when I was 43, I married a circus performer. He ran away with a dancer. Then when I was 62, I married a minister, and he lived a long time."

"What does your new husband do?" asked the reporter.

"He's a funeral director." She said proudly.

The reporter laughed, "That's quite a variety of husbands."

"Oh, it always made perfect sense to me," the woman said. "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."



Courtesy of Ed Harley

THE rush of the wind places the autoist's throat in receptive mood for **CLUB COCKTAILS**. They are as soothing to drink as they are handy to carry. They cost less than bar cocktails and are as superior to them as measure is superior to guess, maturity to rawness, or fine old liquors to the "guess-again" bar variety. A lunch en route, with **CLUB COCKTAILS** on the side, is something to be anticipated. Just strain through cracked ice and serve.

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HCCA NATIONAL NEWS



Re: Emergency Extended, AACA Update, NY Auto Show, The Henry Ford, Zoom Board Meeting
Issue: 2020-04-01 #05

- **National Emergency Extended** – President Trump on Sunday announced that “All Americans must continue to avoid nonessential travel, going to work, eating at bars and restaurants, or gathering in groups of more than 10 for at least another month and perhaps until June.”
- **AACA Event Cancellations & National Headquarters Shutdown** – “The AACA Western Spring Nationals and Founders Tour in April have been canceled.” . . . “The AACA Central Spring Nationals in Auburn in May has also been canceled and will not be rescheduled.” “Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf has ordered a statewide shutdown of all non-life sustaining businesses in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, therefore our national headquarters and library are in fact closed.” . . . “We are hopeful that our normal schedule can return beginning in June, but all of that remains to be seen.”
- **New York Auto Show Rescheduled** – “After the cancellation of the [Geneva International Motor Show](#) earlier this month, the organizers of the New York International Auto Show announced this week that they are rescheduling the show from April 8-19 to August 26 to September 6. For more information, visit [AutoShowNY.com](#).”
- **The Henry Ford** – “The Henry Ford has closed all of its public venues, including the Henry Ford Museum of American

Innovation, the Ford Rouge Factory Tour, the Giant Screen Experience, and the Benson Ford Research Center for a week with a re-evaluation of the decision to keep the venues closed” . . . For more information, visit [TheHenryFord.org](#).

- **Chickasha Swap Meet Cancelled** – “The 30th International Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet at the Grady County Fairgrounds has been cancelled.” . . . “The Grady County Fairgrounds and Events Center announced they will be postponing all events through April 1, following the guidelines regarding COVID-19.”
- **Bakersfield Swap Meet Cancelled** – As seen on “the Kern County Model T Ford Club's site. They have canceled the April 17-18 swap meet.”
- **BBC National Tour & Flea Market** – “Unfortunately, HCCA has canceled both BBC events due to Corona Virus.”
- **HCCA President-elect Don Plumb** – “Now that we have shut down the convention and attendant board meetings, we need to find a new way to move forward. Our two upcoming board meetings are scheduled for April 20.” “I propose” . . . “we hold the two April 20 board meetings as planned, at 4 PM PDT.” . . . “We will do this using ZOOM videoconference.” Stay tuned.

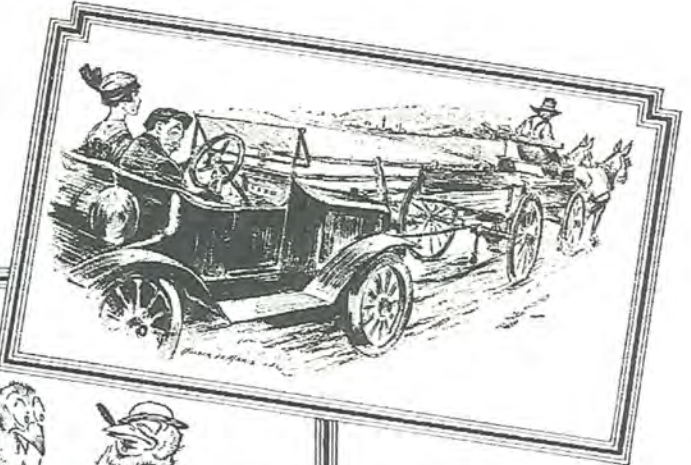
Doug Tomb / Douglas.tomb@verizon.net

Board Member – HCCA NN Editor . . .

"In a Lighter Vein"



Eloper: "Yes, Lucile, I brought this sign along in case we should be followed."
—Judge



And he persuaded her to break a rather important engagement to go riding with him.
—Life



"Yes, it's a classy-looking model; but I don't want an open car at this time of the year."
—Judge

Ain't it a Grand and Glorious Feelin'?

—Chicago Tribune

WHEN YOU WAKE UP ON A VERY COLD NIGHT AND SUDDENLY REMEMBER THAT YOU FORGOT TO LET THE WATER OUT OF YOUR RADIATOR



- AND THERE IS NO NON-FREEZING SOLUTION IN IT AND YOU WORRY THE REST OF THE NIGHT



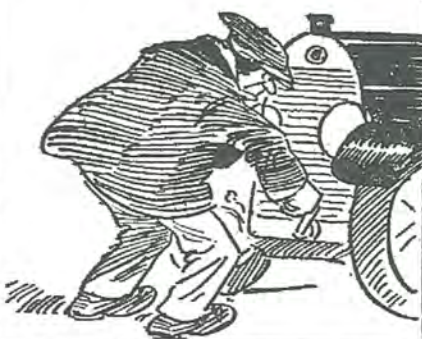
- AND IN THE MORNING YOU CAN'T EAT ANY BREAKFAST KNOWING THE CAR IS FROZE UP



"AND FRIEND WIFE GETS A TEA KETTLE FULL OF HOT WATER FOR YOU AND YOU GO OUT EXPECTING TO CRANK YOUR HEAD OFF



AND YOU PULL THE CRANK OVER A COUPLA TIMES



AND SHE STARTS RIGHT OFF- OHH AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLOR-YUS FEELIN



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