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COVER

When searching for photos to add to the archives, pictures of Baxter's pop-up frequently. Baxter's was an important rest and refreshing stop aside the Lincoln Highway, US 40 and US 80. I was more than surprised when I began researching this historic location, that almost no information is available online. Wikipedia shows basically nothing. The Placer County Historical Society web site does not list it as an historical location nor are there any articles in their newsletter. With the help of Mr. Jack Duncan of Newcastle, the LDS Family Search web site and a 2014 article from Placer Living I was able to gather enough info to hopefully provide a basic description of this famous location.

Joseph Quincy Baxter, born in Massachusetts in 1831, married Jane Smith of Wisconsin in 1861. They traveled by covered wagon to California arriving sometime prior to 1876. Their first son, Joseph Jr. was born in California in 1876, followed by Elmer Micah in 1879. The area in Placer County in which they settled was described as township 4. Son Elmer (1879-1967) would marry Mabel Agnes Herbeck (1890-1957) and father 3 daughters; Cecil Margaret "Marg", Aneita and Jean. Daughter Cecil Margaret (1910-1986) would marry a Mr. Dashiell and sire a daughter Marsha. Margaret would also inherit the Baxter properties and construct the new Baxter Hotel and store across from the original location in 1935. The original store, family home and cabins were taken by right of eminent domain for the realignment of US40. Marsha Dashiell was responsible for the article in the Placer Living magazine. Marsha tells the story of her family running the restaurant, post office and full service gas station on the opposite side of the freeway from where Baxter sits today (2014). As a young girl of 12, she remember opening the store and post office while her grandmother "Marg" would look after the Hauf Brau. When she was 12 she would return to Baxter's during the summer and help her grandmother during the week, returning home on weekends.

Jack Duncan relates a story told to him by Jean Baxter Bengston (born 1922), Margaret's sister, that her father Elmer Baxter was a supervisor for Caltrans for many years and was in charge of construction at Donner Summit of the underpass between tunnels 7 & 8 which opened in 1914. Elmer was also a superintendent for the new I-80 freeway. Jean related to Jack that Elmer and family camped in a meadow below tunnel # 7 while construction was underway on the underpass. Sister Aneita was born there in 1912. This was also the year that Joseph Quincy Baxter died. Marsha Baxter Dashiell speaks of the Baxter family running cattle, in the winter months, down the mountain to the ranch just off Baxter Grade in Auburn. The family also had orchards.

From the information that accompanied the photos I have collected, a probable time line can be established. The original lunch stand was opened sometime around 1915 and offered coffee and sandwiches. Sometime later (1917?) a cash store and general goods store were opened which sold meat (possibly from their cattle interests), lunch and gasoline. A 1926 Mohawk Guide book lists Baxter's Camp as providing camp spots for 50 cents. It was considered a Good Site with good shade and fine water from a nearby through. Six tent houses \$1 - \$1.50 and double rooms \$2 - \$2.50 were also available. In 1935 the business was rebuilt across US40 and provided a store, restaurant and full service Chevron Gas station, in later years a Texaco. Baxter's was destroyed by fire in 1998 ending a 80+ year old family tradition which served tired and weary travelers on their way to and from the Sierras, whether on wagons, horseback or automobile.



Joseph Sr. or Jr. ?

The highway passed directly in front of the lunch counter which was located at the foot of the hill.



Original 1914 - 1935 location



Post 1935



1940's

JULY CHAPTER MEETING

The California Chapter held its July (Summer) meeting at the 100 year old Duarte Garage in Livermore. The meeting was preceded by lunch at the historic Rock House Restaurant located across Portola Ave. (Old Lincoln Highway) from the Garage. 24 members and guests attended and were updated on current events taking place within the Chapter. LHA member , Bill Von Tagen of Boise, Idaho, presented the Chapter with a check for \$400 to be used toward signage on Donner Summit. Members that were part of the Henry B. Joy Tour from Dearborn, Michigan to San Francisco recounted their experiences . V.P. Neil Rodrigues reported that he had taken over 8,000 photos, which he plans to reduce to a manageable number and put in a power point presentation. The meeting was followed by a power point presentation on the history of the Duarte family and the Garage by Will Bolton, a docent at the Duarte Garage. The presentation contained many before unseen photos of the garage and surrounding area.

Chapter Meeting Minutes can be found on the Chapters Web site.



The Duarte Family immigrated from the Azores in 1865 and began a new life in Niles, CA. Frank G. Duarte was an orchardist and farmer. Frank H. Duarte (1884-1949) was the first of nine children. Frank was born in Niles, CA. and after living on the East coast for a number of years returned to the Bay Area in 1913. He married Helen Hill Helquist (*nee* Gyllstrum) in 1912-1914 and had two sons, Francis Henry, born in 1915 and Earl Bernard, in 1917. The Duarte's moved to Livermore in 1915 in anticipation of the new highway. They purchased the triangular lot on the Dublin Road and L Street, from Joseph Ginger, at Livermore's western entrance. Both sons were born in the home adjacent to the garage. Francis worked in the garage with his father from 1934-1939 when he enlisted in the military. Francis served as a aircraft mechanic with the USAF in North Africa. Returning in 1945 he assumed responsibility for the operation of the garage and held that position until 1977. Francis passed in 2011.



1920's

Over the years The Traveler has included more photos of the Duarte Garage than any other single historic location. The following photos are views of the Garage and the Duarte family graciously shared with the California Chapter by the Livermore Heritage Guild. These photos were part of the power point presentation presented by Will Bolton.



Frank H. Duarte



Helen Francis Frank Earl

Entrance To Town—Shows Good Asphalt Streets



Frank H. Duarte Sells Star and Durant Autos

Frank H. Duarte of the Highway Garage has been selling quite a number of Star cars lately. He

is also agent for the popular Durant automobiles, whose latest models must be seen to be appre-

ciated.

Mr. Duarte gives conscientious service to all purchasers of cars from him, and he gives much time to service them for new owners.

He has skilled mechanics to do auto repairing, and everything is done in a conscientious manner. The location of Mr. Duarte's

Highway Garage, is a good one, right at the entrance to town, at the lower L Street entrance.

Mr. Duarte carries a good line of gasoline, oils and greases.

Mr. Duarte carries a good line of auto tires and accessories.

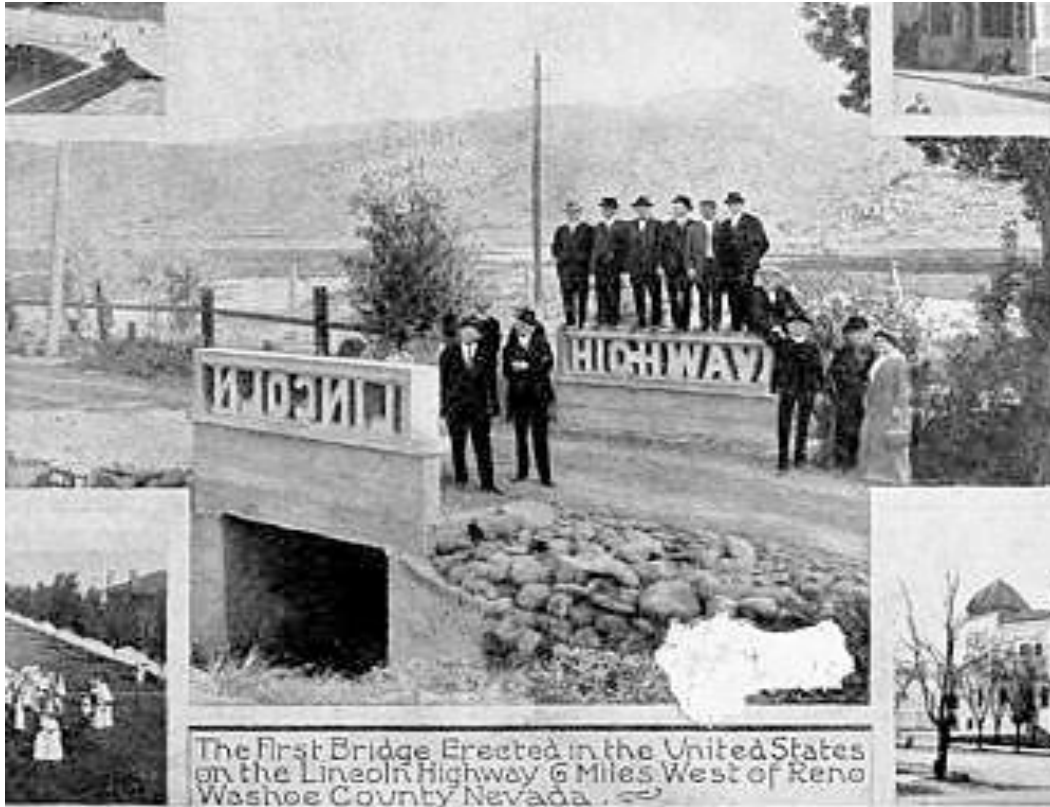
He has splendid equipment for battery recharging.

1926



Helen, Frank, Francis, Earl 1920-23

THE REST OF THE PHOTO



I came across this photo while attempting to locate information on a mural I discovered on 4th Street in Reno, NV. We have all seen the photo of the two gentlemen standing next to the railing, but this is the first time I've seen the entire culvert and backdrop. The banner states that this is the first bridge to be built on the Lincoln Highway. It was the first of only two bridges with the Lincoln Highway railings. The second being in Tama, Iowa. When leaving Sparks, I found myself on Victorian Way, once the route of the Lincoln. Victorian Way becomes Prater Way which merges onto 4th Street. 4th Street traveled through Reno and eventually terminated in Verdi, Nevada. It is on this last section of road that the culvert containing the bridge railings were located, .9 miles east of Verdi. The railings were constructed in 1914 by contractor A.F. Neidt and relocated in the early 1970's by the Nevada DOT. Much of 4th Street still exists (and can be walked) as well as the original culvert.

BACK in NEVADA AGAIN



The weekend of July 18th found the wife and I back in Nevada for our Grandson's baseball tournament in Carson City. The Nugget Hotel in Sparks, looks down upon Victorian Square thru which the Old Lincoln Highway once travelled. As I had never been on that section of the Lincoln I decided to investigate when heading home through Reno. This is the mural I spotted while heading from Sparks, NV to downtown Reno on 4th Street. It is in an alley off of 4th Street near Kietzke Avenue.

IN MEMORIUM

MR. DAVID LEE



Neil Rodriques



Neil Rodriques

David Lee, California Chapter Member and husband of Chapter Secretary Jackie Ferreira Lee passed from this life on July 18, 2015. David was born in Berkeley, CA on June 15, 1951 and lived most of his life in Concord, CA. David worked as an auto mechanic for over 35 years and enjoyed taking road trips, watching old western movies and photography. David was the person I could count on to take photos at the Chapter's quarterly meetings to be displayed in the next issue of the "Traveler". I first met David and Jackie at a small cafe near the Bertolotti Auto Museum in Santa Clara where we held our April, 2013 Chapter meeting. While enjoying lunch they told of restoring their 1953 Ford Crown Victoria and hoping the paint would be ready to make the 100 Anniversary Tour to Kearney, Nebraska. As reported in the last Traveler, David and Jackie were married on May 2nd, 2015. Shortly after their wedding David suffered a stroke. Having survived that experience they celebrated their honeymoon on the Henry B. Joy Tour to Dearborn, Michigan and arrived back in San Francisco on June 8. They attended the Chapter meeting on June 11th and all seemed well. David was laid to rest at the North Hilmar Cemetery, near Turlock, CA, where his parents are buried. Another devoted LHA member and true gentleman has been lost. You will not be forgotten.....

STOCKTON SIGNAGE PROJECT by Kenin Shawver



I am pleased to announce, the project to install signage in Stockton along the historical route of the Lincoln highway has come to completion.

The signs can be seen, 25 in all, from the northern reaches of Lower Sacramento Rd., along Pacific Avenue, Maple Street, El Dorado Street and all the way to South Center Street.

These signs not only mark the route, but represent the historical, social and economic value of the Lincoln Highway brought to cities and towns in which it traverses.

The signs also represent something more, much more. They represent a community. A community which has pride in its past, its present and its future.

Without the support of many people, this would not have been possible. It took the approval of civic leaders and public entities, the support of organizations and the people of Stockton. It was not a high dollar project, but it did take money. Donations from private individuals were collected to fund the project.

Civic Pride exists. and it's alive and well in Stockton, California.

I wish to express a heartfelt Thank You to all those involved !!!!!!!

Thank You.



Gene Wright

Representative members who supported the project; left to right Todd Greenwood, Stockton DPW City Traffic Engineer, Kevin Shawver, CA. Chapter member, Joel Windmiller, CA. Chapter President, Wes Rhea, CEO of Vista Stockton and CA. Chapter member, Moses Zapien, Stockton City Councilman, Gordon Mackay, Director of Stockton DPW.

OLD DUBLIN ROAD SIGNAGE



Mike Kaelin

Recently installed sign on Old Dublin Road just off 5 Canyons Road. This was a collaboration between A.T. Stephens, Exec. Director of the Hayward Area Historical Society , who sponsored this sign, Chapter member Mike Kaelin , Bill Lepere, Project Engineer, Deputy Director with the Alameda County Public Works Agency and Project Engineer Rick Young

Sign on Old Dublin Road , one of 15 signs sponsored by Chapter member Scott Miner and his wife Noon. The signs were installed by the Alameda County Department of Public Works. Castro Hill is at top of photo.



Mike Kaelin



1878 Map of Rancho San Lorenzo showing Dublin Road between Hayward and Dublin. Location "A" is bridge across San Lorenzo Creek. Location "B" is the Half Way House (Canyon Inn)



Mike Kaelin



Gary Kinst

1926 Bridge over San Lorenzo Creek.

Left photo looking east. Right photo looking west towards Castro Calley.

This location appears in the preceding map, just east of the Half Way House. This remaining section of Dublin Road ends approx. two hundred yards further east, where it is covered by I 580.



This scene at the Canyon Inn is identified on the map as location "B". This section of Dublin Road lies under I 580 just east of the San Lorenzo Creek bridge.

The Lincoln Highway passing the Canyon Inn 1920's, looking east toward Palomares. In 1865, a New York brewer, John Booken, established a beer brewery near 3rd and A Streets in Hayward. Between 1878 and 1899, his son Chris and wife established and operated a Half Way House 3.5 miles to the East on Dublin Canyon Road, That location jives with the location depicted on the map. What transpired between 1899 and 1912 is currently being researched. It is mentioned in the Oakland Tribune of December 3, 1912 as the Canyon Inn and in 1919 as owned by Mr. A.B. Peterson. A travel article from 1915 mentions the Half Way House on Dublin Road operated by Chris Booken east of the Castro Hill (Pergola Hill). Ownership changed again in February, 1926. Last mention of the Inn was in June of 1933.

OCTOBER CHAPTER MEETING

The California Chapter will hold its Fall Chapter meeting on October 03, 2015 in Stockton, CA. We will return to a popular location on the old Lincoln, where we had held a previous meeting in 2013. The restaurant is Whirlows Tossed and Grilled at 1926 Pacific Avenue at Maple.



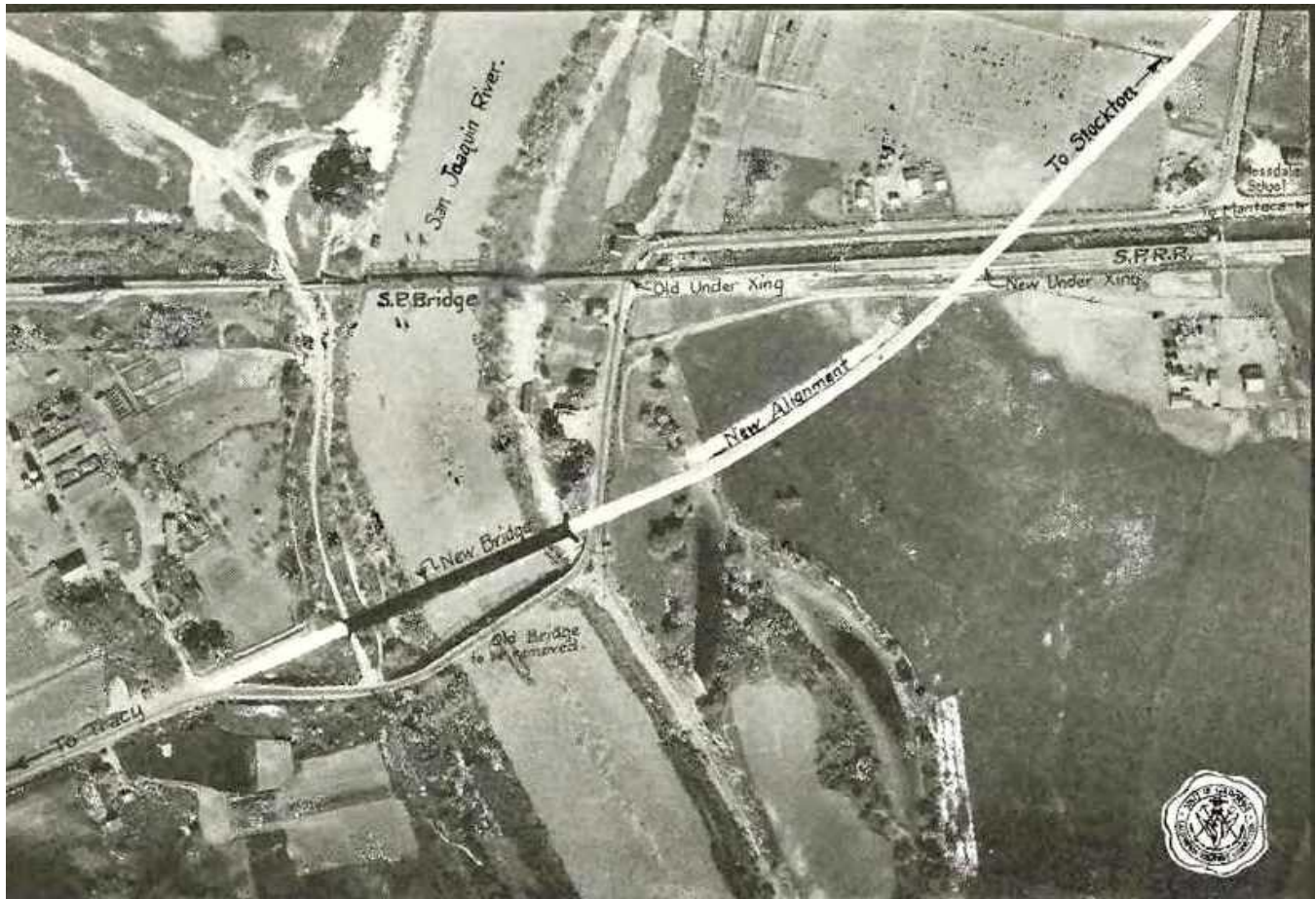
Street parking available - additional off street parking behind restaurant

Lunch Menu: Sandwichs/Salads or Burgers \$7-10
Non-alcoholic beverages \$1 - 5

Meeting agenda: Officer and Committee reports, LH sign reports including
Stockton, East Bay and the Sierras

Speaker / Presentation: V.P. Neil Rodriques power point presentation on the 2015
Henry Joy Tour

MOSSDALE UNDERCROSSING



This recently discovered photo (1925) of the Lincoln crossing the San Joaquin River at Mosssdale, questions the actual alignment of the highway between the river and the railroad undercrossing. Previous photos of the trestle lead historians to believe that the undercrossing was closer to the levee. A long time resident of the Mosssdale area, Mr. Tony Quierolo owns the property north of the railroad and it was there his mother was born in 1915. On a tour with Tony and Mike Kaelin, Tony pointed out the actual roadway under the trestle was further east by 4-5 openings. That location corresponds to that in the above photo. The section of concrete that has been identified as a portion of the Lincoln in previous photos appears to be the foundation for the building seen to the left of the highway just prior to the undercrossing. The concrete slab has been in question for some time. Local Tracy historians speak of a hotel on the levee and it can be seen midway between the new bridge and the railroad bridge.



The structure seen in this photo, on the right, can be seen in the first photo just above the tag "old under xing"



100 Year Celebrations

The Panama Pacific Exposition

The opening of the Duarte Garage, Livermore, CA

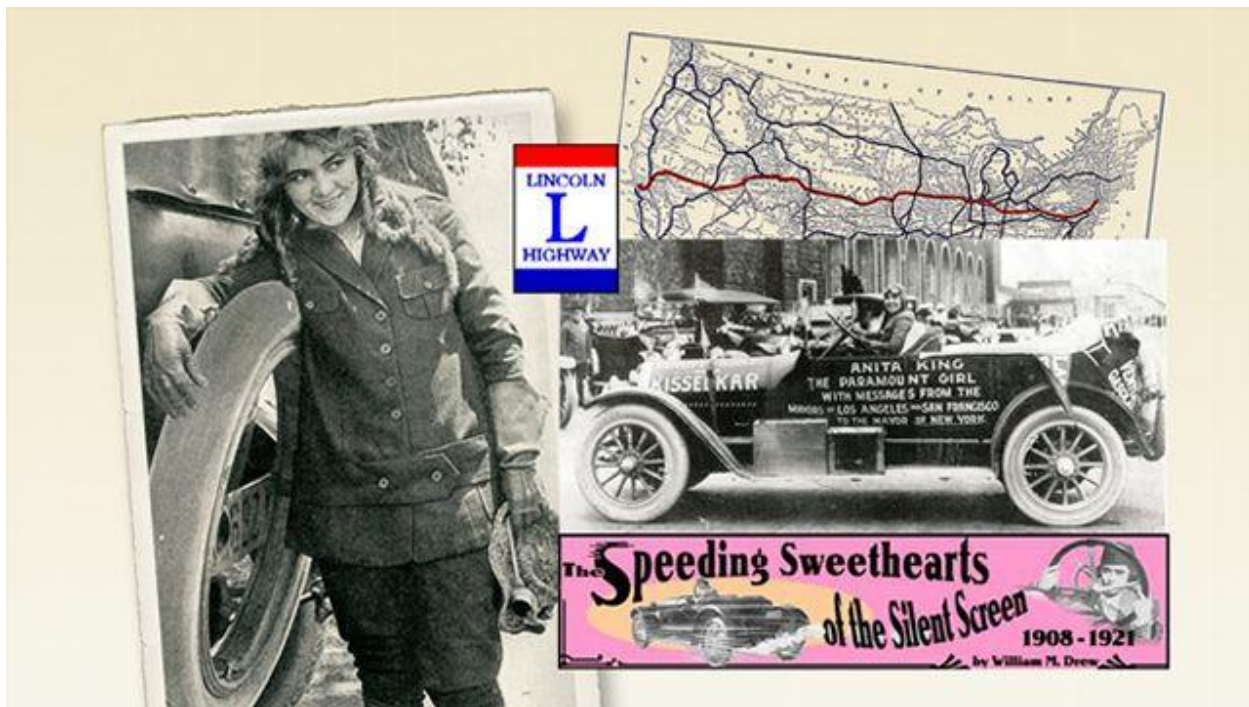
Henry B. Joy's trip to the 1915 PPIE

Anita Kings solo trip from SF to New York

Edsel Fords trip from Dearborn, MI to the Exposition

1915 Motor Magazine Transcontinental Medal of Achievement

1915 Erwin "Cannon Ball" Baker broke coast to coast record for single driver



Paramount Pictures silent films actress Anita King was the first person to make a solo cross country road trip. Anita departed the Panama Pacific Exposition grounds on September 6, 1915. She began her journey on August 25th from the Laskey Studio lot in Los Angeles. Driving a stock 1915 6 cylinder Kissel Kar she arrived in New York City October 19, 1915, 49 days later.

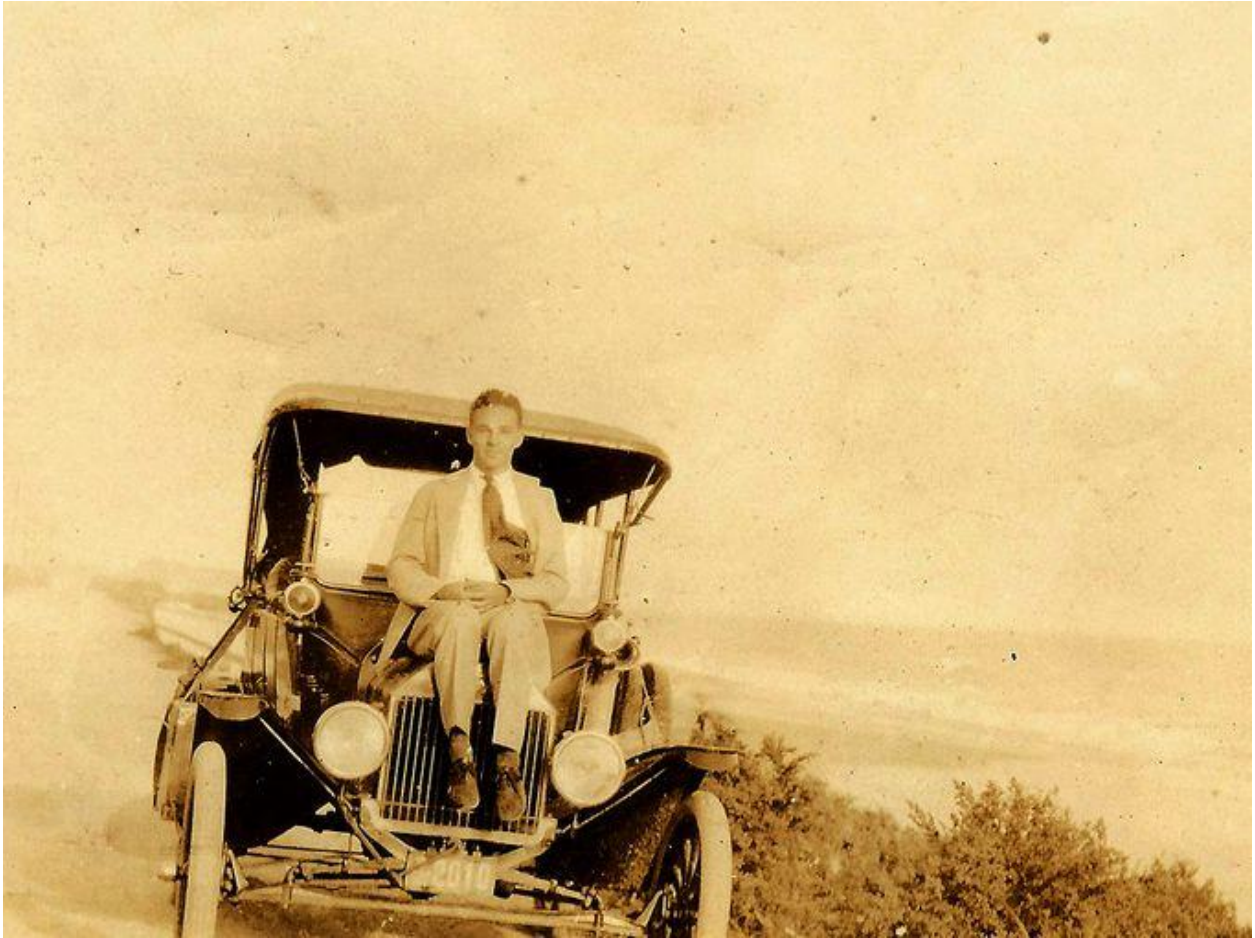
Anita's three great-great nieces, Aleta White, Heather Poncratz and Lucianne Boardman recreated her trip on September 6, 2015 covering the same distance in 7 days.



Clara Ford (white dress), Henry Ford, Horace Caulkin, Thomas Whitehead, Robert Gray, Herbert Book

In 1915, Edsel Ford decided, he too, wanted to visit the Exposition going on at San Francisco. Edsel and five friends, Horace J. Caulkin, Thomas C. Whitehead, Robert T. Gray, William T. Russell and Herbert V. Book, travelling in three vehicles, leave the Ford farm at Dearborn on June 17, 1915. Edsel driving the 1915 Model T Touring with co-driver Horace Caulkins, wave's good bye to family. The other four members of the group shared responsibility of driving the Cadillac and Stutz autos. The trip would end at the Pacific Ocean on July 25, 1915.

Picture, if you will, Henry Ford standing stoically in the family yard, arms at side, watching his son begin a journey, quite possibly his first without family, across the country to a mystic city 3,000 miles from home. Henry and Clara have surely discussed this adventure, and Henry has reluctantly granted permission if certain guidelines are adhered to; (1). Telegraph every day. (2) remember this is the family car you're driving and last but not least (3) Do Not, I repeat, Do Not drive on that new Lincoln Highway, I've told you how I feel about that undertaking. Use that other road from Chicago to Los Angeles. I'm sure in another 100 years when you trip is celebrated that highway will be more famous.

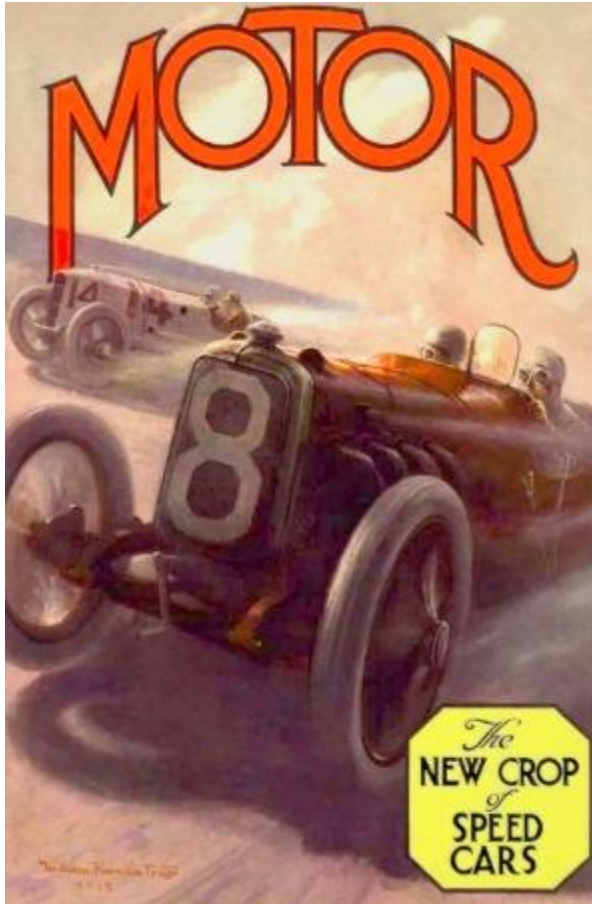


Edsel shown in triumphant poise at beach near Los Angeles

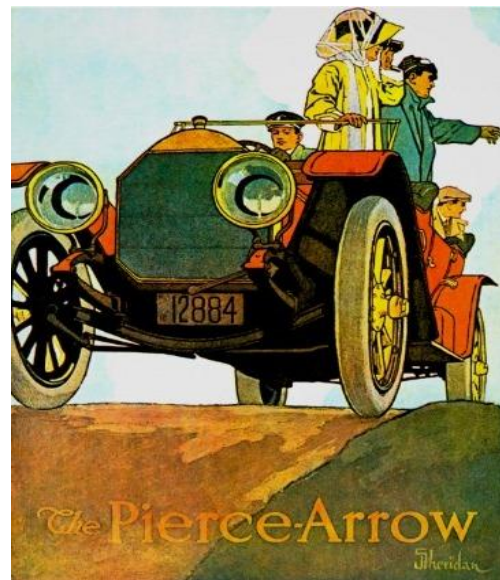
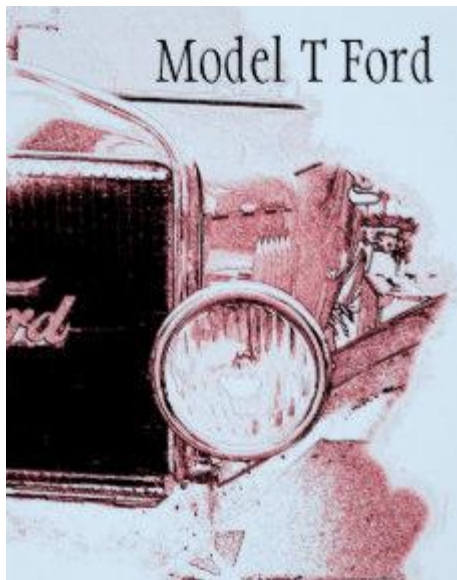


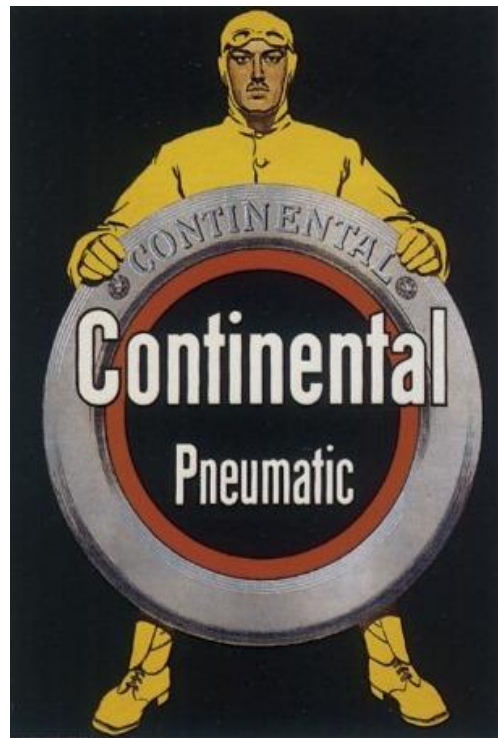
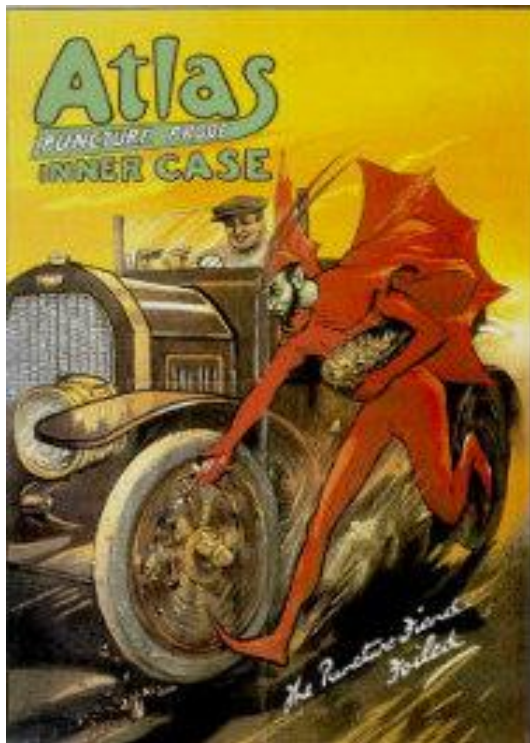
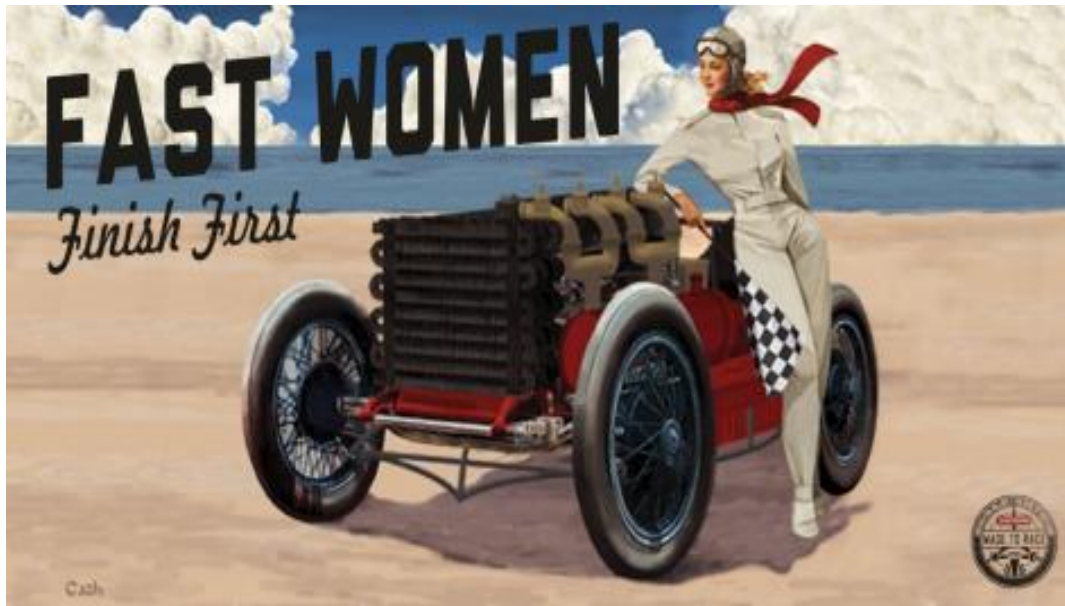
Members of the Historic Vehicle Association driving a restored 1915 Model T in which President Mark Gessler and Historian Casey Maxon drove from the Henry Ford Estate at Fairlane, Dearborn, MI. to the Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco. They began the re-enactment of the 1915 trip on July 17, 2015 and arrived in San Francisco August 18th.

Vintage Auto Art & Advertising



1913 Motor Magazine





MARK YOUR 2015 CALENDAR

Saturday **OCTOBER 03, 2015**
12:00 Noon

State Chapter Meeting
Whirlow's Tossed & Grilled
1926 Pacific Avenue
Stockton, CA 95204
209 466 2823

Saturday **OCTOBER 24, 2015**

Sports Leisure Travel Bus Tour
Sacramento to Reno
via Donner Pass

NOTE: For information on Sports Leisure Bus Tour contact Paul Gilger,
paulgilger@att.net or Joel Windmiller, joelwindmiller@att.net

MARK YOUR 2016 CALENDAR

Saturday **JANUARY 09, 2016**
12:00 Noon

State Chapter Meeting
Ranch Cordova**

Saturday **APRIL 02, 2016**
12:00 Noon

State Chapter Meeting
To Be Announced

JUNE, 2016

2016 Annual LHA Conference
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Post Conference Tour of the National Road to the Junction of Route 66 and the
Lincoln Highway

Saturday **JULY 09, 2016**
12:00 Noon

State Chapter Meeting
To Be Announced

Saturday **OCTOBER 01, 2016**
12:00 Noon

State Chapter Meeting
To Be Announced

NOTE: Announcement of Chapter Meeting locations are mailed via postcard to all current members approximately 2 weeks prior to the actual date. They are also posted on the California Chapter web site. Contact Joel Windmiller regarding mailing of postcards.

NOTE: Chapter Meeting Locations marked ** are tentative



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