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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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EDITOR'S NOTES:

WHAT I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS. . .



*. . . YOUR STORIES, PHOTOS, TOUR REPORTS, FUNNIES, LEFT-OVER PIZZA. . .
- - - PLEASE CONTRIBUTE - - -*

Mark Cerruti, Editor

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On the Cover, MOTOR CAR© December 1908
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President's Message

The 2023 Board Nominations

Great thanks to Norm Schwartz for putting together excellent 2023 Board Nominations! Norm worked really hard to make this happen and prevailed! We have nine members nominated and we welcome any additional names that may come forward during our club vote on December 7th.

Thanks too for Gary Mills taking the nomination as President for 2023 and Rob Guzzetta for joining for the first time. Two people that are incredibly awesome "doers."



Presidential Candidate Gary Mills campaigning for your vote!

President	<i>Gary Mills</i>	Secretary	<i>Shared</i>
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Our Changing Hobby

With technology platforms such as Zoom, crowded highways and streets, aging, and geographically distributed membership, it is time to adjust how we conduct ourselves. In October, the Board voted to make our regular monthly meetings, those without any special events (e.g. potlucks, auctions) Zoom only. This gives the ability of members to join and not have the trials of getting to the Piedmont Community Center.

We are saving the in-person meetings for our popular special events such as potlucks, auctions, holiday parties, guest speakers, and the like. Touring and Nuts & Bolts events will stay in-person obviously. Another idea that will be tried this next year is to circulate locations between member garages, workshops, and homes as a means to bring the hobby closer during each meeting.

The new Board is listening and would like to hear from you.

Gerald

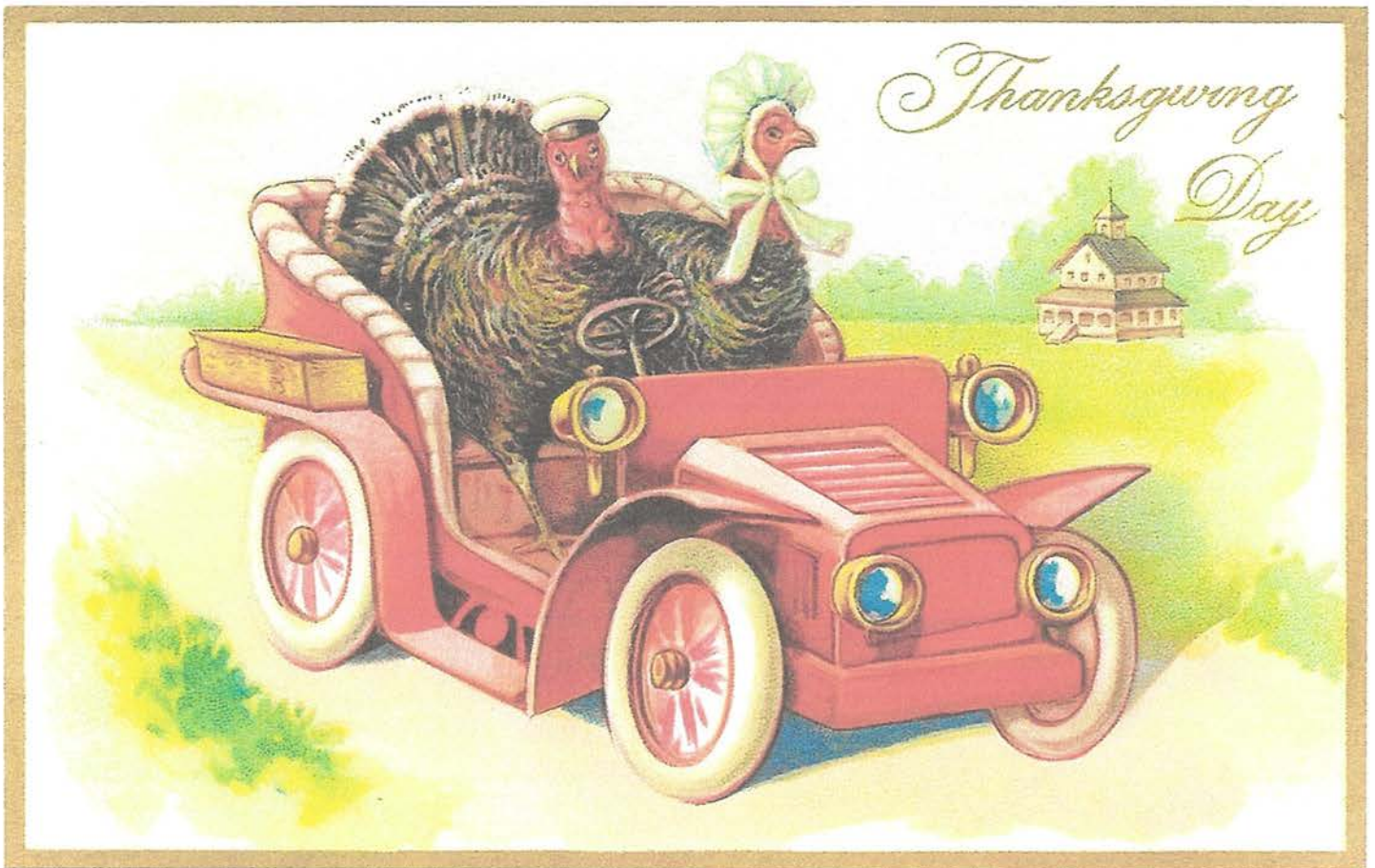


Board Dinner at Casa Orinda on November 16th

photos by Gerald Robinson

PILGRIM'S PICNIC & BACKROADS TOUR

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2022



Calling all Pilgrims... with leftovers:

Join us for this traditional Schwartz Family Event, the Pilgrim's Picnic. Pack your picnic basket with the remains of the previous day's feast and meet us under the Martinez trestle staging area at the intersection of Alhambra Avenue and Highway 4 at 11am. We will follow the "turkey path" through scenic pastoral roads, to a yet to be determined picnic venue, for our pilgrim-style lunch in nature.

You may bring dessert to share, if you like.

Planning to join us?

Please let us know:

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Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club
**Holiday Dinner – Dance
& Board Installation**

Saturday - December 10th - 2022



Piedmont Community Center
711 Highland Drive
Piedmont, California



Cocktails 6:30 - Dinner 7:00

Featuring Festive Christmas & Dancing Music by Mr. Ron Sparzo on the Tyros 4 Keyboard

Traditional Holiday Dinner

 Please bring your own dishes & table service 

\$45 per person, all inclusive

Children / Grandchildren under 14 years of age are FREE!

*Guests
Welcome!*



WOULD YOU LIKE TO DECORATE A TABLE?
PLEASE CONTACT CAROLEE

Santa will be collecting gifts!

*Please bring a new,
unwrapped gift for
Children's Hospital*

You may drop off gift at John
& Carolee's house if you will
miss the Party



Reservations Due by December 1st!

Call Carolee Morrison @ 510-407-1186
Or John Morrison @ 510-407-0708

Or email: johnpmorrison13@gmail.com

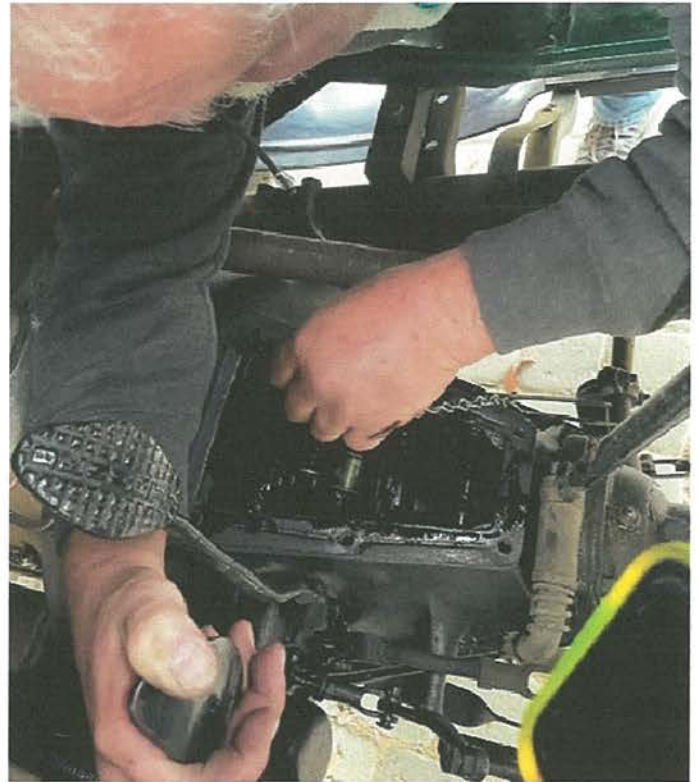
Mail your check payable to BAHCC to:
Whitney Haist - 12 Sunrise Hill Rd. - Orinda, CA 94563
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Nuts & Bolts

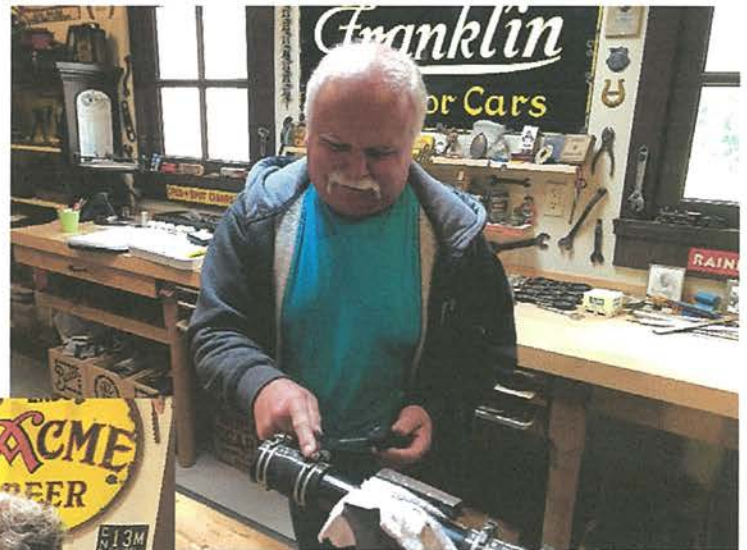
Cerruti Garage
Saturday, November 5th, 2022



Ed Harley doing Quality Control *photo courtesy of Ed Harley*



Eric Larson adjusting the bands *photo by Jim Lukash*



Eric Larson working on the radiator hoses *photo by Ed Harley*



Installing the radiator support rod *photo by Ed Harley*



photo by Ed Harley



"I think I remember how to drive this thing" photo by Ed Harley



photo by Jim Lukash



1926 Ford TT back on the road after 10 years!
photo by Jim Lukash



"The Crew" l to r; Whitney Haist, Steve Jackson, Eric Larson, Mark Cerruti and Jim Lukash. Not pictured, photog Ed Harley



Action sequence by Jim Lukash

How The BAHCC's "Nuts & Bolts" Got Its Name

by Doug Durein

Seeing the obituary for Don Ritchey in the September Gaslight Gazette, made me think about how the BAHCC got the name for the get togethers on Saturdays to fix member's problems.

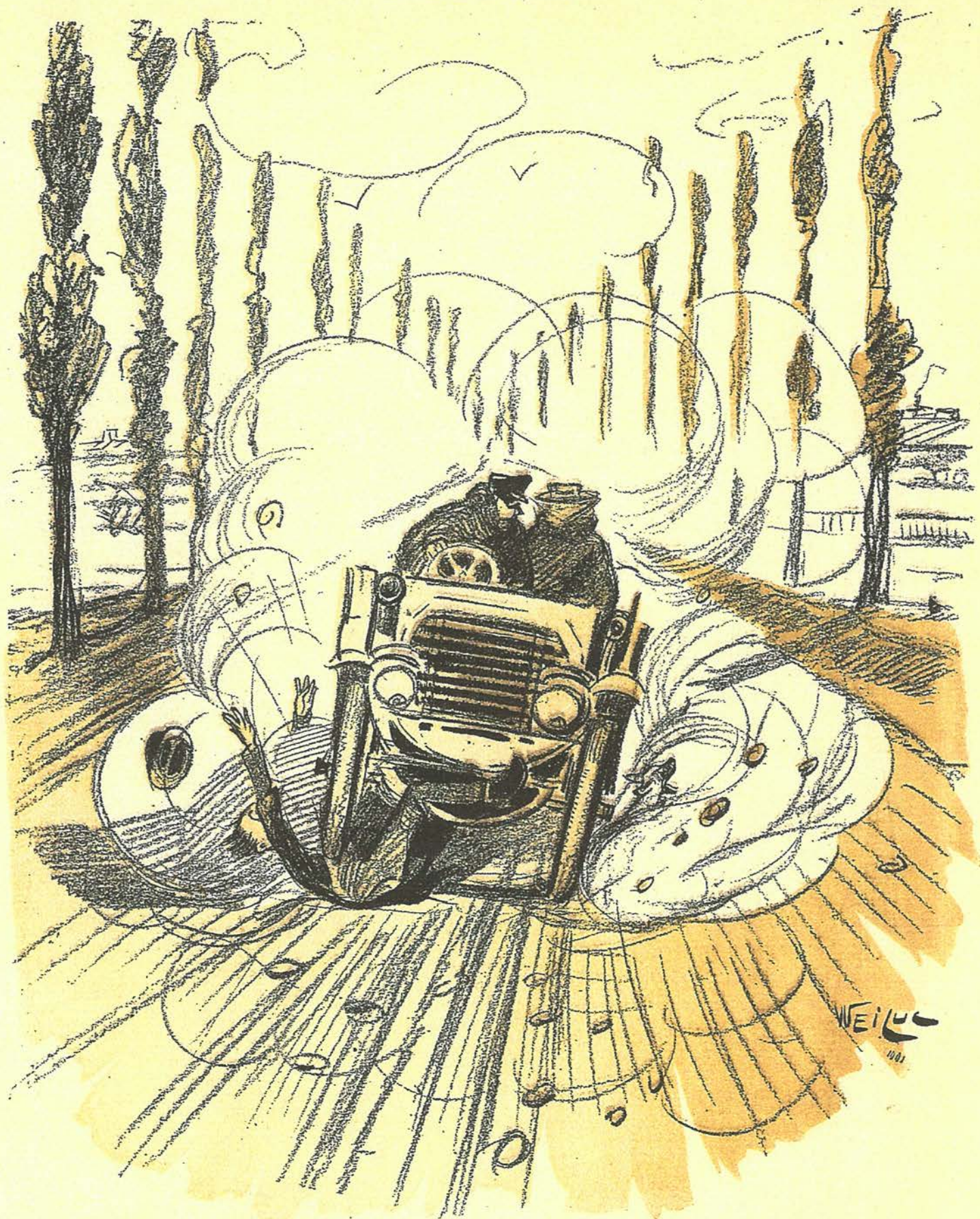
Bill Cassidy and I would have coffee and donuts almost every weekend at my garages. After coffee we would work on something. It might be one of our cars, might be a project we had to fix, and sometimes other members might be there because they knew we got together.

Bill and I knew that Don Ritchey would have the members from his Modesto group over to his shop in Escalon. He had more machinery in his shop than I did, so the members could actually machine something, But the point is they got together at his shop and kicked tires.

Bill and I decided that would be a good idea for the BAHCC. They could meet at my garages in the beginning, but that would get "old hat" after a while, and hopefully other members would offer their garage. We could fix projects, or work on cars, but the idea was to get stuff done.

We had to come up with a name. I don't remember how we picked "Nuts & Bolts," but that's the name that stuck.

All this is to say that the BAHCC's "Nuts & Bolts" was started because of Don Ritchie doing it in Escalon.



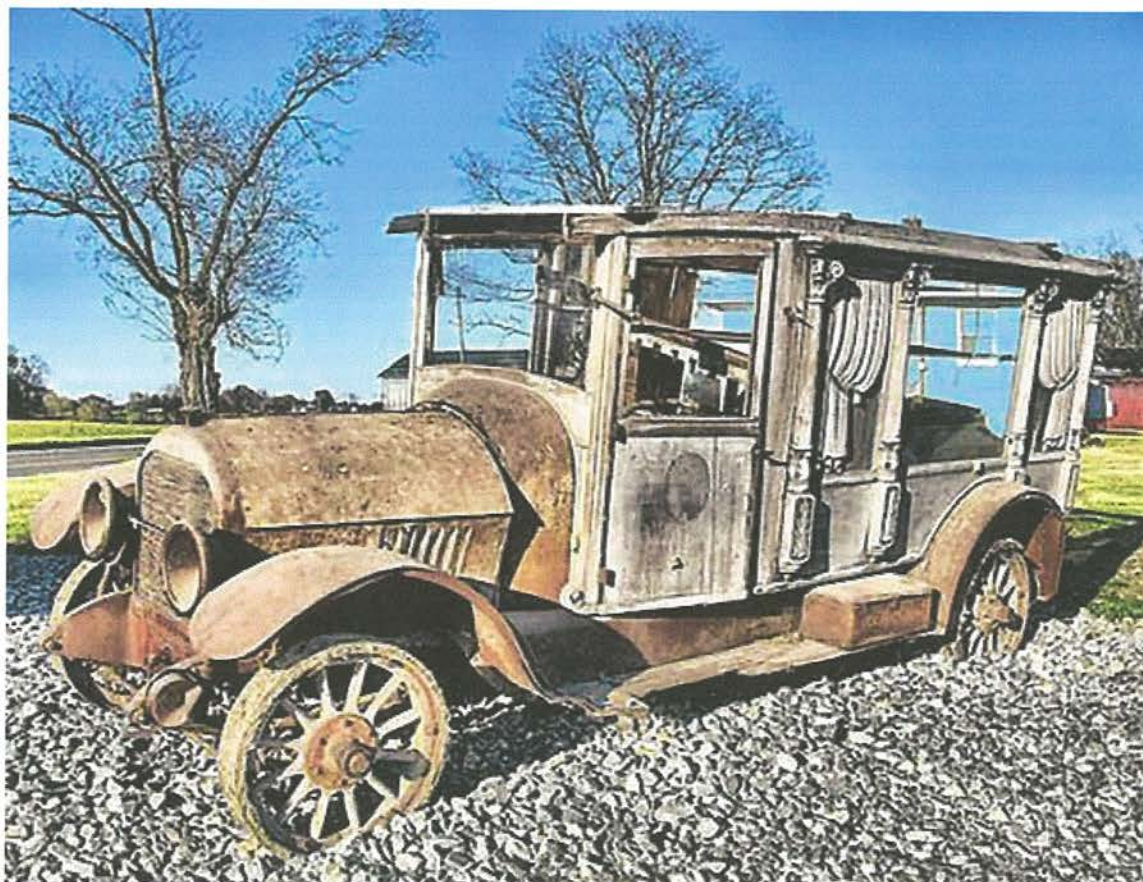
— *J'ai souvent remarqué que le cri de l'homme écrasé ressemble étrangement à celui du chien... Darwin avait peut-être raison!...*



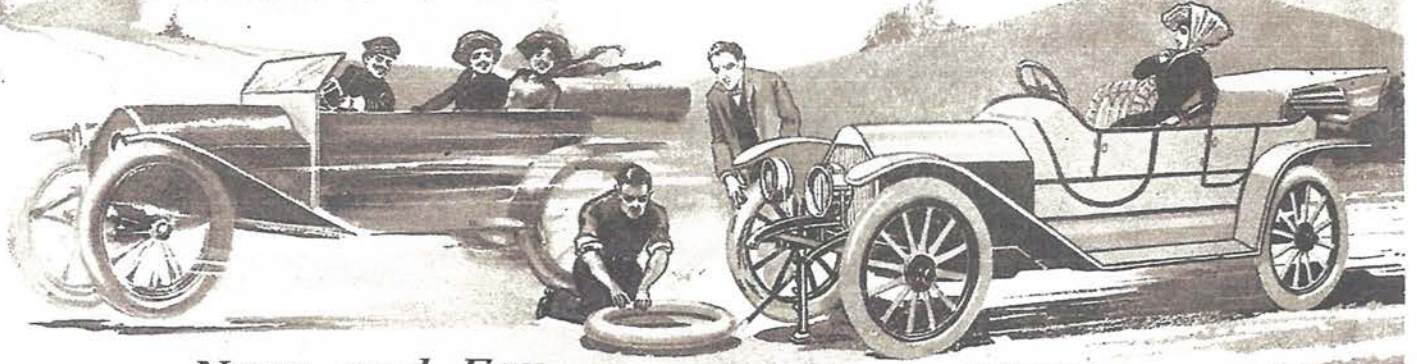
BAHCC Club Meetings, Events and Tours Calendar

Meetings and Events Managed by: Gerald Robinson (510) 332-9588
Gary Mills (510) 656-9192

Month	Date & Day	Event	Description
Nov 2022	Friday November 25 th	Car Tour	Pilgrim's Picnic - Norman Schwartz <i>- See Flyer -</i>
Dec 2022	Wednesday December 7 th	Board Election	zoom Meeting - 7:30 pm
	Saturday December 10 th	Holiday Party	Piedmont Community Center - 6:30 pm 711 Highland Avenue, Piedmont, CA <i>- SEE FLYER -</i>
Jan 2023	Wednesday January 4 th	General Meeting	zoom Meeting - 7:30 pm <i>NO Meeting at the Piedmont Community Center</i>
	Wednesday January 18 th	BoD Meeting	zoom Meeting - 7:30 pm
Feb 2023	Wednesday February 1 st	General Meeting	zoom Meeting - 7:30 pm
	Wednesday February 15 th	BoD Meeting	zoom Meeting - 7:30 pm



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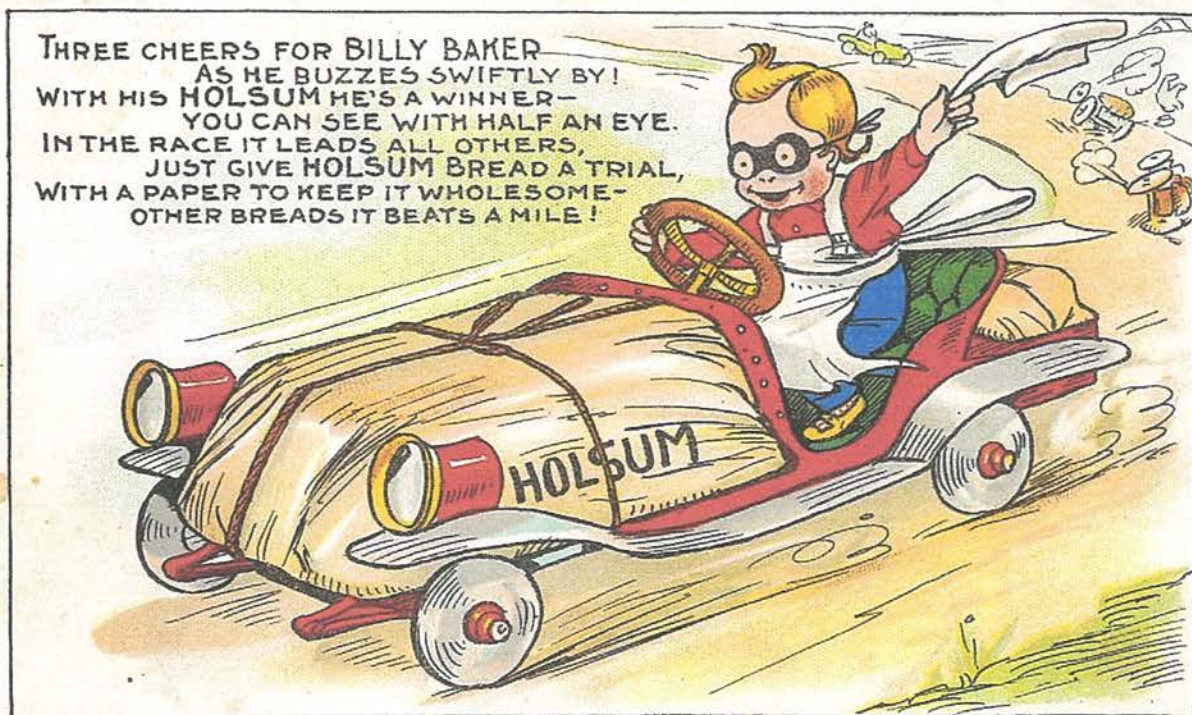


... Near and Far

Non - BAHCC events that may be of interest

December 31	Holiday Motor Excursion	Arcadia, CA	socalhcca.com
January 28 & 29	Turlock Swap Meet	Turlock, CA	turlockswapmeet.com
March 17 - 18	Chickasha Pre-war Swap Meet	Chickasha, OK	Mike or Susie Erland (405) 224-9090
April 13 - 15	Tulare (formerly Bakersfield) Swap Meet	Tulare, CA	Bill Bennett (559) 967-0112 tmechanic@att.net
April 16 - 19	HCCA National Convention	Visalia, CA	(see Flyer)
June 4	Mother Lode Swap Meet	Auburn, CA	motherlodemodelt.com
June 4 - 8	Franklin Westrek	Prosser, WA	franklinwestrek.weebly.com
July 13 - 18	3rd Annual "Museum of the Horseless Carriage" Celebration of Brass	Hickory Corners, MI	museumofthehorselesscarriage.org

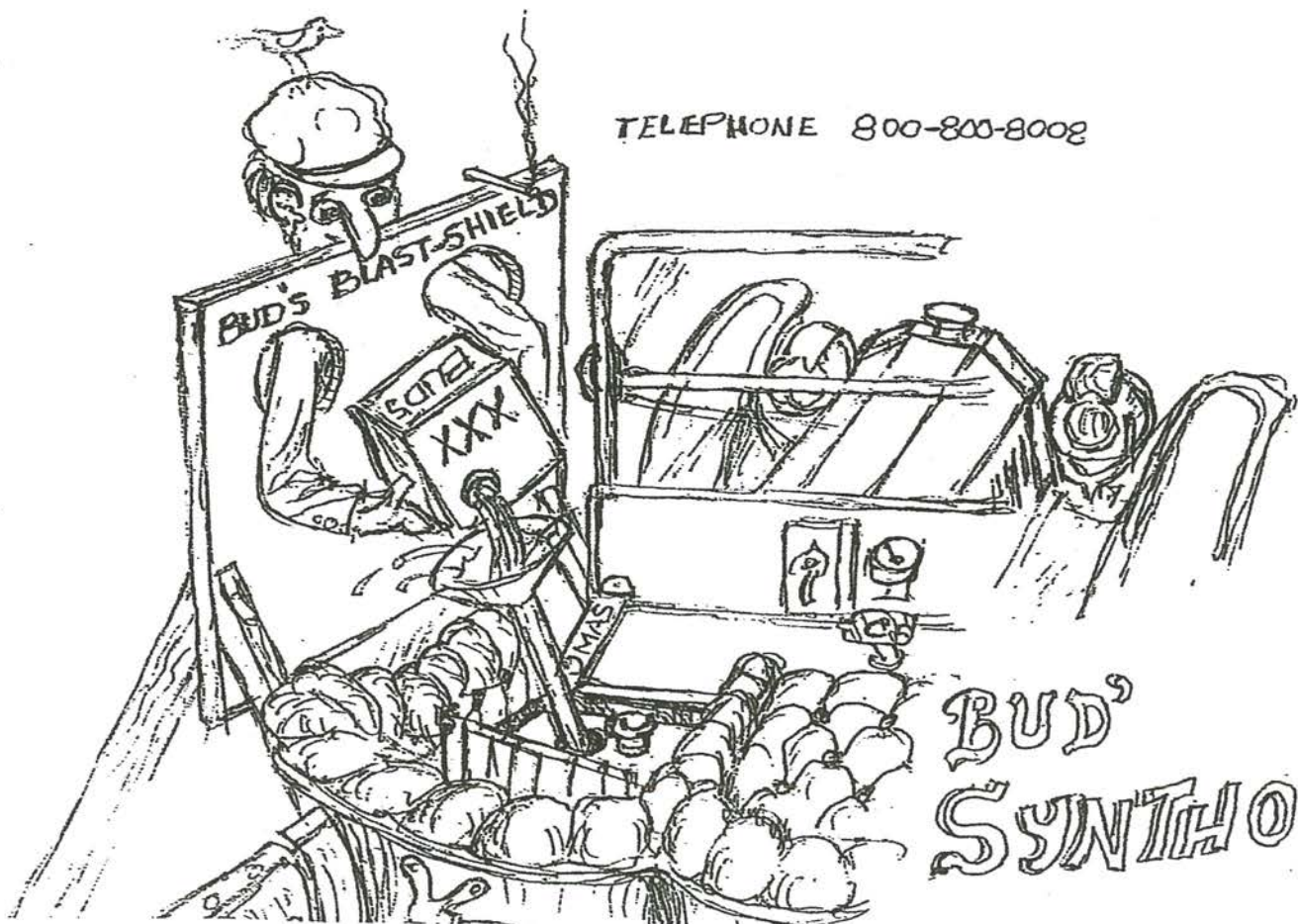
Contact the Editor to add a pre-war auto-related event to this Calendar



THREE CHEERS FOR BILLY BAKER
AS HE BUZZES SWIFTLY BY!
WITH HIS HOLSUM HE'S A WINNER—
YOU CAN SEE WITH HALF AN EYE.
IN THE RACE IT LEADS ALL OTHERS,
JUST GIVE HOLSUM BREAD A TRIAL,
WITH A PAPER TO KEEP IT WHOLESOME—
OTHER BREADS IT BEATS A MILE!

Horseless Carriage Cartoons From The Past

Courtesy of John Morrison



Do you want to "pull the hills on high" as is common talk around the gentlemen's club? Now, YOU TOO can be the envy of your peers. Your prestige will be greatly enhanced and done so at a very modest cost.

My Syntho (Reg.) can do just that for you. Here's how: These ingredients are readily obtained from any chemist's shop or pharmacy-- however, by the advanced purchase of my formula for my Syntho (Reg.) you can SAVE MONEY by obtaining correct proportions.

My basic ingredients are:

a. O_1H_2 80 %

b. C_2H_4 }

c. CH_2C_1 }

d. C_2H_2 }

e. One green toad (not included) to drop in and let dissolve.

f. Add nitroglycerene in the last phase (not included).

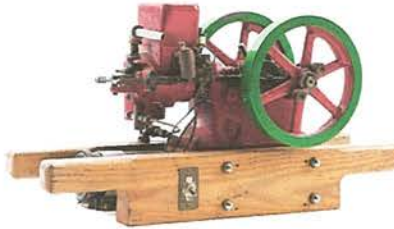
This product was invented and marketed by none other than H. D. Lundell, founder and owner of Lundell Industries, International.

Thanks, Bud!

My experience has taught me to be very careful in the extensive trial and error research in the selection of the correct percentages of these items in my formula.

Happy Birthday!

Daniel Erceg	Dec 5
Richard Green	Dec 7
Robert Stone	Dec 18
Mary McEachern	Dec 21
Allan Greenberg	Dec 22
Tom Holthaus	Dec 23
Bernard Metais	Dec 23
Joyce Azevedo	Dec 26
Bea Reak	Dec 27
Layden Butler	Dec 29
Kathleen Vitale	Dec 30



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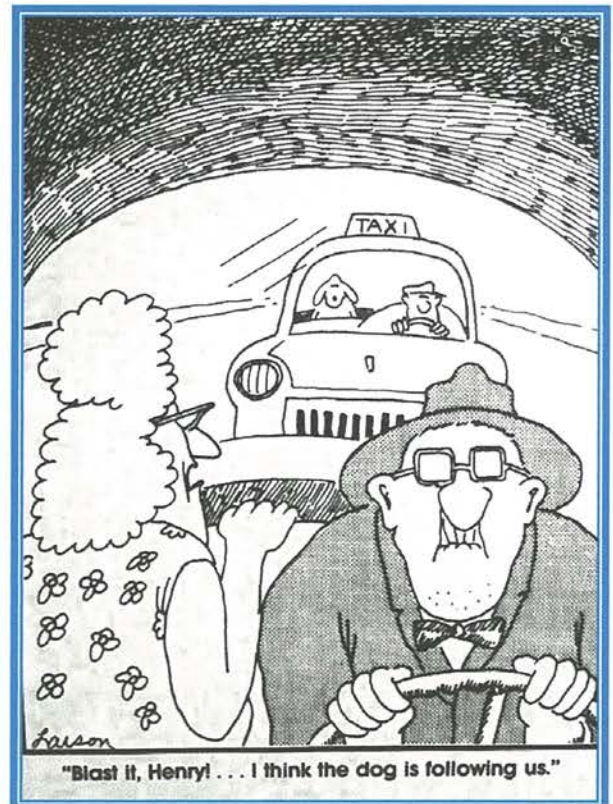
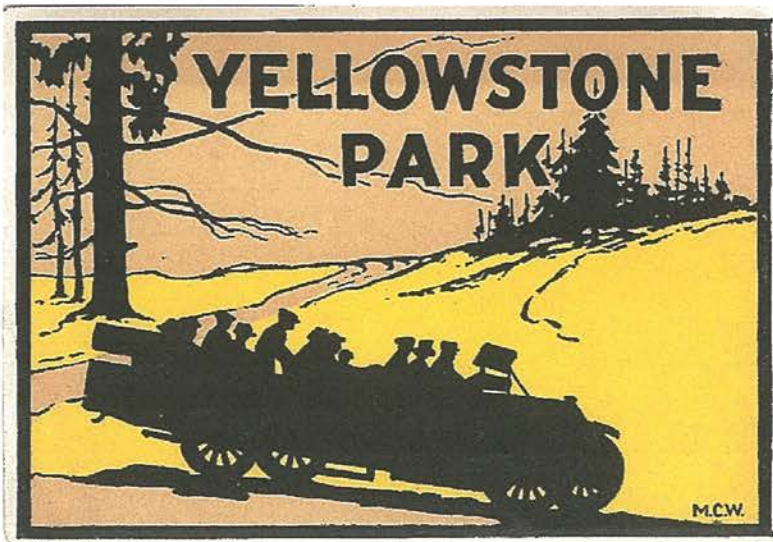


Happy Anniversary!

Richard & Ellen Green	Dec 13th, 1969
Eric & Muriel Lundquist	Dec 14th, 1968

GENERAL AUTO REPAIR WORKS
BELGRADE, MONTANA

SHELL



Subject: *What is a Battery?*

Sent by an Engineering graduate from Notre Dame Univ.

What is a battery? I think Tesla said it best when they called it an Energy Storage System. That's important. They do not make electricity – they store electricity produced elsewhere, primarily by coal, uranium, natural gas-powered plants, or diesel-fueled generators. So, to say an EV is a zero-emission vehicle is not at all valid.

Also, since forty percent of the electricity generated in the U.S. is from coal-fired plants, it follows that forty percent of the EVs on the road are coal-powered, do you see?

Einstein's formula, $E=MC^2$, tells us it takes the same amount of energy to move a five-thousand-pound gasoline-driven automobile a mile as it does an electric one. The only question again is what produces the power? To reiterate, it does not come from the battery; the battery is only the storage device, like a gas tank in a car.

There are two orders of batteries, rechargeable, and single use. The most common single-use batteries are A, AA, AAA, C, D, 9V, and lantern types. Those dry-cell species use zinc, manganese, lithium, silver oxide, or zinc and carbon to store electricity chemically. Please note they all contain toxic, heavy metals.

Rechargeable batteries only differ in their internal materials, usually lithium-ion, nickel-metal oxide, and nickel-cadmium. The United States uses three billion of these two battery types a year, and most are not recycled; they end up in landfills. California is the only state which requires all batteries be recycled. If you throw your small, used batteries in the trash, here is what happens to them.

All batteries are self-discharging. That means even when not in use, they leak tiny amounts of energy. You have likely ruined a flashlight or two from an old, ruptured battery. When a battery runs down and can no longer power a toy or light, you think of it as dead; well, it is not. It continues to leak small amounts of electricity. As the chemicals inside it run out, pressure builds inside the battery's metal casing, and eventually, it cracks. The metals left inside then ooze out. The ooze in your ruined flashlight is toxic, and so is the ooze that will inevitably leak from every battery in a landfill. All batteries eventually rupture; it just takes rechargeable batteries longer to end up in the landfill.

In addition to dry cell batteries, there are also wet cell ones used in automobiles, boats, and motorcycles. The good thing about those is, ninety percent of them are recycled. Unfortunately, we do not yet know how to recycle single-use ones properly.

But that is not half of it. For those of you excited about electric cars and a green revolution, I want you to take a closer look at batteries and also windmills and solar panels. These three technologies share what we call environmentally destructive embedded costs. Everything manufactured has two costs associated with it, embedded costs and operating costs. I will explain embedded costs using a can of baked beans as my subject.

In this scenario, baked beans are on sale, so you jump in your car and head for the grocery store. Sure enough, there they are on the shelf for \$1.75 a can. As you head to the checkout, you begin to think about the embedded costs in the can of beans. The first cost is the diesel fuel the farmer used to plough the field, till the ground, harvest the beans, and transport them to the

food processor. Not only is his diesel fuel an embedded cost, so are the costs to build the tractors, combines, and trucks. In addition, the farmer might use a nitrogen fertilizer made from natural gas. Next is the energy costs of cooking the beans, heating the building, transporting the workers, and paying for the vast amounts of electricity used to run the plant. The steel can holding the beans is also an embedded cost. Making the steel can requires mining taconite, shipping it by boat, extracting the iron, placing it in a coal-fired blast furnace, and adding carbon. Then it's back on another truck to take the beans to the grocery store. Finally, add in the cost of the gasoline for your car.

A typical EV battery weighs one thousand pounds, about the size of a travel trunk. It contains twenty-five pounds of lithium, sixty pounds of nickel, 44 pounds of manganese, 30 pounds cobalt, 200 pounds of copper, and 400 pounds of aluminum, steel, and plastic. Inside are over 6,000 individual lithium-ion cells. It should concern you that all those toxic components come from mining. For instance, to manufacture each EV auto battery, you must process 25,000 pounds of brine for the lithium, 30,000 pounds of ore for the cobalt, 5,000 pounds of ore for the nickel, and 25,000 pounds of ore for copper. All told, you dig up 500,000 pounds of the earth's crust for just one battery. Sixty-eight percent of the world's cobalt, a significant part of a battery, comes from the Congo. Their mines have no pollution controls, and they employ children who die from handling this toxic material.

Should we factor in these diseased kids as part of the cost of driving an electric car?

I'd like to leave you with these thoughts. California is building the largest battery in the world near San Francisco, and they intend to power it from solar panels and windmills. They claim this is the ultimate in being 'green,' but it is not! This construction project is creating an environmental disaster. Let me tell you why. The main problem with solar arrays is the chemicals needed to process silicate into the silicon used in the panels. To make pure enough silicon requires processing it with hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid, nitric acid, hydrogen fluoride, trichloroethane, and acetone. In addition, they also need gallium, arsenide, copper-indium-gallium-Di selenide, and cadmium-telluride, which also are highly toxic. Silicone dust is a hazard to the workers, and the panels cannot be recycled.

Windmills are the ultimate in embedded costs and environmental destruction. Each weigh 1688 tons (the equivalent of 23 houses) and contains 1300 tons of concrete, 295 tons of steel, 48 tons of iron, 24 tons of fiberglass, and the hard to extract rare earths neodymium, praseodymium, and dysprosium. Each blade weighs 81,000 pounds and will last 15 to 20 years, at which time it must be replaced. We cannot recycle used blades. Sadly, both solar arrays and windmills kill birds, bats, sea life, and migratory insects.

There may be a place for these technologies, but you must look beyond the myth of zero emissions. I predict EVs and windmills will be abandoned once the embedded environmental costs of making and replacing them become apparent. "Going Green" may sound like the Utopian ideal and are easily espoused, catchy buzzwords, but when you look at the hidden and embedded costs realistically with an open mind, you can see that Going Green is more destructive to the Earth's environment than meets the eye, for sure.

If this had been titled... "The Embedded Costs of Going Green," would you have read it? This is also why I will not be buying an EV! Simply doesn't make sense to me!

Courtesy of Larry Sedlacek

Explore California in Brass

2023 National Convention & Tour

April 16-19 in Beautiful Visalia, California



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BAHCC General Meeting Minutes

Nov 2, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:32.

Gerald starts the meeting a little late to allow those with a weak carburetor a chance to catch up with the group.

Holiday season is upon us.

Old Business: Can we approve of the minutes? Well approve is a harsh word, but the group accepted them anyhow.

Pumpkin Tour report by Norm: Fun for all and there were winners at the pumpkin scratchers game!

Nuts and Bolts report by Mark, on Paul C's overland at Bill H's shop. Mark was amazed at the shop. Well worth the trip.

Officer Reports:

Norm is working on officers for next year.

Mark is working Gazette stories and loves more stories, odds and ends.

New Business:

Nuts and Bolts at Mark's this Saturday, he needs the help of the brains trust. (By that he means he trusts we have brains)

Discussion of Ed's proposal to do hybrids for monthly meets unless it's a special event (like auction, potlucks, etc.) or quarterly meetings that are live. Much discussion of options. Basically everyone loves the idea, thanks Ed.

Discussion of proposal to make Board Membership go from a strict number of 9 to a variable 6 to 9 members. Seems to make sense to most of the assembled folks.

Christmas Party is Dec 10 at Piedmont Center. Gifts will be gathered and donated to Children's Hospital. It's a dinner meeting with socializing ahead of time.

In two weeks is joint Board Meeting. Contrary to rumors, it refers to the meeting of two Boards, not the post-meeting recreational choices of the assembled.

National Tour is coming together well for 2023, it will be connected to Tulare event. There may be some shift in the swap meet and events days (may be Friday set up,

Saturday and Sunday swap, Sunday afternoon events.) Details will emerge later.

Steven's plans for next year's Golden Gate Tour are coming together. May 29th to June 4. Creekside Inn has 25 bedrooms total, in various configurations. Should we stay brass or invite nickel era? Should we expand to a second hotel? Comments about the Memorial Day holiday time frame. If you have comments, reach out to Steven Chase.

Gerald asked if there were any items for the club's benefit?

Jim B asks about the donations to the Museum of the Horseless Carriage? Right now there are matching funds available for individual donors, but the BAHCC is not making a donation at this time due to concerns of fiscal responsibility. Board Members remain divided as to how much if any donation to make. Floor was opened to discussion, and voices were heard on both sides. Wow - we had 16 people and at least 35 opinions that ranged far and wide from "not one red cent" to "let's give 15k spread over 3 years." The Secretary leaves the details to the imagination, but this is exactly why we need folks to volunteer for the Board or at least chat with your Board and voice those opinions. The Board will reconvene on the issue for the next Board Meeting, so tell your Board Members how you feel so they can best represent the club's wishes. The topic came to a delightful close with all still friends and without anyone resorting to zoom fisticuffs.

Brian H has discussed getting the Santa Cruz camping trip organized for next year. He will be making use of the Jim Skillicorn combined HCCA calendar. By the way, our website calendar is not populated- *D'oh!*

Steve does a California Rendezvous tour report, complete with slides! Everyone thanked Steve, Vince and team for the effort to do the tour.

Motion to adjourn was made and we closed up shop at 8:53.

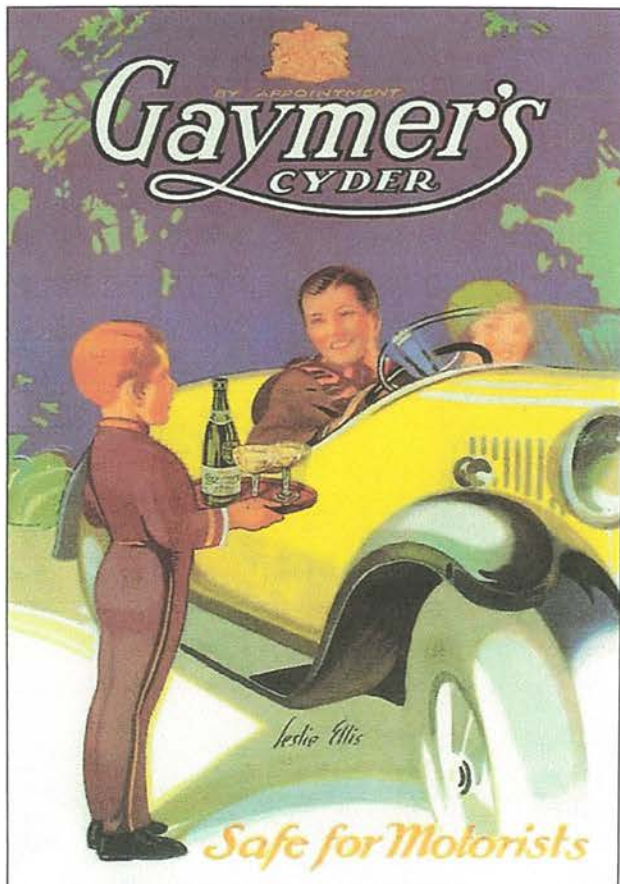
Respectfully submitted,

The Secretary who is slipping his bands a bit in the old noggin, but still moving...





Courtesy of Johnny Crowell



Translation of Cartoon from Page 8:

— I have often noticed that the cry of the crushed man resembles strangely that of the dog... Darwin may have been right!...

HCCA NATIONAL NEWS



Re: HCCA New Web Tour Calendar; Century Plaque Correction; 2023 Calendar;
Issue: 2022-11-01 #12

Happy Halloween!

- **HCCA New Website Tour Calendar** –

Have you looked at the Calendar on the HCCA Website lately? There is a new Club feature coming soon.

Jim Skillicorn, National Board member, and Chairman of the HCCA Website Calendar Committee, summed it up:

“When the updated hcca.org calendar is up and running, this will certainly help with communication and coordination between all regional groups from HCCA, VMCCA, MTFCA, AACA, and others.

Four new tabs will be on the opening Calendar of Events page; Western regions, Central regions, Eastern regions and International regions.

Merely click on one of them and see what’s happening or planned.

Each Regional Group designee or president will be able to add, edit or delete their respective event.”

This handy tool will help in Tour planning, so that a Club’s or Region’s tour does not overlap with a competing Tour. It will also allow for HCCA members to see all of the tours, and event activity, happening around the country.

- **Century Plaque Program** – The HCCA

Century Plaque Program Update:

- Recognizes any and all vehicles that are 100 years old . . . (Cars, Trucks, Planes, Trains, Motorcycles, Bikes,

Wagons, etc.), even vehicles manufactured after 1915.

- Honors a request by anyone, for any vehicle.
- Preserves and acknowledges the efforts of the past and present owners.
- Encourages the preservation of stories about how a vehicle was found, survived, saved, and what it experienced in its life.

To request a plaque, visit www.hcca.org and go to the dropdown menu at the top righthand corner, and under “Who We Are” click on “Century Plaque Program”, for simple instructions.

Any questions, Contact Augie Leshar, via Email, at centuryplaque@gmail.com

- **Calendar Update** – The latest from the HCCA Gazette and Website for 2023:

- 33rd Annual Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet, March 17 - 18, 2023. Chickasha, OK. Hosts: Mike or Susie Ersland, 405-224-9090
- HCCA National Convention and Tour, April 16 - 20, 2023. Visalia, CA. Contact: Don Azevedo, 925-301-5315. Email: imnuts4fords@comcast.net or Mike Reid, 780-464-6146. Email: mreid@wdcoauto.com
- BBC Tour and Swap Meet, May 14 – 18, 2023. Gettysburg, PA. Sponsor: Susquehanna Valley Regional Group. Hosts: Pat and Marcy Gamble. 717-383-0360. Email: bbcinfo@mail.com

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