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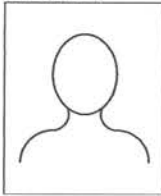
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*My girlfriend dumped me,
so I stole her wheelchair.
Guess who came crawling back!*

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The BAY AREA HORSELESS CARRIAGE CLUB (BAHCC) was founded in 1950 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 Message

January, 2021

Dear Membership,

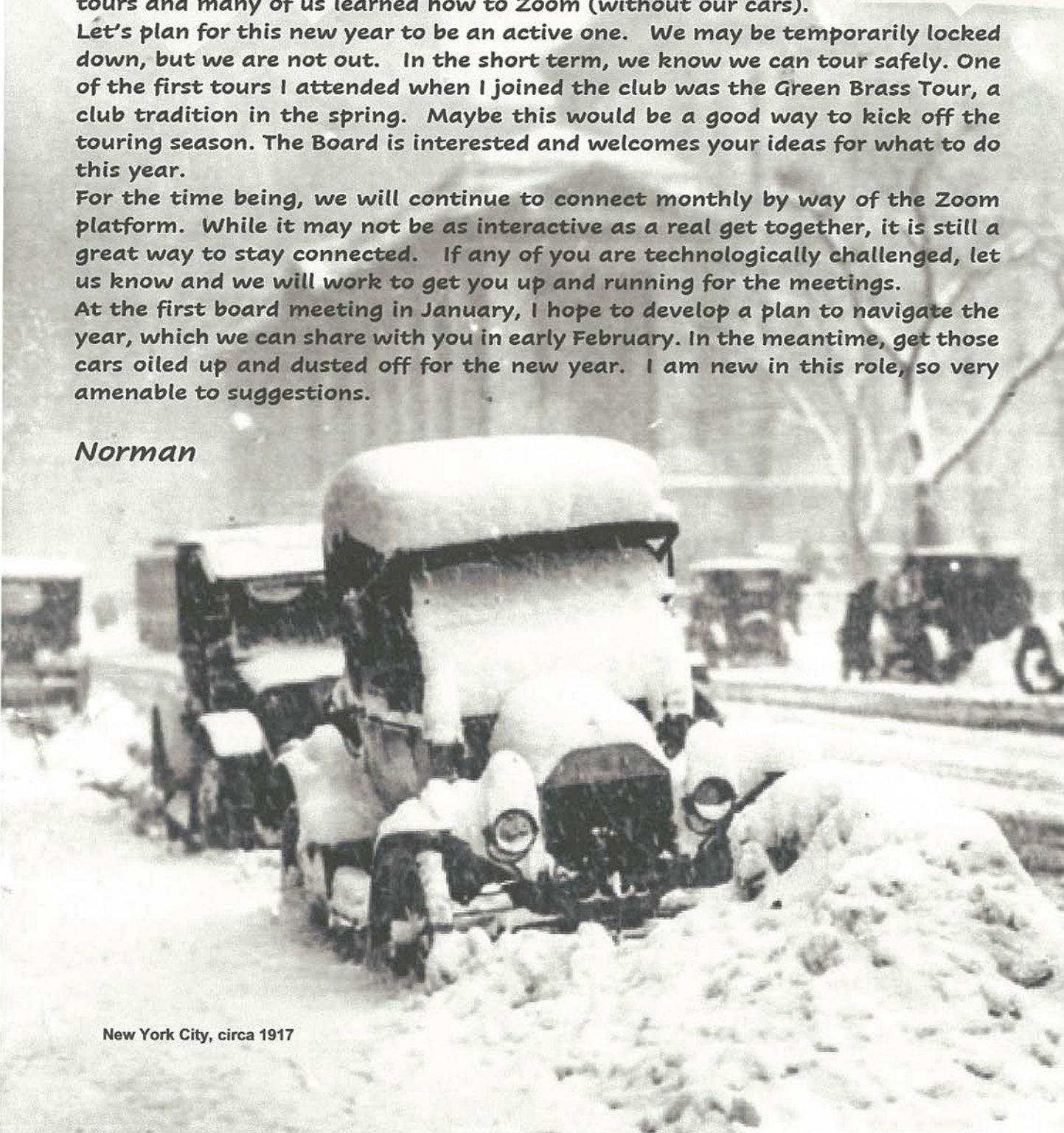
I think it is probably fair to assume that most of you are thrilled to see 2020 in the rear view mirror. As we travel down the road in 2021, I am hoping that the past year will soon become a distant memory. Although it was a light year for tours and other gatherings, we did manage to sneak in a few socially correct tours and many of us learned how to Zoom (without our cars).

Let's plan for this new year to be an active one. We may be temporarily locked down, but we are not out. In the short term, we know we can tour safely. One of the first tours I attended when I joined the club was the Green Brass Tour, a club tradition in the spring. Maybe this would be a good way to kick off the touring season. The Board is interested and welcomes your ideas for what to do this year.

For the time being, we will continue to connect monthly by way of the Zoom platform. While it may not be as interactive as a real get together, it is still a great way to stay connected. If any of you are technologically challenged, let us know and we will work to get you up and running for the meetings.

At the first board meeting in January, I hope to develop a plan to navigate the year, which we can share with you in early February. In the meantime, get those cars oiled up and dusted off for the new year. I am new in this role, so very amenable to suggestions.

Norman



New York City, circa 1917

Over the Mountains in San Mateo County, California

By R. Masson Smith

Far from being an ideal city for automobiles, San Francisco is, in spite of its many hills and bad streets, a good market for the output of Eastern factories. Where can any more delightful road be found than that around the Presidio; the Pacific ocean far below dotted with white sails and ships from many lands; the Golden Gate, that world-famed entrance to the grandest harbor on the American continent; the cliffs; the rounding hills to the north and east and the low white sand dunes to the south, all making a picture unequalled in any other part of the world. The drive through Golden Gate Park and along the Ocean Boulevard can be enjoyed almost every day in the year and no more beautiful spin could be desired. Along Pt. Lobos avenue to the cliff and down the Boulevard returning by

Nineteenth avenue through the Park or past Ingleside and over Twin Peaks to the head of Market street is another drive which beggars description. To the suburbs lead a number of roads among the hills and along the Bay shore, but to enjoy either city or suburban roads, the car in which you ride must take many stiff climbs without a "kick." Probably one of the most enjoyable trips as well as one of the greatest tests of endurance for machines on the roads out of San Francisco was that taken recently in two White steamer automobiles. The party consisted of W. J. Martin of South San Francisco; Geo. F. Chapman, general manager United Railroads; A. C. Kains, manager Canadian Bank of Commerce; Geo. R. Sneath, president of the Savings and Trust Co.; Jno. S. Angus, C. A. Hawkins, manager



The party of San Francisco motorists on a Run to San Bruno Park—C. A. Hawkins, general manager of the White Sewing Machine Co., at wheel of machine on the left; Geo. F. Chapman, general manager of the United Railroads, seated next to him. In tonneau, Geo. R. Sneath, president of the Savings & Trust Co., on left; W. J. Martin on the right.

W. G. Gregory at wheel of the White automobile on the right, and seated next to him is R. Masson Smith of the Hensley-Green Co., of San Francisco. In tonneau on the left, A. C. Kains, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and on the right Jno. S. Angus.

of the White Steamer Automobile Co., and Mr. Gregory, Geo. A. Hensley and R. Masson Smith of the Hensley-Green Co.

A start was made from the White garage on Market street about 10 a. m. From there the run through the Mission district to the old San Bruno road was quickly made and city pavements were left behind. Bad roads and hills took their place, but without mishap or inconvenience the Bay Shore road was reached.

The Southern Pacific railway at a cost of several millions of dollars is building a short-cut along the bay shore from the San Francisco depot to San Bruno Park, the junction with the present main line from San Jose. On this account the roads were almost impassable, but the run to San Bruno Park was made without a stop. One of the party, W. J. Martin, was picked up at his home in South San Francisco and all were driven through San Bruno Park, a beautiful suburban district of San Francisco, just beyond the cold winds and fogs which are so objectionable to many in the city. From this point the roads improve and automobiling is a pleasure.

The next stop was made for Geo. R. Sneath at his ranch, and the party now complete, five in one car leading, with Mr. Hawkins in charge and four in the other, Mr. Gregory at the throttle, started over the mountain road to the ocean. In a distance of less than five miles we climbed the mountains towering above the sea, and descended to the valley on the other side over roads deemed hitherto inaccessible for automobiles. Point San Pedro was reached about noon and after driving a mile or more along the sandy beach, a stop was called for lunch. Two or three hours were spent on the beach and in the water, and the trip was then continued to Half Moon Bay. The road winds over the mountains and is narrow, with both heavy up and down grades, but the steepest hills seemed to flatten out for the two White autos which ran along so noiselessly. The beauty of the scene was in no way marred. Just after starting on the down grade a halt was called for Artist Hensley to photograph the party. The picture shows the two cars side by side, none the worse for their hard trip. The road on which they stand breaks precipitously to the ocean several thousand feet below. One of the party who was more accustomed to handling the lines than rid-

ing over the hills in a "choo choo" insisted on keeping the entrance to the tonneau open so that he could jump in case of accident; but none occurred, and the ease with which the cars descended the steep grades and took the sharp curves, soon convinced him that an auto was safer and more easily guided than many horses.

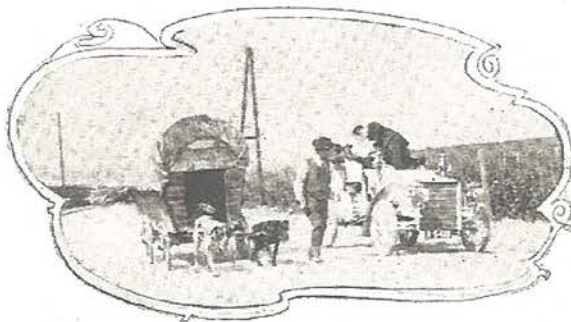
The run to Spanish Town along Half Moon bay was quickly made over elegant roads, while Mr. Angus told of the time when this was San Francisco's principal summer resort. From Spanish Town there is a road along the coast to Pescadero, but it was decided to return direct to the city by way of San Mateo, and the return trip was commenced over the mountains. The ride from here on was a delight and a surprise. Every turn presented a new and more beautiful picture. The mountain road was broad and smooth as any boulevard, fenced, in all dangerous places, on the outer edge. Several teams which behaved as if they had never seen a car before, were passed without difficulty. The good roads continued through the Spring valley lands and along the shores of the mountain lakes, right down to San Mateo, from which point the run to San Francisco was made over the Mission road by the cemeteries, with only one stop at Uncle Tom's Cabin, a haven for thirsty travelers. From this point the road is bad, but the city was reached in plenty of time to dress for dinner.

It's Fashionable, Too.

First Doctor—"No; this isn't a case of St. Vitus' dance."

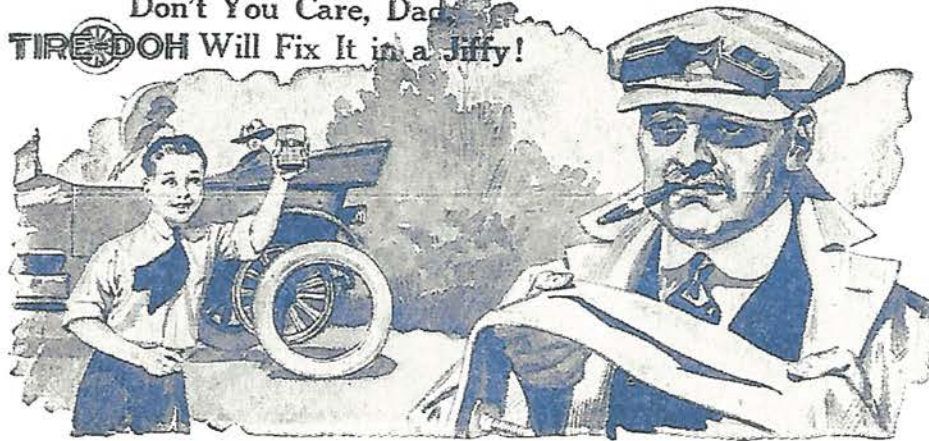
Assistant—"Then what's the matter with this man?"

First Doctor—"He has whizz-wagon twitch from dodging autos."—Detroit Free Press.



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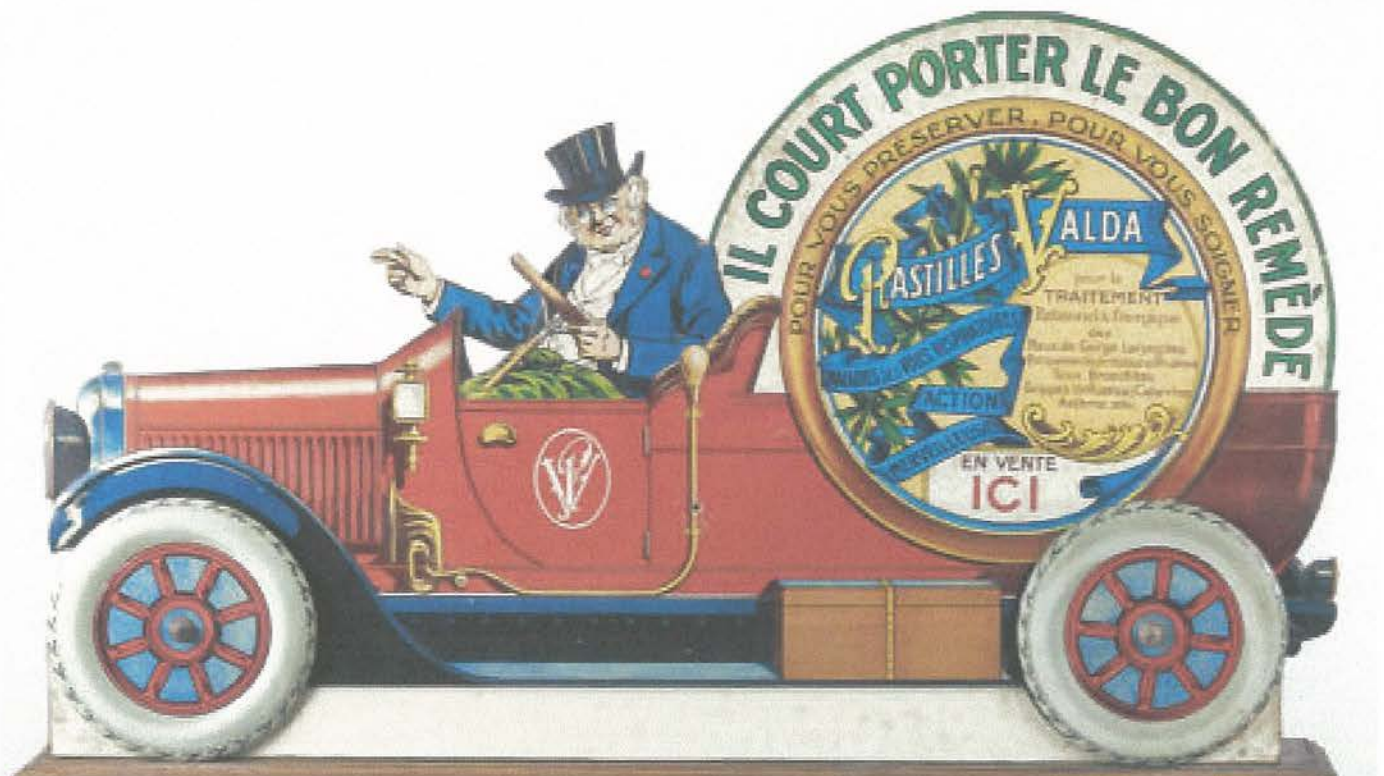


BAHCC Club Meetings, Events and Tours Calendar

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

Tony Wollesen (408) 264-2444

Month	Date/Day	Events	Speaker/ Special Event
Jan 2021	Wednesday January 6 th	General Meeting	NO Meeting at the Piedmont Community Center! Join the live zoom Meeting @ 7:30pm  <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 January 20 th	BoD Meeting	zoom Meeting - 7:30pm
Feb 2021	Wednesday February 3 rd	General Meeting	Join the live zoom Meeting @ 7:30pm
	Wednesday February 17 th	BoD Meeting	zoom Meeting - 7:30pm
Mar 2021	Wednesday March 3 rd	General Meeting	Join the live zoom Meeting @ 7:30pm
	Wednesday March 17 th	BoD Meeting	zoom Meeting - 7:30pm



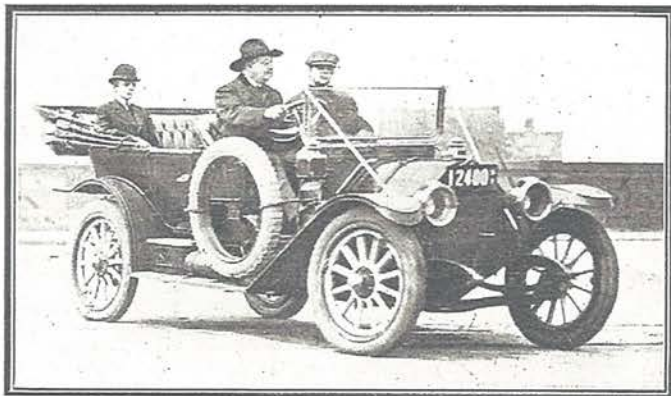


January 30 & 31	Turlock Swap Meet	Turlock, CA	turl CANCELLED .com
March 19 - 20	Chickasha Pre-war Swap Meet	Chickasha, OK	Mike or Susie Ersland 405-224-9090
April 11 - 14	HCCA National Convention & Tour	San Diego, CA	hcca.org

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

Sparks From the Motor Industry

Col. Roosevelt at the Wheel of a Haynes Car



☐ The car at the wheel of which ex-President Roosevelt is shown in the accompanying picture is a Haynes. Mr. Roosevelt is becoming quite skillful in automobile driving, but, not content with that, he is very eager, as is his wont in whatever he undertakes, to become thoroughly familiar with all the interior workings of the car. It is stated that he has several rather lengthy tours in view this summer, to be taken with members of his interesting family, and to extend well up into New England.

☐ While the new 1912 Model Abbott-Detroit cars are ready and have been for some weeks, they will not be officially "out" until August 1st, being subjected in the meantime to severe road and endurance tests.

An Alcohol Motor Lamp

☐ A unique automobile lamp which is said to be thoroughly practical, and which burns vaporized alcohol in an indestructible mantle, is about to be placed on the market. Its manufacturers claim seventy-five candle power without a reflector, at a cost of less than one cent an hour. The new lamp is called the Ethylight, and it is wholly self-contained, that is, it has no connection with any source for the operation of lighting or keeping alight outside of itself. This eliminates trouble from faulty installations, piping or tubing. The lamp may be removed when serving as a headlight, and moved at will, which makes it a very convenient illuminator in case of breakdowns or emergencies.

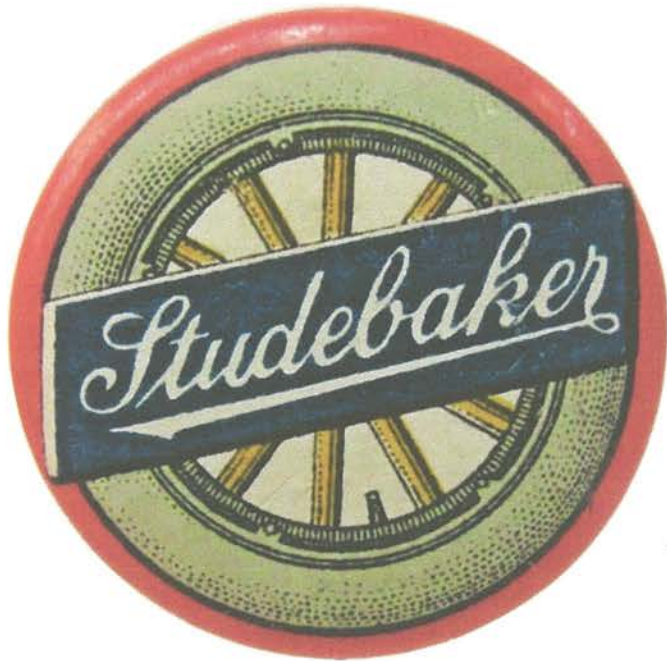
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Buys Cars of the Same Kind Ten Years

☐ Ten cars in ten years, bought by E. C. Striffler, iron merchant, from R. M. Owen & Co., general distributors for the entire product of the Reo Motor Car Company, is the new record for the continuity of patronage and motor car service in the metropolitan district. A car purchased recently by Mr. Striffler is the new model "S" Reo roadster "4-30," with convertible box deck back which provides for the carrying of articles without a hamper or trunk.

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☐ The second Hudson automobile ever made rolled into the Ritter Automobile Co.'s garage at Madison, Wis., the other day, after a 156-mile trip from Aurora, Wis. The machine was in splendid shape, despite the fact that the trip had been made through heavy mud and rain



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David & Patricia Pava	January 19th, 1997
Jim & Jean Boyden	January 25th
Ed & Karen Archer	January 31st, 1959



Welcome!
New Members
George & Brooke Smith
Pleasant Hill, CA

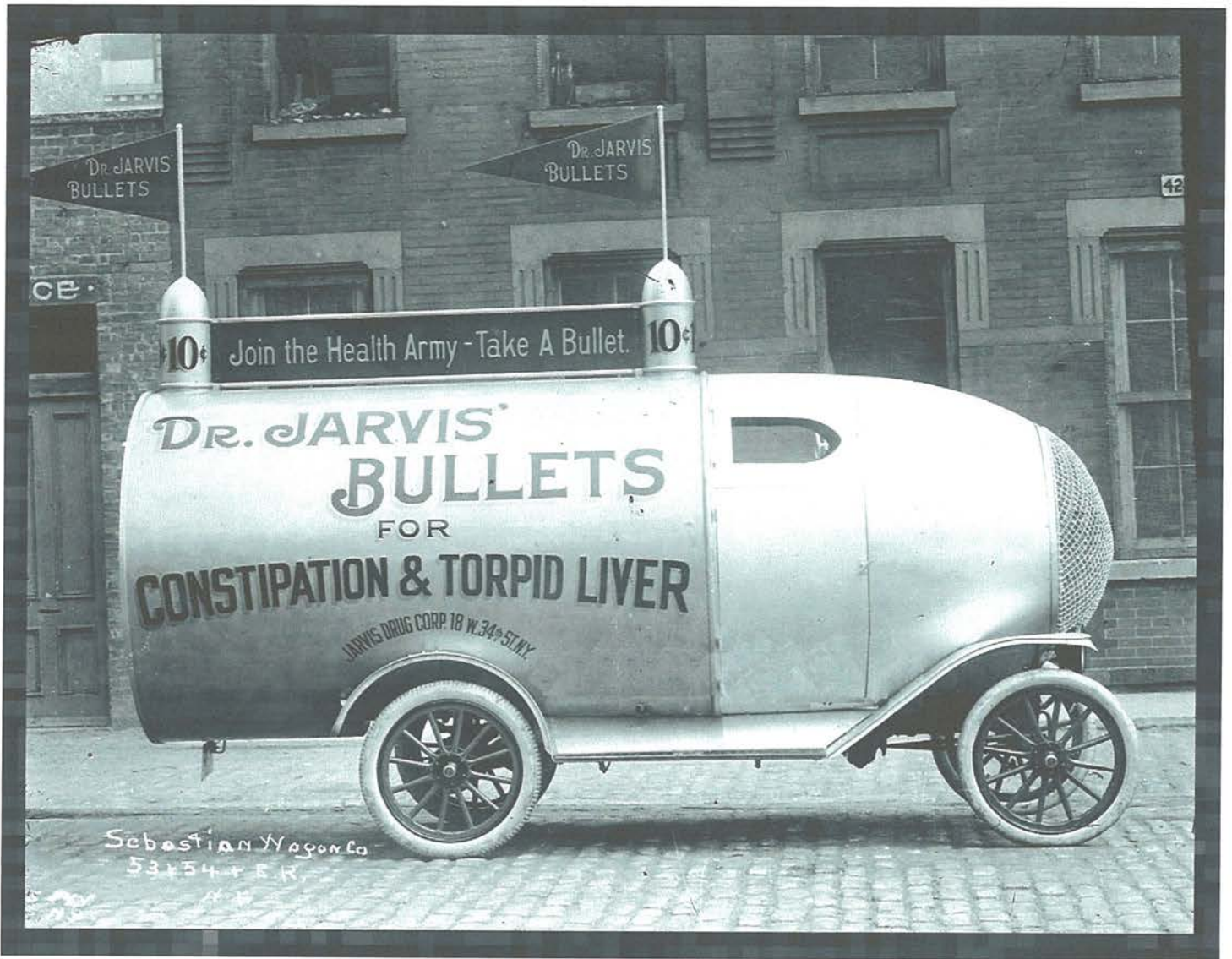


Happy Birthday!

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

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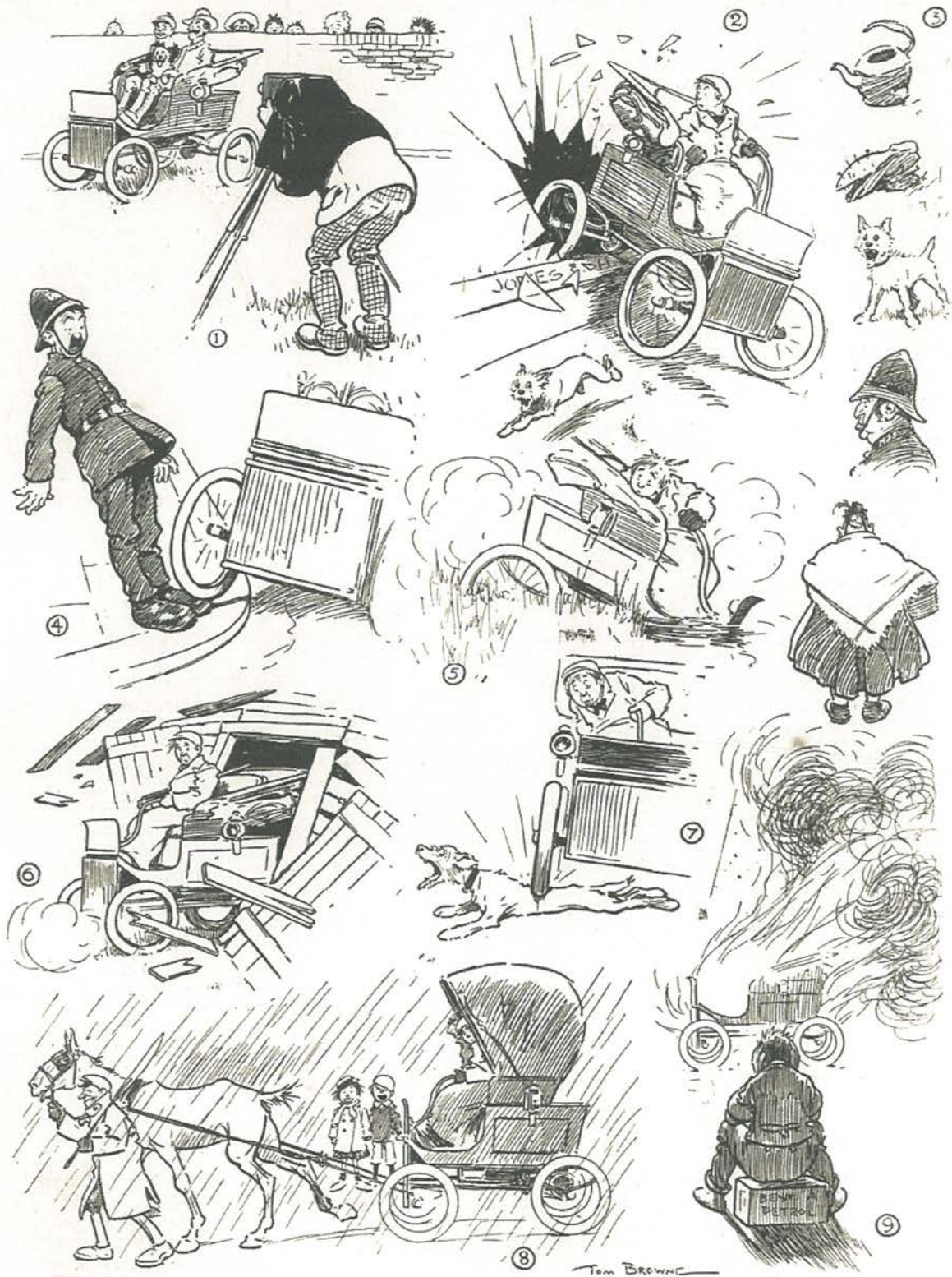
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Tom Brown

Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club

General Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2020

The meeting was held via Zoom. Twenty members were logged in.

President Tony Wollesen called the meeting to order. He noted that the President's Message in the Newsletter has the wrong date for the meeting.

Whitney Haist, Treasurer, noted that he was starting to get renewals. Ten have been received so far. Also, ten members have ordered jackets. One new membership was received from Don Benham & Karen Schmidt of Oakland. Another membership mailing will be sent.

Old Business:

It was announced that jacket orders needed to be received by November 30.

New Business:

Whitney reported that HCCA National is moving forward with a museum at the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, MI. This is near Kalamazoo, MI. The Gilmore is an auto museum established by a serious car collector Don Gilmore and his wife. It contains the Gilmore's collection as well as those of eight national car clubs. Each Club has erected a replica of a dealership where its cars are displayed. Other clubs are considering opening museums there. The Club builds the building and provides the cars. The Gilmore provides the staff and cares for the premises and cars.

The HCCA has \$100,000 in seed money and an architect has been hired. The goal is to break ground in 2023 and have it open in 2024. Whitney is getting involved. Bob Ladd is spearheading the effort.

Tony acknowledged the new members and thanked to old ones for their support.

A Certificate of Appreciation as presented to Kaaren Brommer, Gerald Robinson and Ed Harley for their work on behalf of the Club this year. And a trophy was presented to Tony for his work as President. After this, Tony virtually passed the President's Gavel to Norman Schwartz.

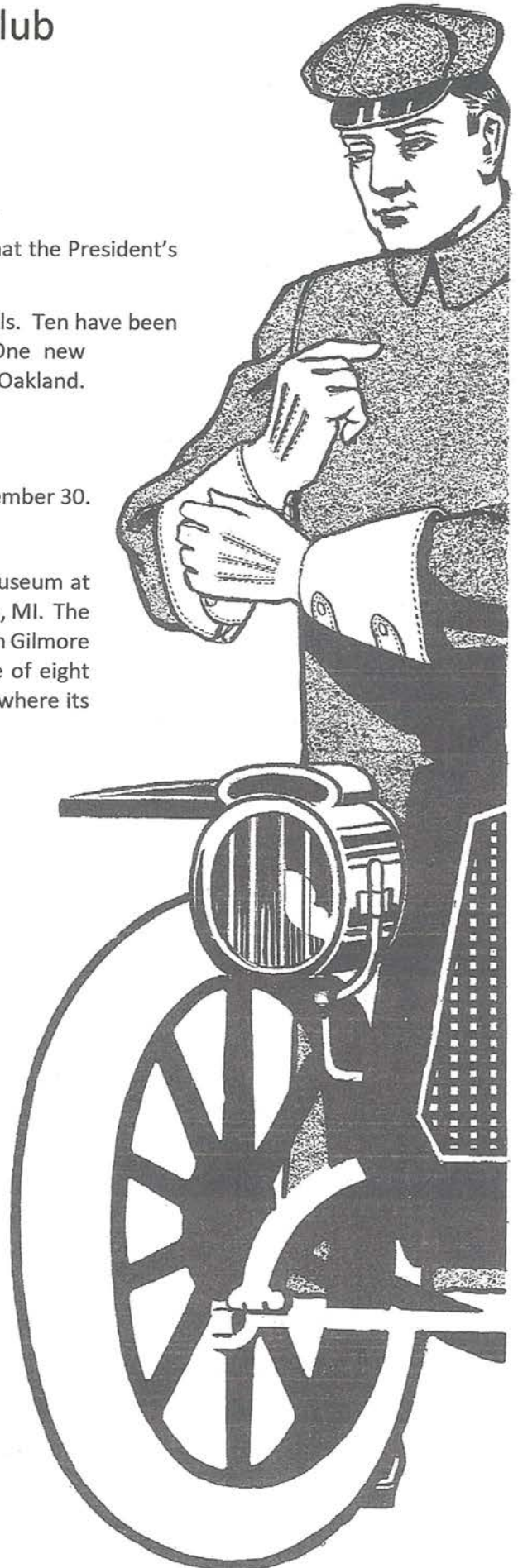
Norman stated that he has many ideas for the Club once the pandemic has subsided and we're allowed to have in-person activities. He's looking forward to getting back to in-person meetings and tours.

The next Club Meeting is January 6 and the next Board Meeting is January 20.

The meeting was adjourned.

Tony then played the last half of the documentary, "Rolling Along" which featured Brass Era cars and members socialized via Zoom.

Vince O'Brien, Secretary



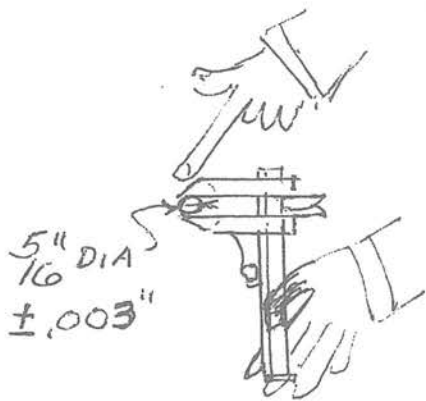
Mystery Cars . . . SOLVED!



Bill Cassidy identified Evo Coelho's mystery cars as (l to r) a 1912 Flanders 20, 1913 Studebaker Model 25 and a Model T Ford in the background. Thanks Bill!



Horseless Carriage Cartoons From The Past



NEW!
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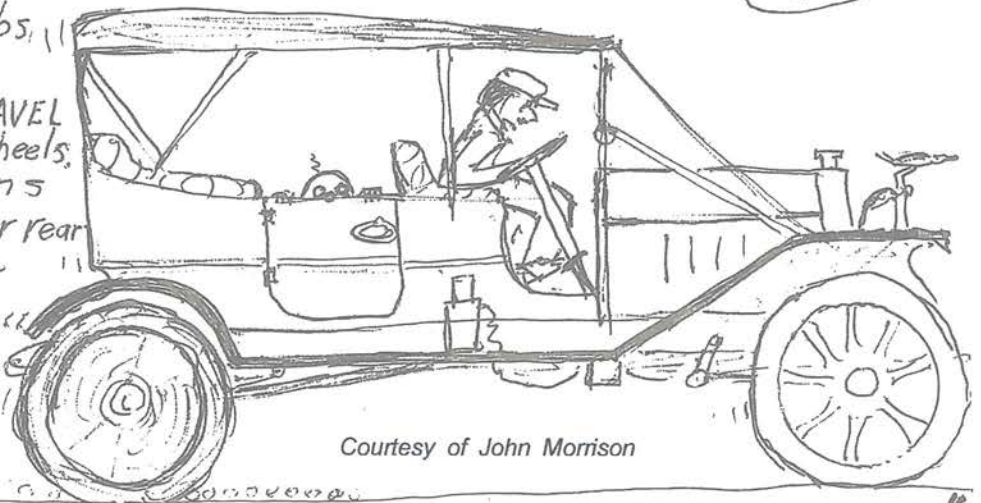
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HCCA NATIONAL NEWS



Re: **BBC 2021 Cancelled; Les Holden's Ride; What's on the Horizon; HCCA New Website!**
Issue: **2020-12-15 #14**

Wishing you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year!

- **BBC 2021 Cancelled** – In an email from Patrick Gamble dated December 04, 2020: “Sadly, I must inform you that BBC 2021 has been cancelled. BBC was always more than an old car tour. BBC is also one of HCCA’s premier social events. In light of the COVID-19 Virus and various State and local Government orders on gatherings and closures, it is impossible for us to plan an event like the one BBC is known for.

This decision was not easy, after many emails and conversations with committee members and past tourists, we came to the conclusion it would not be prudent and more than likely not possible to plan a large social gathering such as ours. The Holiday Inn currently can only operate at 10% capacity due to State orders and that limits the property to 40 people.

While we are hopeful for a vaccine and eradication of this virus the prospects look slim for that to occur in time for us to gather in only 5 months. Plans are moving forward for BBC 2022 and we promise to make up for the lost years and offer a tremendous tour in 22 at a location never visited before by BBC. With warmest regards, Patrick Gamble.”

- **Les Holden's Ride** – From the November 28, 2020 online Wall Street Journal: “**This 1904 Model B Helped Launch Cadillac and Detroit**” “Les Holden, 68, a retired mortgage banker living in Southern Pines, N.C., on his 1904 Cadillac Model B Rear-Entrance Tonneau, as told to A.J. Baime.” “In 1996, I was driving in the “London to Brighton” rally in England, the world’s longest-running motoring event, in my 1902 Rambler when I noticed single-cylinder Cadillacs passing me. At that time, I had already been restoring brass-era cars for a decade. [Brass-era cars are brass-adorned vehicles built from the late 19th century up

to about 1915.] I thought to myself: I am going to look into buying a Cadillac. So I put the word out.”....“That is when I first heard about this 1904 Cadillac that was for sale in Texas. The seller faxed me a photo and I bought it right then, over the phone. For the next eight years, I had things made and collected parts while I worked on other cars. Then I began the restoration in late 2005, finishing it four years later.” This also appeared in the Wall Street Journal print edition, the week of December 1st.

- **What's on the Horizon** – From the HCCA Website Calendar of Events:
Model T Winter Clinic, McPherson, KS – January 23, 2021
31st Annual Chickasha Swap Meet, Chickasha, OK – March 19-20, 2021
HCCA National Convention, San Diego, CA - April 11-14, 2021
Gilmore Car Museum Tour & Show, Hickory Corners, MI - May 14-15, 2021
New England Brass & Gas Tour, New England - June 20-25, 2021
1st Annual “Celebration of the Brass Car”, Tour, Show, and Swap Meet, Hickory Corners, MI - July 16-20, 2021

- **HCCA New Website!** – The HCCA Website Committee has been meeting weekly since early March on the improvements to our website. These efforts are about to pay off with the introduction of the New HCCA Website, ready for general use. The current HCCA Website will be down for maintenance the week after Christmas. Please be patient, we trust that you will like what you see once the new Website comes online. Stay tuned.

Doug Tomb / Douglas.tomb@verizon.net

Board Member – HCCA NN Editor ...

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