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COVER

Bob Dieterich has been awarded the first ever "Lincoln Highway Association California Chapter Meritorious Achievement Award" in recognition of his 25+ years of dedication to the California State Chapter as our past State Director and Chapter President. The award was presented to him, on January 5th, at the home of his daughter, Kristin Dieterich Thomas, and her husband Joe, who prepared an amazing spread of appetizers, for our always hungry and appreciative chapter members.

Bob is one of the founding members of the Lincoln Highway Association 1992 revitalization, and he was a very close personal friend of Gregory Franzwa. Bob served 4 terms as the Lincoln Highway National President. He currently serves as the Executive Advisor on the LHA National Board of Directors, a position he has held with pride for many years.

I had the pleasure of designing the award. California Chapter member, Scott Miner, a teacher, built the award with assistance from his students, using California Redwood and bronze. They did an exquisite job.

The newly created LHA California Chapter Meritorious Achievement Award, patterned after the LHA National Meritorious Achievement Award, will be resented by the California Chapter as it's highest honor, not yearly, but only as warranted, Bob Dieterich being the first.

by Paul Gilger



Following the January Chapter meeting, eleven Chapter members found their way to Bob's daughters' home to join with family members in the presentation of the Meritorious Achievement Award.

2019 RE-CREATION of 1919 MILITARY CONVOY TOUR

The Military Vehicle Preservation Association (MVPA) will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 1919 Military Convoy by following the original route via the Lincoln Highway. Paul Gilger is busy preparing a map of the route which the convoy will follow. The California Chapter is seeking a tour guide to lead the convoy in California. An itinerary of the Tour can be found on the Chapters web site in meeting minutes for July 7, 2018 at Vallejo. The Tour begins at the Lincoln Memorial, Wash. D.C. on August 31, 2019 and ends at Lincoln Park, San Francisco September 16, 2019.



East Wyoming



Another fine example of modern engine

THE ARMY CONVOY TRIP MOLDED NATIONAL GOOD ROADS SENTIMENT

The upper picture shows the Lincoln Highway Army Convoy being consolidated for the parade into Oakland. Below is the camp at the State Fair Grounds at Sacramento. Above, one of its gigantic tank trucks pulling up a twelve per cent grade on the Nevada side of the Sierras. Below, the convoy making up time on California's concrete Lincoln Highway.

JANUARY CHAPTER MEETING

The California Chapter held its Winter meeting, in Rocklin, at Rubino's Ristorante on the Lincoln Highway. The Winter meeting is when the election of officers is conducted. Neil Rodrigues who shared roles as Chapter Vice President and State Director, opted to step aside as Vice President to place more focus on the State Director position. Member Trey Pitsenberger was nominated to fill the position and was unanimously elected as the new VP. All other positions were re-elected. Due to the adverse weather, the attendance was predicted to be low. All were surprised when 33 hearty souls braved the rain and wind to pack the small meeting room, with overflow spilling into the main dining room.

The meetings agenda included discussion of the current status of the new California Chapter Brochure, bridge replacement projects, White Rock Road and West Capitol Avenue rehabilitation and the 1919 Military Convoy re-enactment. Most of these topics were featured in the October Traveler. Complete meeting minutes can be found at www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org/ca.

Paul Gilger showed the members the new Meritorious Award which upon adjournment of the meeting would be taken to the home of Bob Dieterich's daughter for presentation to Bob.

Mark Hoffman, of Sports Leisure Vacations, announced that there is a coach tour scheduled for May 4-5th which will travel North on US 50 to Carson City and return the following day South on I-80 through Truckee. More info to follow.

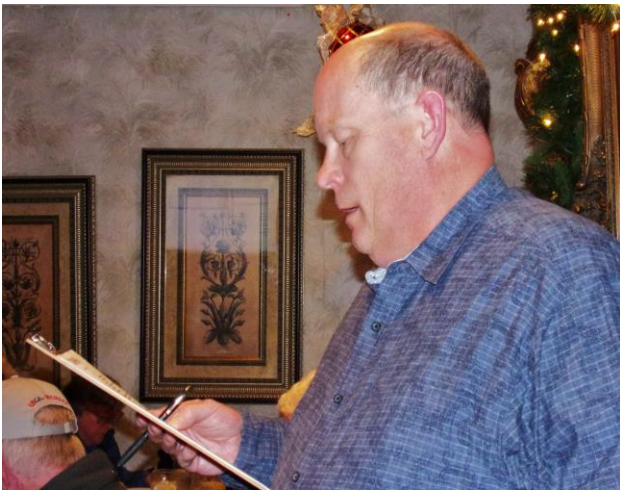




Kendra Stoll of Caltrans in white sweater



Trey Pitsenberger speaks of his LH adventures



President Joel Windmiller presenting agenda



New member Matt Baker



New members Karin & Jeff Paterson



Web master Jimmy Lin

Members were entertained throughout lunch by several power point presentations shown by Neil Rodriques. They included the original 1919 Military Convoy film and the field trip to Clear Creek in Nevada.

APRIL CHAPTER MEETING

The California Chapter will hold its Spring meeting on Saturday April 6th at the Woodbridge Crossings Restaurant in Woodbridge, Ca. Lunch consisting of Sandwiches, Salads and Soups will be served at 12:00 noon, followed by our Chapter meeting at 1:00pm. Lunch is \$20.00 Cash Only Meeting Agenda will include; Officer and Committee Reports, Brochures, 2019 Conference and the 150 Transcontinental Railroad Celebration. Presentations , following the meeting, are planned to include; Neil Rodrigues “Cold winter motorcycle ride to Duarte Garage” and Trey Pitsenberger; Adventures in California History “Lincoln Highway Tour”

Woodbridge Crossings
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TODAYS LINCOLN HIGHWAY



This Lincoln Highway mural, at the Lincoln Highway Rest Stop, was discovered by Trey and Monica Pitsenberger while on a road trip to Altamont Pass. The rest area is located between Banner Bank and Iron Dragon Karate on South Lincoln at 3rd. in Galt.



Wall mural on Folsom Blvd at Gregor Drive in Rancho Cordova

Monica and I followed The Scenic Lincoln route from Placerville to Sacramento, then back up the mountains using the Pioneer route to Auburn. We noticed that some towns embrace their connection with the highway, while others either don't know or don't care. I think they just don't know enough about the road. One town that embraces The Lincoln is Rancho Cordova, in the valley on The Scenic Route. They have signed the entire route and put up two murals along the old road. This second mural is new! I almost drove by as it didn't appear to be about the Lincoln. Wrong! Check out what it is. All the states that have the Lincoln are represented by their state flowers. Novel idea to showcase the highway!

Trey Pitsenberger



Continuing Adventures of Trey and Monica



A rare shot of the first-generation Lincoln near Galt, Ca, It's rare because you must walk down the railroad tracks to this spot which is not easily accessible. I am standing by the tracks, at what was once an "at-grade" railroad crossing. Collierville, California. Trey



This is the first-generation Lincoln about ¼ mile from the "at-grade" railroad crossing I pictured earlier near Galt, Ca. This photo was taken next to that second generation 1920 bridge, looking north. This part goes through a large vineyard to just beyond what you can see, cuts to the right over the railroad tracks. Trey



This is the 1920 “second generation” Lincoln Highway auto subway that was built a few hundred yards from that “at-grade” railroad crossing south of Galt. Beautiful bridge with what I assume would have been a Sothern Pacific emblem in the middle. Trey

Member Michael Kaelin did research of the alignments in this area which can be seen in the April 2016 issue of the Traveler Vol. 17 No. 2 pages 21-29.

TRAVELLED WAY ROCKLIN -TO - ROSEVILLE by Michael Kaelin

Back in 2011 I attended the LH chapter meet in Applegate....Afterward, I decided to stay overnight at the Motel there. In the morning I decided to check out the alternate route from Rocklin to Roseville, the so-called "Travelled Way"....This route was accurately detailed on a proposed "as-built" plan, approved on Nov.22, 1915. It was also shown in the well-researched book (Map 47), by Jack Duncan of Newcastle.

That morning I started out at the Easterly end of Railroad St, in old Rocklin, and ended at Berry St and Atlantic St (LH) in Roseville....I plotted the route out, and hiked part of it, perhaps 2.5 miles, to find any physical reminders, which I could add to Duncan's extensive research. There were a few minor things.

Prior to 1916, the "Travelled Way" was used as a co-equal route for the LH, according to Duncan...motorists would check with the local consul to determine the best route to Roseville, which may have depended on flooding and/or politics back then...An un-improved "wagon road" (LH) ran adjacent to the CPRR (later the UPRR) for most of the distance to Roseville. most likely 30 feet from the center line of the RR right-of-way.



Here is a description of the route that a motorist may have taken prior to 1916, after checking with the local consul;

Starting at the easterly end of Railroad St in old Rocklin...then west on Railroad St. to Rocklin Rd....Right on Rocklin Rd. NWly, crossing RR right-of-way to East St,,,,Then westerly on 3rd St, passing over Sunset Blvd., to a point (now built up residential housing) behind Shannon Bay Dr. (near Allen Dr.)....I found a hike able nicely maintained roadway behind an apartment complex off Shannon Dr...and continued Wly.to a point at "the Cascades" of Antelope Creek....I determined that the former bridge crossed the Antelope Creek very near this point...then a had to circle around, again thru built-up housing to the other side off Hunt Club Dr.....Following along a NWly contour of the Antelope Creek valley, continued on thru new housing, crossing, Hwy 65, to a point very near Creekside Ridge Dr.....continued SWly, passing over Roseville Pkwy, to a point adjacent to the East side of Galleria Blvd, in Roseville, then South along Galleria to Berry St....then West and SWly on Berry St, crossing the CPRR to Atlantic St (LH) in Roseville....then turned right on Atlantic continuing on toward Sacramento .Photo shows Rocklin Rd. near Roseville in 1914

NOTES:

I found an old barn on Railroad St. in Rocklin. and scattered old pavement at Ely end of Railroad St which curved SEly toward Pacific St. (LH)....found older homes along 3rd. St....found old utility easement on maintained path roadway in back, off Shannon...Found old pavement along East side of Galleria, now used for access to transmission lines.....found old cemetery along Berry St. Roseville.

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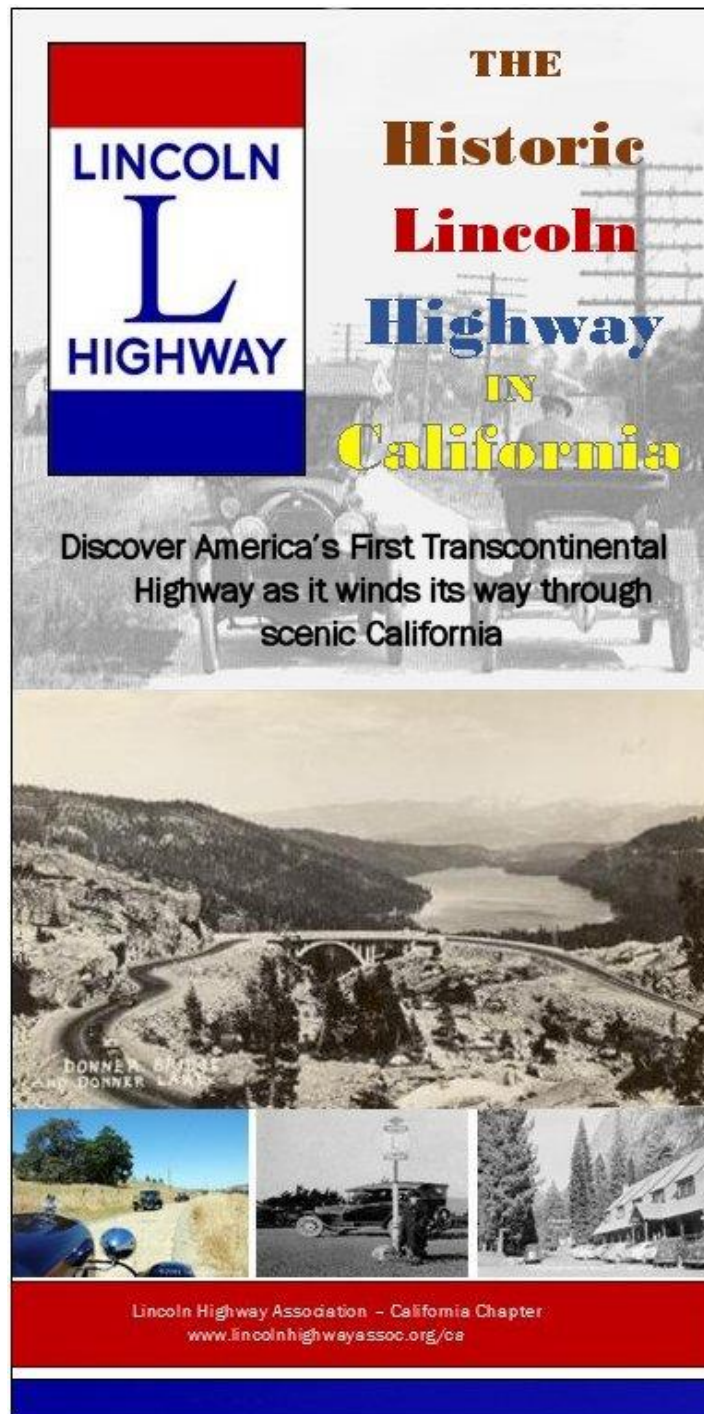
As-built Proposal Plan dated Nov.22, 1915
Hearsay from old members of Rocklin Historic Society
Jack Duncan's book "To Donner Pass from the Pacific", 2004
Various dated aerial and topo maps, overlaid with current maps
Google Satellite maps

A New Discovery



Google aerial photo submitted by Stockton Chapter member and local Historian Kevin Shawver. This section of previously undiscovered Lincoln Highway lies within the northern City Limits of Stockton, south of 8 Mile Road, off Lower Sacramento Road at Bear Creek. When the weather improves, Kevin will attempt to walk the section to discover what exists and to determine if there is any sign of the old bridge, support structure, etc. This new find has been forwarded to Paul Gilger for addition to the Lincoln Highway map.

NEW California LH Brochure



The NEW Lincoln Highway California Brochure has been completed, reviewed and submitted to Jim Cassler for initial printing of 1,000 copies. We are hopeful that the first printing will be available in time for our April Meeting. As this is our first attempt to produce a brochure created to assist travelers and LH enthusiasts while following the California alignments, we realize that it can always be modified and improved over time, and therefore we welcome your input. The presentation is such that travelers can compare then and now. The brochure measures 4" x 8" and is a five- fold 20 panel presentation.

HAPPENINGS

An almost pristine California Department of Highways “C” post marker was discovered in Tracy near the intersection of 11th Street and MacArthur Blvd.



During the MacArthur Avenue/11th Street intersection improvement project, this “C” post was discovered by workers from the Hannah Group and Teichert Construction. It was brought to the attention of Mark Ruiz, Public Works/Engineering Inspector, City of Tracy Construction Management Dept. and Bill Carter, a volunteer at the Tracy Historical Museum. Bill shared the find with Sam Mathews, Editor Emeritus for the Tracy Press .Mark realizing the historical significance of this post, first thinking it may be a LH marker post, brought it to the Tracy Historical Museum and presented it to John McVey, President of the West Side Pioneers and the Tracy Historical Museum.

The MacArthur intersection improvement project followed the replacement of the 11th Street overcrossing project. The post was located between the traffic light and the telephone pole behind the railroad track safety post seen to the right of the traffic light post .Hiding in plain sight for years, it was installed to mark the right-of-way for either US 48 or US 50.



A FOURTIOUS FIND



This photo discovered by President Joel Windmiller, came from a 41- page booklet published by the Lincoln Highway Association in 1918. The library book, from the John Crerar Library in Chicago, was digitized by Google Books and is available on line. Titled "A little booklet giving briefly a few facts concerning the intensive work and important accomplishments of the Lincoln Highway Association during it's fourth year". Lincoln Highway Association Detroit, Mich. 1918.

The scene is the southwest corner of the 1898 Ferry Building near Pier 14 along "The Embarcadero". The Embarcadero was a 1 block section of the LH between the Ferry Building and Market Street. Truck No. 2 is installing the CSAA directional sign.

Current Chapter Projects

Inventory of LH signs, location and condition. This project is spearheaded by President Joel Windmiller, State Director Neil Rodriques. V.P. Trey Pitsenberger and signage Coordinator, Mike Kaelin. A sign database has been created to confirm and record locations, to record condition and to log GPS coordinates. Inventory sheets will be handed out at the April meeting so members can record findings during their travels through the State.

Inventory of Original and Reproduction LH Markers, location and condition / LH Monuments and Interpretative Plaques: This project began several years ago by Myself and Joel Windmiller. We have cataloged all the 1928 and reproduction markers known to exist, which we continually update. We also have an inventory of donated posts and the history of Monuments and Plaques.

1928 Marker Finds a Home by Joel Windmiller

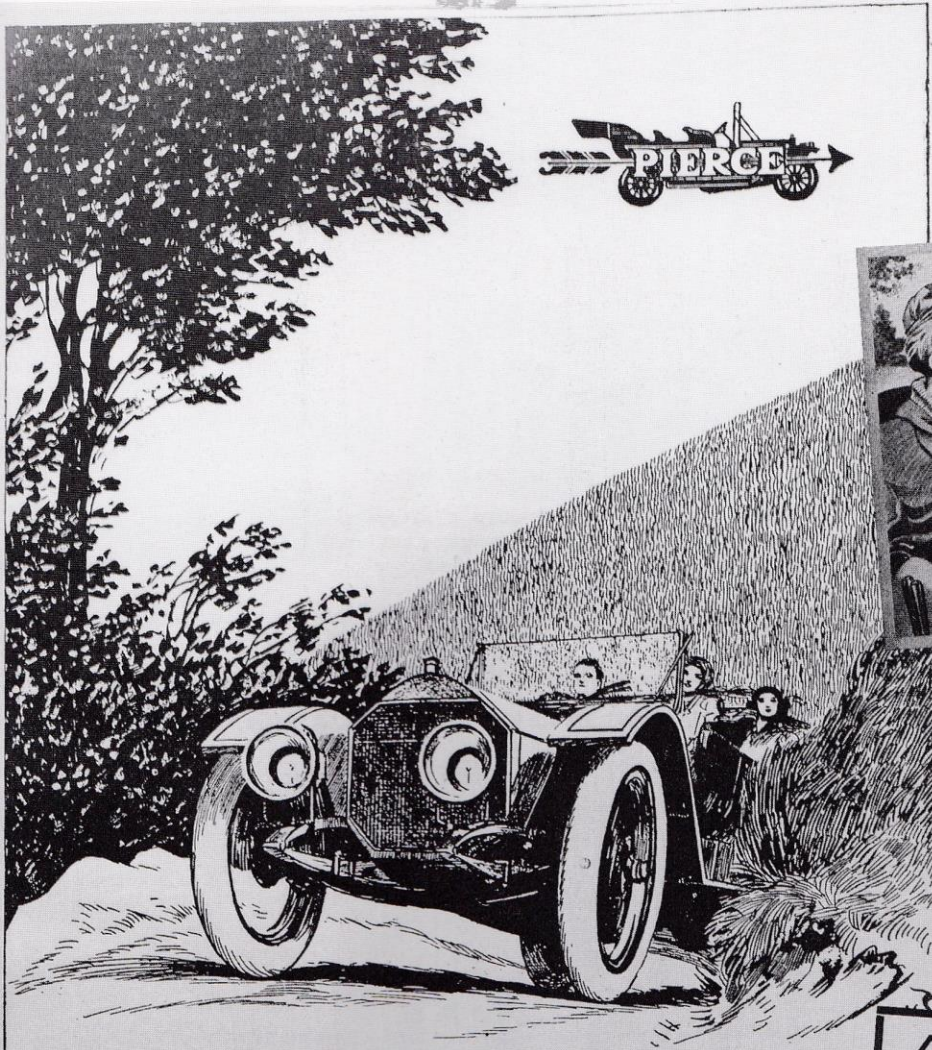
The July 2017 issue of the Traveler featured a story of an original 1928 marker which had been donated to the California Chapter the previous April. The marker was donated by Bob and Sharon Zettlemoyer of Carmichael and had been at Bob's father's home in Clipper Gap just east of Auburn in Placer County. Bob's father had worked for the California Division of Highways as a snow plow operator during the years of construction projects to realign and widen US 40 from the Nevada State Line to San Francisco. Markers were dropped off at the nearest maintenance yard for storage and possible future replacement. It was discovered that Bob's father had come into possession of three markers during his employment. Beside the marker donated to the Chapter, one would remain on the property and the third was donated to the Colfax Historical Society. Chapter members Grant and Greg Gassman assisted with transporting the marker from Clipper Gap to Carmichael.



On April 7, 2018 the California Chapter donated the Clipper Gap marker to the Donner Memorial State Park Museum to replace marker #2203 which was located at the old entrance to the Donner Monument. A stand was constructed by the Truckee Boy Scout Group from plans submitted by Chapter President Joel Windmiller. Greg Palmer, volunteer at Donner Memorial State Park, and a team of additional volunteers at the museum placed the marker in the Lincoln Highway display at the museum.

Next time you're in the Truckee area, stop by the museum and explore the Lincoln Highway display.





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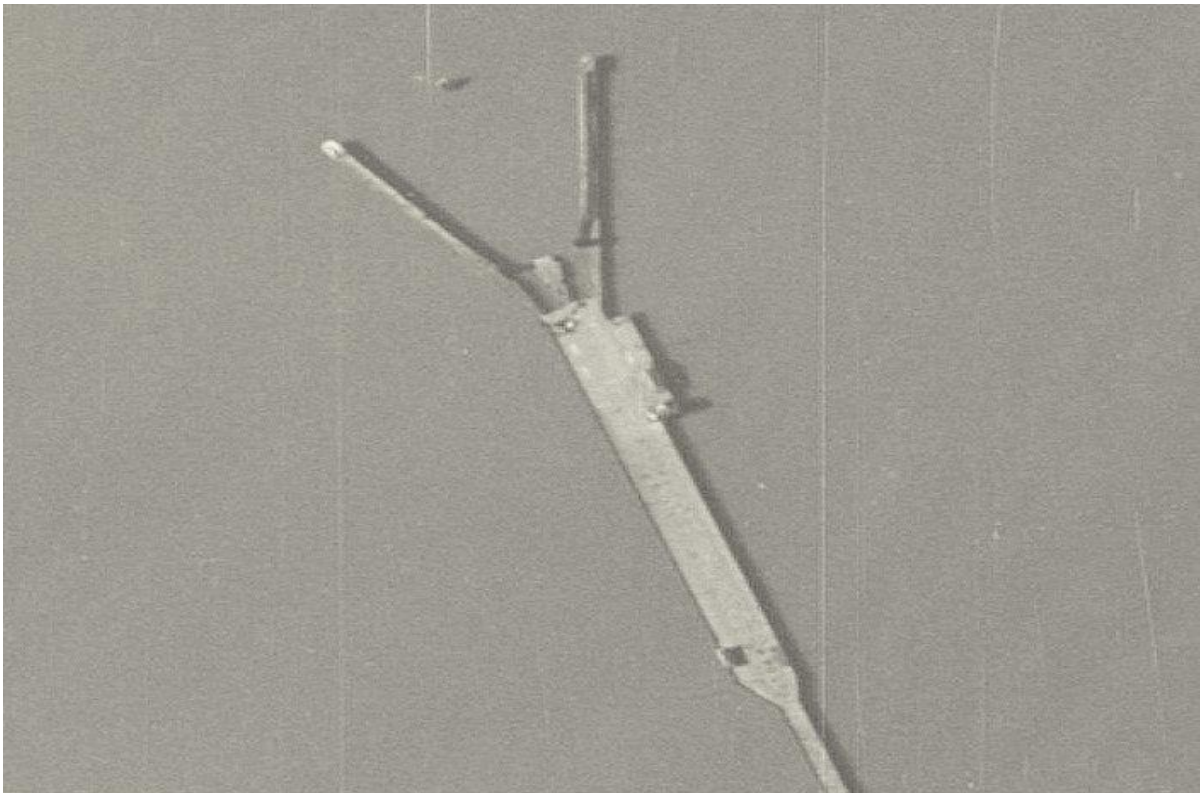
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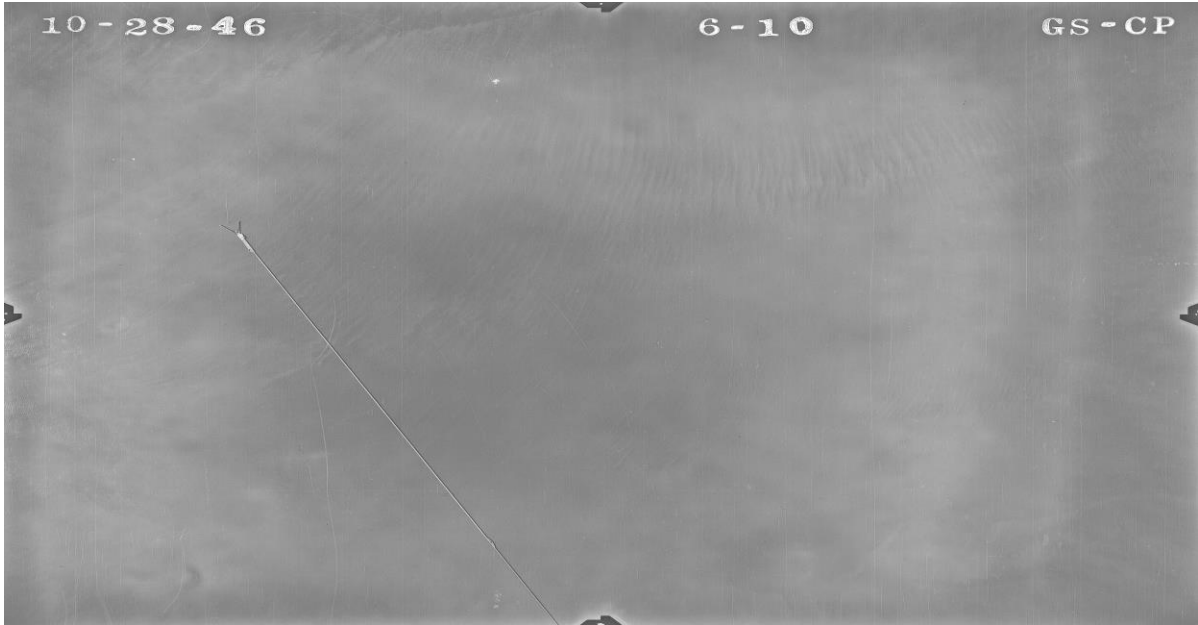
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Perseverance Prevails

After several years of reviewing numerous books, periodicals and visiting local historical societies, the mission has been accomplished, These once "thought to not exist photos" have been found. Why these photos have been so elusive, is certainly a mystery as the Berkeley Pier is an Historic Landmark in the SF/Oakland Bay Area. The Hyde Street Pier in San Francisco, it's counterpart, is found in numerous photos. Several Bay Area Facebook Groups helped with background info but were unable to provide photos. They too were surprised at the lack of photographic interest in the ferry slip. The Historic California Highways Facebook Group showed a great deal of interest in locating a photo of the ferry slip. Numerous photos of other Piers surfaced and were ruled out due to location or configuration. I was considering approaching Caltrans, hoping they might have info and photos when US 40 used the Pier, but a surprise appeared in my e-mail. Chapter President, Joel Windmiller came across these photos which he has graciously contributed. The search is not complete as I'm still attempting to locate photos from the late 1920's and the 1930's showing a ferry in the slip with autos loading or unloading.



Single Ferry Slip at end of Berkeley Pier c.1940



Historic Aerial.com photographs UCSB Collections



Land end at Berkeley Marina



Staging area at foot of Pier 1927

MARK YOUR 2019 CALENDAR

Saturday **APRIL 6, 2019**
12:00 Noon Lunch
1:00 Meeting

State Chapter Meeting
Woodbridge Crossing Restaurant
18939 N Lower Sacramento Rd.
Woodbridge, Ca 95258

MAY 4

Clarksville Days Celebration

MAY 4-5

Coach Tour Sacramento to
Carson City, Nv

JUNE 18 – 22 (SEE FLYER)

Annual LHA Conference
Rock Springs, Wyoming

Saturday **JULY 13, 2019**
12:00 Noon

State Chapter Meeting
Truckee (Location TBA)

Saturday **JULY 13, 2019**

LH & Transcontinental Railroad
Sesquicentennial Celebration
Donner State Park Visitors Center

Sunday **SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 –**
Monday **SEPTEMBER 16, 2019**

2019 Re-enactment of the 1919
Military Convoy Tour
Wash. D.C. to San Francisco

Saturday **OCTOBER 5, 2019**
12:00 Noon

State Chapter Meeting
Penryn (Location TBA)

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: For information on Car Cruise and Sports Leisure Bus Tours, contact Paul Gilger. paulgilger@att.net or Joel Windmiller, joelwindmiller@att.net

NOTE: For additional information on the 2019 LHA Conference go to www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org

NOTE: Meetings are preceded by lunch which is scheduled for 12:00 noon, unless otherwise noted.
Official meetings will commence at approximately 1:00 pm



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