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OCTOBER CHAPTER MEETING



Lorenzo's Mexican Restaurant Loomis, Ca



Members and guests awaiting lunch



Finishing lunch and awaiting the start of Chapter meeting

The California Chapter held its October meeting in Loomis at Lorenzo's Mexican Restaurant on 10/05/2019. 31 individuals were in attendance which included 4 new attendees. The meeting was called to order at 1:15pm and the minutes from the July meeting were approved. VP Trey Pitenberger presented a slide show "Roseville to Auburn on the old Lincoln Highway" which featured vintage and current photos following the old alignment and showing several newly discovered sections. A brief intermission was taken followed by the presentation of the Meritorious Achievement Award to Chapter Newsletter Editor Gary Kinst and Past President, Paul Gilger. Officer and Staff reports were presented, and questions answered. Old business discussions included the 2019 Military Convoy tour, 2021 California Conference, New "Lincoln Highway in the Golden State" Facebook Group site, Trey and Monica Pitenbergers "Adventures in California History" Facebook site, obtaining Lincoln Highway Historic Highway status, clean-up of area surrounding Western Terminus marker. Mark Hoffman spoke on planned US 50 Tour September 29 - October 3. Complete meeting minutes can be found on the Chapters Web site.



Gary Kinst

Joel Windmiller

Paul Gilger

Our California Chapter of the LHA had its quarterly meeting on Saturday October 5th in Loomis, along the old road. Two Meritorious Achievement Awards were presented. These are the highest awards given by our California Chapter. One to [Gary Kinst](#), for his work on our quarterly Traveler online magazine. The Traveler is the premier "road geek" magazine covering all the great details about the Lincoln Highway in California. [Paul Gilger](#) received his award for his work with the Lincoln Highway Military Convoy Tour, which was held this summer, as well as for years of service to the LHA. Standing between them is our President [Joel Windmiller](#) [Trey Pitsenberger](#)

January 2020 Chapter Meeting



At the Historic Smith Flat House El Dorado County few miles east of Placerville



**Exit 49 Point View Drive turn on Jacquier Rd
half mile right on Smith Flat Rd.
Location 2021 Smith Flat Road**



History:

Hotel originally built in 1853 with substantial additions including a blacksmith shop in 1863. In the cellar is the famous opening to the Blue Lead Mine. Known early as "3 Mile House" the building has served as a stagecoach stop, general merchandise store, hotel, post office and community hall for 135 years. This building is perhaps the best-preserved frame structure of its size in the entire Mother Lode. The earliest owner of record was Elihu Meredith who owned hotels in Coloma and on Green Valley Road. According to the Mountain Democrat, this house also served as the voting precinct headquarters from 1854 until after the turn of the century. (Marker Number Eld-007.) Western terminus of California's First State Highway "Lake Tahoe Wagon Road" approved by State of California Bureau of Highways in 1895. Pioneer Alignment of the Lincoln Highway traveled passed the Historic Smith Flat House in 1913.



Lunch Menu:

\$10-20 Soup/Salad, Burgers/Sandwiches, Pizza's

Glass House/Carriage Room Rental Fee:

\$ 10 per person cash collected during meeting sign-up (Grant)

Meeting Agenda

Officer Elections
Officer & Committee Reports
Signage & Marker Updates

On-Line Map
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Presentation LH
& Smith Flat House

TODAY'S LINCOLN HIGHWAY - THE TREY & MONICA ADVENTURE CONTINUES

Forgotten Road



A small section of the Lincoln Highway as seen from Ophir Road, just past the freeway offramp. We would have climbed down and checked it out, but access is quite difficult. This is a long section of the old road that seems impossible to get to. Private property! We talked to the landowner about checking the route out as well as a bridge we spotted. I'm not encouraged by our conversation with him. Private property! Trey



The following photos were taken in 2009 by member, Rich Richmond from Rescue, who after being given permission by the property owner's niece photographed segments of the old highway along with the bridge.



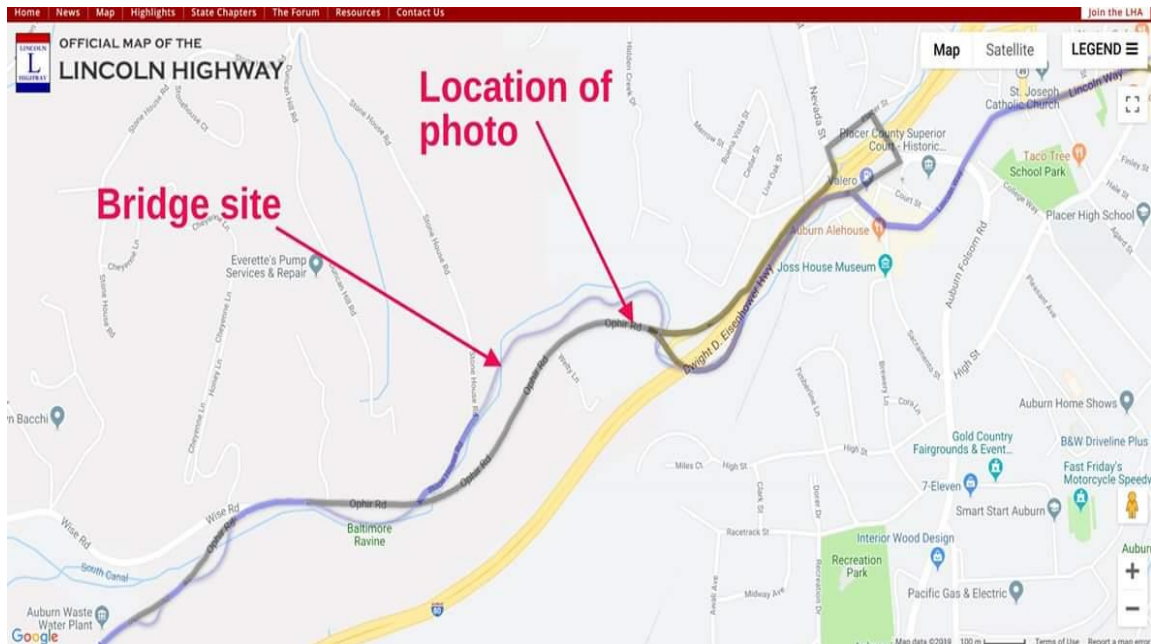
Forgotten Rd. looking toward Stone House Rd.



Looking up Forgotten Rd. from Stone House Rd.



Bridge on Forgotten Rd. built sometime between 1913-31. Even in 2009 the property owner was reluctant to allow further exploration. Past President, Bob Dieterich, explored the segment with members of the Placer County Water Agency prior to replacing a water main in the area,



REMEMBER to follow Trey and Monica's adventures on Facebook "The Lincoln Highway in the Golden State" Facebook Group

TRIVIA





Lincoln Highway signage may be coming to Placerville

By Dylan Svoboda



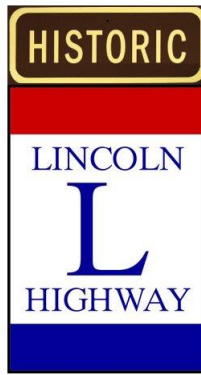
New signage commemorating the historical Lincoln Highway may be coming to Placerville.

Earlier this month the Placerville City Council heard from Trey Pitsenberger, vice president of the Lincoln Highway Association's California Chapter. He asked the council to consider placing small red, white and blue signs to show travelers where the Lincoln Highway came through Placerville.

The Lincoln Highway Association, a group devoted to preserving and promoting the roadway's history, has made establishing Lincoln Highway markers across the country a pet project. Recently the group has established signs in Galt, Rancho Cordova, Auburn and San Joaquin County, according to Pitsenberger.

The signs could spark interest for residents and visitors alike on an overlooked period of Sierra Nevada history.

"We're well acquainted with our 1850s and 1860s, but this is from 1914 to 1925," Pitsenberger said at the Oct. 8 city council meeting. "Placerville worked hard to make sure the highway came this way in 1914 ... I think this is an opportunity for the city to turn this into a celebration of the Lincoln Highway and an educational opportunity. It's a whole other aspect of our history that I think has been missing."



In September Pitsenberger announced that the city of Placerville had requested information on how to begin signing the city.

After Pitsenberger’s presentation earlier this month, the council decided to hold off on moving forward with the signs, citing a desire to get the signs right, according to Mayor Mark Acuna. The city is expected to discuss possible Lincoln Highway signs again in November.

In their original recommendation city staff called for 17 signs at 11 locations utilizing existing infrastructure in some spots and erecting new poles at others. At the meeting Pitsenberger and the council indicated that there is a possibility for even more signs than originally proposed.

The council also spoke of a possible monument explaining the history and significance of the highway. Pitsenberger said the city has an opportunity to boost an already bustling tourism industry.

“If you put the monument in, I believe it will become a focal point of people’s visits to Placerville,” he said. “They’ll want to have their pictures taken next to it. It opens up a whole area for Placerville to celebrate its rich history.”

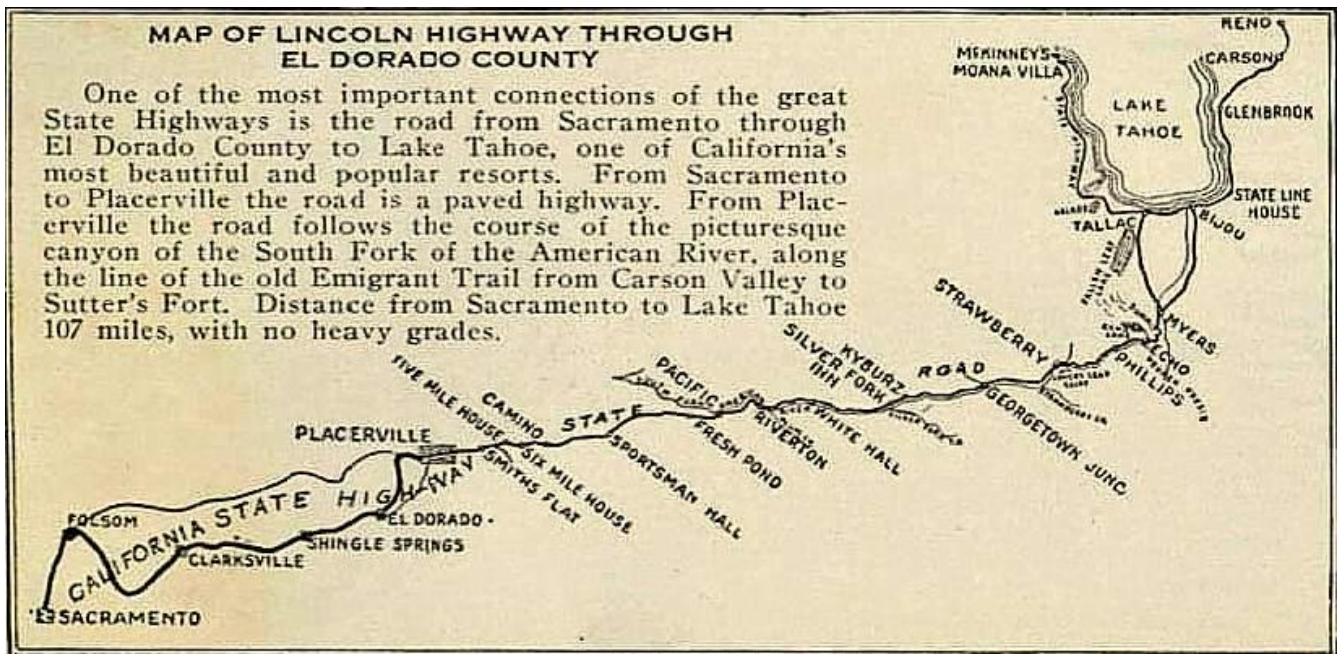
At inception over one hundred years ago, the Lincoln Highway ushered in a new era of transportation in America.

The highway was America’s first transcontinental roadway built specifically with cars in mind. It entered the Golden State from Nevada along both a northern and southern route.

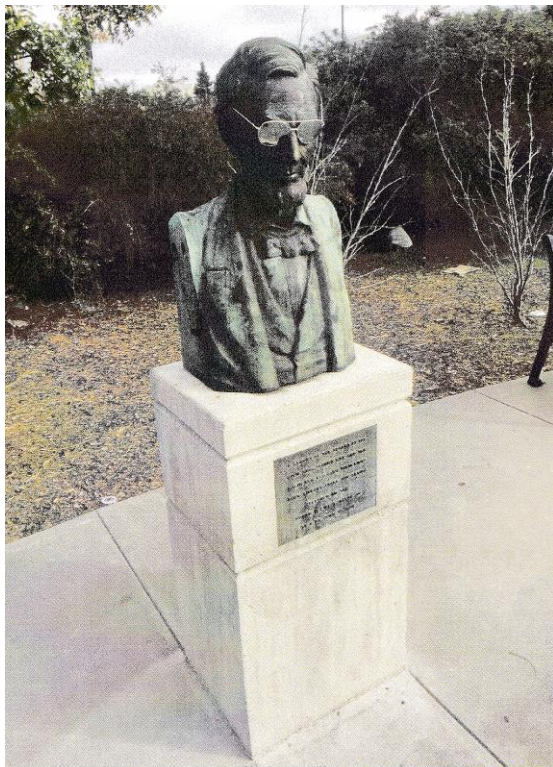
The northern route parallels Interstate 80 from Truckee to the Sacramento. The southern route follows Highway 50 from the south shore of Lake Tahoe to Placerville, and on to Sacramento, where the two routes joined. In Placerville the highway ran right through Broadway and Main Street.

Though it has changed routes over the years, the original Lincoln Highway ran from Times Square in New York City to Lincoln Park in San Francisco through 13 states.

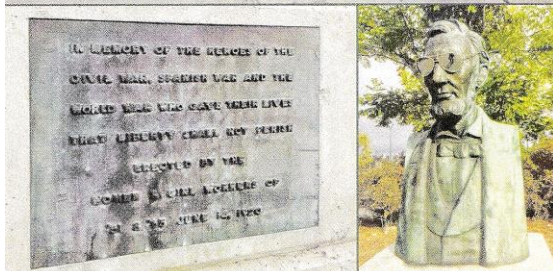
The Highway celebrated its 106th anniversary Oct. 31.



LINCOLN BUST & MONUMENT



In the Fall 2019 issue of the Traveler, Vol. 20 No. 4, a clip was posted regarding the existence of a Lincoln Bust being located by the pond at the Western Terminus. This clip was submitted by Tony Loftin on the Lincoln Highway in the Golden State Facebook Group site. It was described as a bust of Lincoln on a 4-foot pedestal. The photo shown here was submitted by Scott Miner, Life Member #66 of Pleasanton, Ca. It was taken September 26, 2019 in front of the Alameda County Court House in Oakland, Ca. It appears quite like the one mentioned by Tony as last seen in 1960 in SF. The Plaque reads "In memory of the Hero's of the Civil War, Spanish War and the World War who gave their lives that liberty shall not perish." Dedicated by the women and girl workers (not legible) June 12, 1920. No mention as to the end of the Lincoln Highway. That proclamation appeared on the brass wrap around plate at the base of the flagpole.

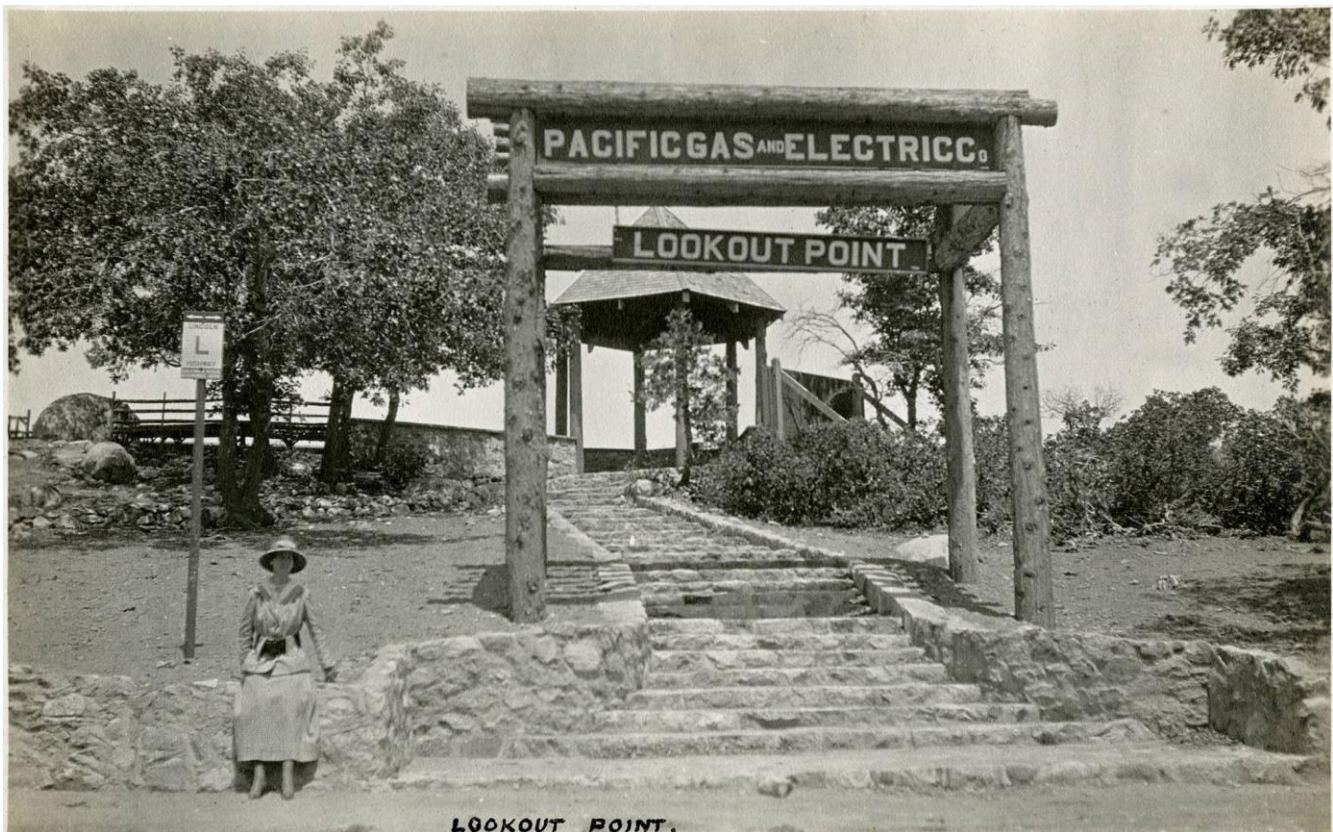


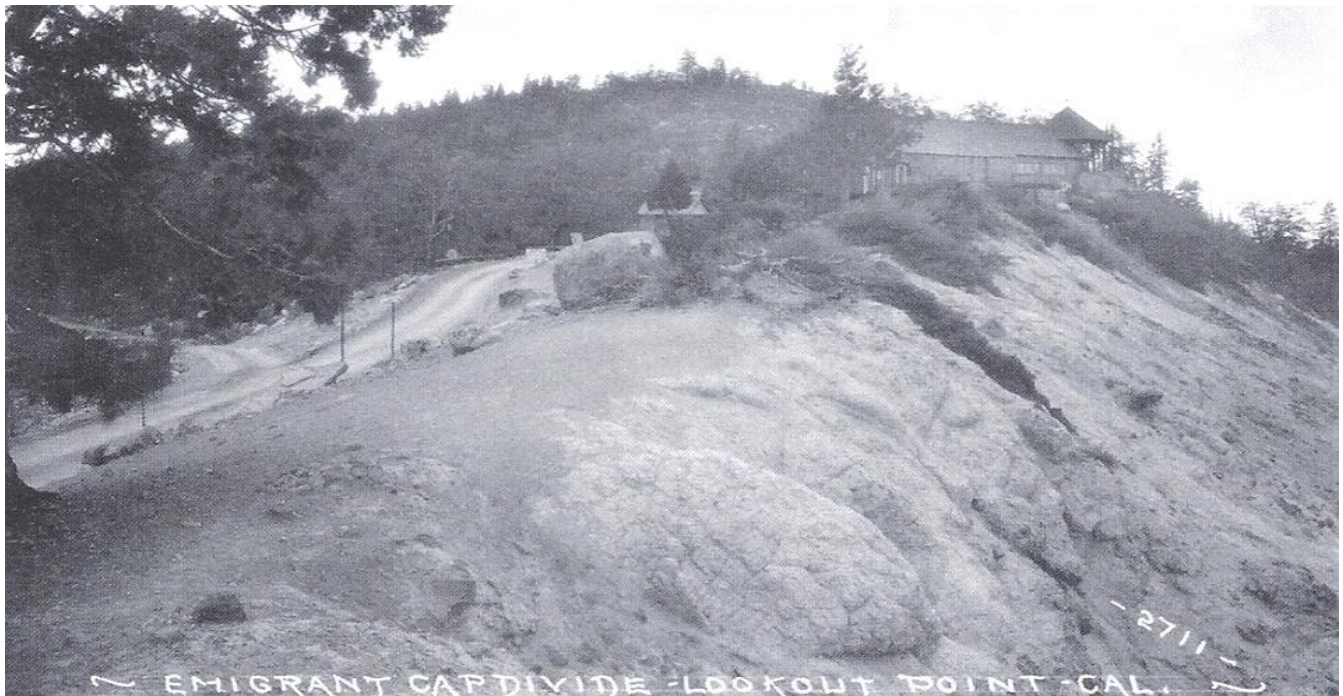
TC Wohlbruck and his Canteen Service Stations by Trey Pitsenberger

Entering the State of California via the Lincoln Highway meant you had two choices to make in Reno. Take the northern route up and over Donner Pass, or take the southern way south of Lake Tahoe and over the summit at Johnson's Pass. Either option meant a hard climb, which was brutal for both people and machines. What was needed was a place to rest body and engine, while picking up supplies to keep both on the road.

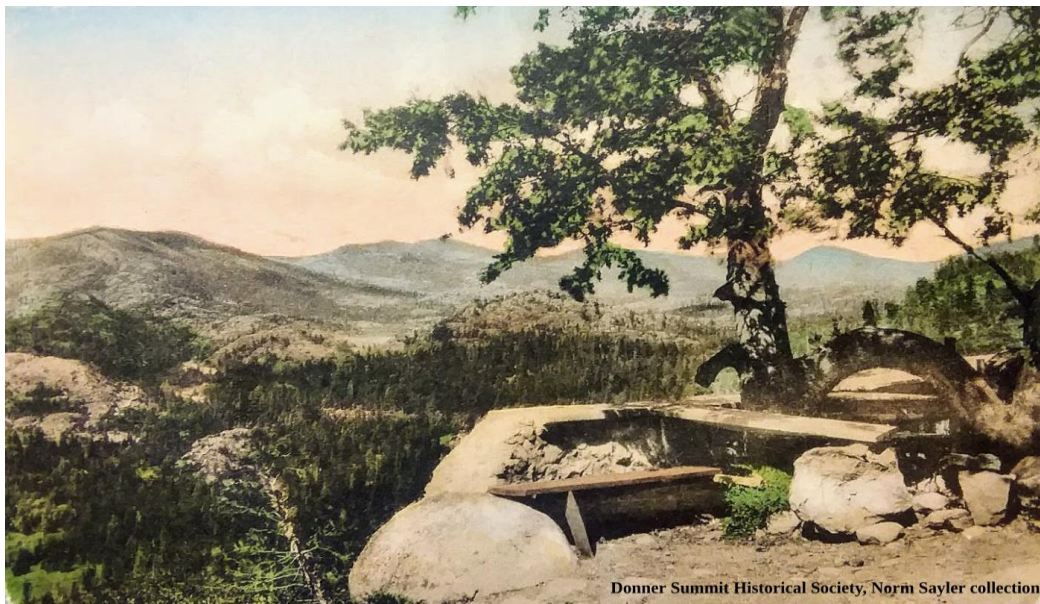
Theodore Clemens Wohlbrück (1879–1936), known as "T.C." Wohlbrück was a photographer who arrived in California in 1912 from Massachusetts after getting a divorce in Reno. He made his living at the time by traveling around the state in his automobile, taking school class pictures. Wohlbrück noticed how important the car was becoming in everyday life. The motors of that time were a bit unreliable and needed regular oil and water top off's, as well as gasoline, to keep moving on the road.

T.C. was an entrepreneur. He saw a need and decided to address it with a business. His idea was to provide these services, as well as food, curios, and rooms for rent. Long before the mini-mart gas stations, we see today T.C. decided to build what he called a "Lookout" and "Canteen Service Station" at Emigrant Gap along the Lincoln Highway's northern route. He had, at this time, also envisioned another canteen at the Donner Memorial, dedicated in 1918, but that project would come later.





"Lookout" and "Canteen Service Station"



Donner Summit Historical Society, Norm Saylor collection

Pacific Gas & Electric (P.G.&E) had built a small "lookout" at emigrant Gap, the historic "gap" in the mountains where the early pioneers had crossed over the spine of mountains and down to Bear Valley. The power company had built the lookout so travelers could stop and take in the fantastic view and watch the construction going on in the distance of the enlarging of Spaulding Dam. However, the site was not occupied and was frequently vandalized, so T.C. made an offer to P.G.&E. He would build his first "Canteen" there while maintaining the integrity of the spot and preventing further damage. This lookout, completed in 1919, included an additional 100 acres that Wohlbrück had purchased from a man named Allen, to prevent anyone else from opening up a competing business, which he had heard was in the works.

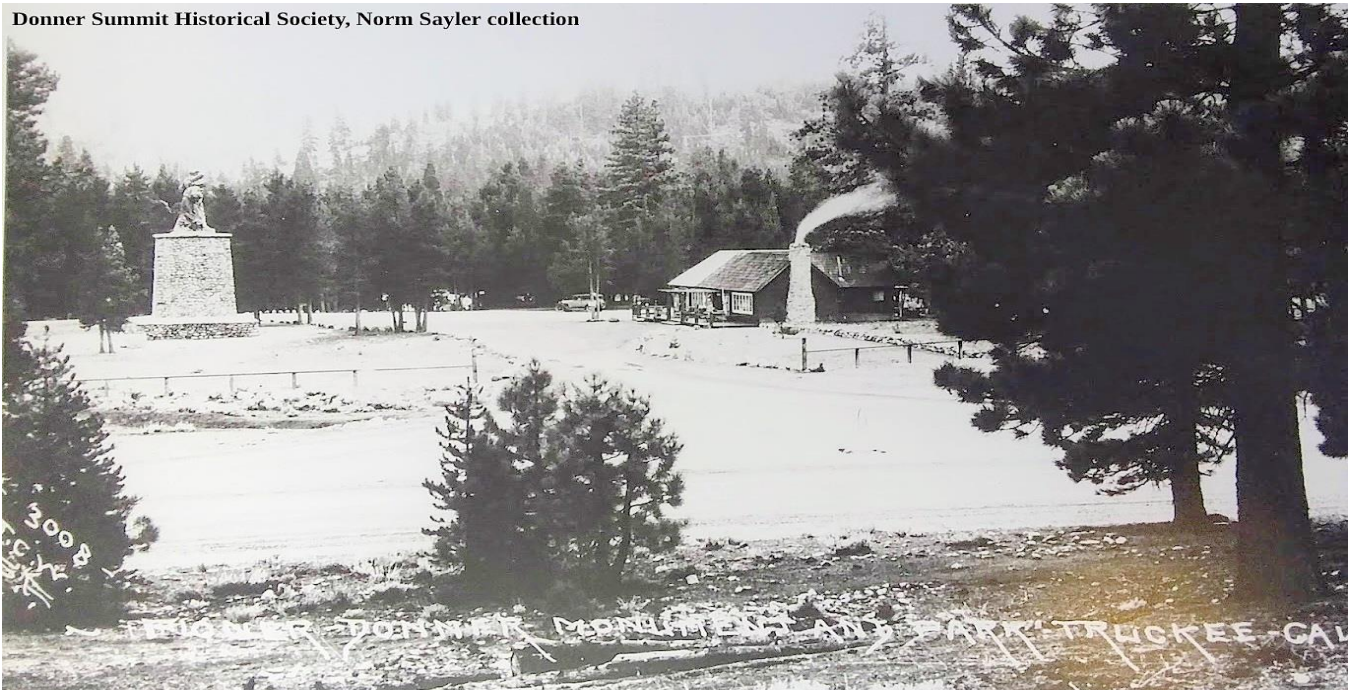


Being the entrepreneur and seeing a need un-addressed, he next built a "Canteen" on Echo Summit at Johnson's Pass to serve Lincoln Highway drivers using the southern route into the state. This location also has a spectacular view, and being on top of the grade made it a perfect place to stop, top up the radiator, and gas to the fuel tank, pick up some food, and perhaps one of Wohlbrück beautiful postcard photographs of the region. It's these photograph postcards that are so wonderful as Wohlbrück was a prodigious photographer, recording many scenes throughout the high Sierra and fortunately for us, The Lincoln Highway.

Wohlbrück's third canteen was near the recently completed Donner Pioneer Memorial in Truckee, just east of Donner Lake. Before the park existed, the monument sat by itself with people removing the rocks at the base as souvenirs. Wohlbrück saw an opportunity and leased the land for from the Native Sons of the Golden West, who owned the property. He offered to protect the monument while servicing travelers with his canteen service station. Visitors had been removing the rocks around the base of the statue, so he put a cap of concrete around it.



Donner Summit Historical Society, Norm Saylor collection



Donner Summit Historical Society, Norm Saylor collection

Although very difficult to locate in this photo, there are two Signal gas pumps located in the background that the State Park didn't realize existed. Located on the highway between the small shrub in center of photo and the trees to the right is a LH concrete marker post.

Wholbruck was an avid collector of memorabilia as well as automobiles. In 1930 he presented his collection to the Horse and Auto Museum in Redwood City. Soon the collection outgrew that space and he moved it to San Jose in 1936. It never opened to the public. Wholbruck asked the State of California if they would build a museum to house his priceless collection of horse-drawn vehicles, automobiles, and antiques, but they declined. Four days before his death on November 28th, 1936 he signed an agreement with the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan. The collection included 152 carriages, coaches, and wagons, 60 motorcars, including the 1913 Mercedes used by Crown Prince Wilhelm of Germany used on the eastern front during World War I, the family carriage of Leyland Stanford and hunting wagon of Mark Hopkins.

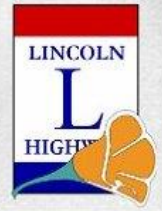


Interior view of Echo Summit Canteen, Some of the hand- made furniture by Wohlbruck still exists in the Alpine Club. Photo on right is the view overlooking Tahoe Valley. Sign at right says, "Make your own postcards from the top of the world. Echo Summit, elevation 7890."



View from porch at Donner Canteen looking toward monument . Interior of Donner Canteen

President's Message



Lincoln Highway Western Terminus CSAA sign in Lincoln Park at The Palace of the Legion of Honor.

Winter 2019

Happy Holiday's from the California Chapter as another year comes to an end. This year has been a busy one for the chapter here are some of the highlights from 2019.

Board Members:



Vice-President: January elected a new Vice President Trey Pitsenberger. Trey has helped the chapter with promotion with his Adventures in California History YouTube segments. 2019 Clarksville Days participating at the chapter booth giving a hands-on history of the Highway. Passing out lecture material. talking to visitors about the history of the highway in addition, showing them the 1915 concrete paving in front of the booth. Painting Lincoln Highway "L" on bridges and railroad subways in the Sierra Nevada foothills of Placer & El Dorado Counties. October Trey took over as interim Field Secretary of Signage after Michael Kaelin stepped down due to health issues.



State Director: Neil Rodrigues stepped down as chapter Vice-President to focus on the promotion of the Highway at the national-state levels. Neil created a Lincoln Highway History pamphlet has been passed out at meetings, events and the national conference. The California Chapter brochure was finally created after many long hours thanks to the efforts of Chapter Historian Gary Kinst and State Director Neil Rodrigues. The Chapter printed a test run of 1000 brochures which was received with high praise from the members and the general public.

Field Secretary of Signage:



At our October chapter meeting, member Michael Kaelin resigned due to health reasons although he will help future signage projects in an advisory role. Chapter VP Trey Pitsenberger has volunteered to fill-in as interim Field Secretary of Signage.

Clarksville Days:



2019 attendance was down from the record levels of 2018 due to the conflicting Centennial celebration for the Rainbow Bridge 1928 alignment of the Lincoln crossing the American River at Folsom, Chapter booth was a big success with the crowd. The possibility of future development of Clarksville was discussed in April with Moe Mohanna who emailed the chapter with the idea to meet with the chapter board to discuss the future of the Bass Lake-Clarksville area. Meeting results the area north of US 50 will have some development as for 1915 concrete will be saved.

Promotion:

Facebook: Chapter now has two Facebook pages "Lincoln Highway in the Golden State" which focuses on Lincoln Highway history, photos, and information here in California. "California Lincoln Highway Association" focuses to announce meetings, special events, donation feature [future] will allow members to help the chapter with purchase of signs, brochures, promotion items, magnets, key chains, shirts, etc. with California Chapter logo Next time you're on Facebook check out our pages!

Media: August 2019 California State Director Neil Rodrigues participated in the Ground-Breaking Ceremony in Hayward, for the LINCOLN LANDING Housing and Shopping Center development, which is along the Lincoln Highway, Foothill Blvd. The Chamber of Commerce was the ones who invited him and really talked up my presence and the Lincoln Highway. Even though the developer chose the name of the development to be named after the Lincoln Highway for the "signs" they can see on portions of Foothill Blvd. no one I spoke with really understood what the Lincoln Highway is and was to travelers and America. So, he dug-in heels with his usual pitch of brief history lesson and ALL were surprised and many amazed at just what the Lincoln Highway is, which added so much more pleasure and significance to their development's name.



VP Neil Rodrigues second from left



President Joel Windmiller

November 2019 Chapter President Joel Windmiller appears on local CBS station story on West Capitol Ave rehabilitation project which includes a new modern Motel construction project standing next to older motel's built during the heyday of travelers following old Lincoln Highway / US 40-99 driving to San Francisco and Sierra Nevada vacation locations.

KAHI Newcastle Radio Show boys of Robin Enos, aka The Portuguese Pirate & The Time Traveler (John Downs), interviewed me for broadcast this Saturday August 3rd at 10 - 10:30 am, on their radio program called the "Newcastle Television Show". KAH1 104.5 FM & 950 AM Auburn, CA

November 2019 California Chapter VP Trey Pitenberger article from the Mountain Democrat on installation of Historic Lincoln Highway signs along Main Street and Broadway in Historic Downtown Placerville, California.



DONNER MUSEUM SUMMER EVENING PRESENTATION TALK – July 20 - Director At Large, Bill Von Tagen, dressed in 1913 period automobile operator’s clothing presented a slide show performance for the Summer Presentation Series in the Donner Historical Society building at the Donner Historical Park, Donner, CA. Bill’s presentation was a combination of historical family photos and Transcontinental Railroad related LH history along with Donner area LH photos, facts and history. A very entertaining presentation.



Chapter Brochure:



California Chapter brochure was finally created after many long hours thanks to the efforts of chapter historian Gary Kinst and State Director Neil Rodrigues. Following from Spring 2019 issue of the "Traveler" The NEW Lincoln Highway California Brochure has been completed, reviewed and submitted to Jim Cassler for initial printing of 1,000 copies. 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.

BROCHURE DISTRIBUTION: 2019 California Directors report Fall 2019 issue Volume # 27 # 1

During the last four months, CA Director Rodrigues has distributed over one thousand Lincoln Highway Brochures to Visitor Centers, Museums, City Chamber of Commerce, Lincoln Highway business and to every interested party he meets during his travels in 2019, which include 2019 meetings, the 2019 Conference, 2019 Convoy Tour and any other organization or tour destinations he visited. Many of these operations are greatly interested in acquiring these brochures for regular hand out to their interested travelers and patrons. Director Rodrigues directs any organization which makes requests for the Lincoln Highway "General" Brochure to contact the LH Trading Post for further supply. WWW.LHTP.COM

Rainbow Lodge July Meeting:

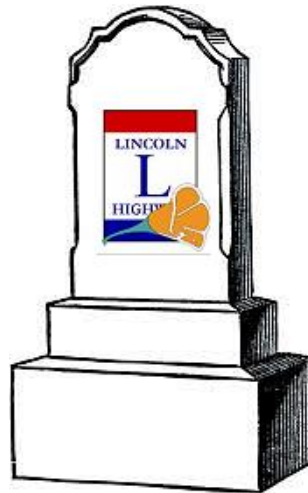
July Chapter meeting held at the Historic Rainbow Lodge in Soda Springs after years of attempts to contact the owners concerning holding a chapter meeting at the Rainbow Lodge. State Director Neil Rodrigues tracked down the current property managers and owners. Talked about the possibility of holding a chapter meeting and lunch at the lodge after several emails and phone calls an agreement was reached and on July 13th our summer meeting. This meeting will be one to remember and will be talked about for years to come. Time of writing composing this report new chapter meeting attendance record 45 members and interested individuals enjoyed an afternoon at the Historic Rainbow Lodge.



Meritorious Achievement Awards:

Honored to present "Three" Meritorious Achievement Awards to deserving members for all their work and dedication to promotion of the Lincoln Highway. In January following our winter chapter meeting in Rocklin eleven members traveled a few miles to Kristen Dieterich Thomas home in Loomis. Presented Bob Dieterich with the first award for his 25+years of service to the chapter and association as Chapter President/VP and State Director. Quote from Bob "I appreciate it more than words can express.

It was the surprise of my life and making the cover of the "Traveler" was an honor. That means more to me than making the cover of "Time." Awards two and three were presented at our fall meeting in Penryn to chapter historian Gary Kinst for years of detailed research creating and editing the chapter's newsletter "The Traveler". Also, to Paul Gilger for years of service as chapter president / VP / tour guide in addition for hours of research in creating our online map of Lincoln Highway New York to San Francisco.



In Memoriam: This year the Chapter lost two founding members who traveled the "Golden Highway"



March 27th Robert "Bob" Dieterich passed away in his home in Fair Oaks, California at the age of 81. Fittingly, he was in the family room with all his LHA books, Forums, maps, convention memorabilia, and the treasured awards he received. Quote from Gary from the summer issue of the Traveler "It is very rare that the cover of the Traveler features the same individual or topic in back-to-back issues. It is with heavy heart that we follow our previous issue, in which the California Chapter recognized Past President and State Director Bob Dieterich with the Chapters first Meritorious Achievement Award."



May 2nd Jack Eugene Duncan passed away peacefully in his Newcastle home surrounded by his family in his home in Newcastle, California. He is survived by his daughter Carla Cox, son David (Judy) Duncan, and daughter Linda (Neil) Wyse. Other survivors include four grandchildren, two great grandsons, nieces & nephews. A fourth generation California native, Jack developed an interest in researching transportation history in Northern California, authoring two books: *To Donner Pass from the Pacific* and *A Study of Cape Horn Construction on the Central Pacific Railroad*.

Signage:



West Sacramento



Bill Von Tagen



Subway Lincoln "L" Logo



Historic Downtown Auburn

Placer County Railroad Subway Project: Contacted the Placer County Public Works Department in Kings Beach concerning painting our red, white and blue Lincoln Highway "L" on all the Railroad subways between Applegate and Baxter's constructed between 1927-31 for US 40 in the Sierra Nevada mountains. Original alignment of the Lincoln crossed the railroad tracks at grade crossing. Painting our symbol on the subways will assure the driver there following near the route. In October El Dorado County was added to the project with the painting of the 1918 Webber Creek Bridge. Michael Kaelin after years of dedicated service to the chapter as field secretary of signage stepped down due to health issues. October Chapter VP Trey Pitsenberger volunteers to fill in as interim field secretary of signage. Trey went right to work on signing Historic Downtown Placerville & Auburn. Plans to work with El Dorado and Placer County officials filling in the gaps in signage along alignments in both counties.

Chapter President Joel Windmiller worked with City of West Sacramento in installing pair of Historic LH sign along West Capitol Ave at Jefferson Blvd. In 2020 after the completion of the West Capitol Ave Restoration Project installing two additional replica 1928 concrete markers. Making a grand total of 5 markers for the city of West Sacramento sign at the intersections of Harbor and Jefferson Blvds. In July Director at Large Bill Von Tagen installed new Historic Lincoln Highway Sign at the entrance to Donner Memorial State Park. Old sign was ripped apart by the record snow fall in winter 2018 by rotary snowplows clearing Donner Pass Road and park entrance.

Signage location inventory:

In January compiled information on locations of signs posted along all 5 alignments of the Lincoln Highway in California. Reason database will help the chapter with future signage projects including replacement of damage signs.



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.

Marker Restorations:



Big Bend

After years of summer heat and winter storms some of the replica markers posted along the route. Markers are showing signs of concrete spalling and colors fading. Four markers, two located in West Sacramento, Gold Run & near the Donner Summit Bridge in Placer County. Concrete weatherized coating to protect from further concrete deterioration which makes the markers look like new. Freshen up the colors so the red, white and blue look and stand proud for the chapter. Work completed by Chapter President Joel Windmiller

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 snowplow 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.

Stone Bridge near Strawberry "Pioneer Alignment" El Dorado County:

Report by State Director Neil Rodrigues: Efforts in placing concrete bags at the base of the bridge foundation shoring results after the rains and creek currents the concrete bags held unfortunately most the rocks washed away

None the less, the cement bags turned to concrete as I knew and are now protecting the under soil from further erosion. The cosmetic rockwork needs larger stones to keep from washing away or more cement bags to fill the corner. Placement of larger stones at the base of the foundation will be completed at a future date during the spring or summer of 2020.



1919 Military Convoy's Re-Enactment :

September 2019: Chapter President and VP greeted and welcomed the MVPA convoy at the fairgrounds in Placerville. Three days later greeted the LH military Convoy at Moe Mohanna's Event Center in Clarksville along Tong Road original 'Pioneer Alignment" of the Lincoln Highway. Was an enjoyable evening meeting and renewing old friendships with fellow Lincoln Highway members.



Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Looking forward to another year full of events and projects to help promote the Historic Lincoln Highway here in the Golden State.

 **Lincoln Highway Association**
CALIFORNIA CHAPTER
Joel Windmiller President LHA

NEW LH SIGNS in AUBURN



I hope this group will take notice of the new Lincoln Highway signs that were installed by the Auburn Public Works Department in cooperation with the California Chapter of the Lincoln Highway Association. One set of signs is located at Lincoln Way and Sacramento Street, while the others were placed near the courthouse at the top of the hill, and in front of Auburn Leaf and Bean Coffee. The Association donated the signs, and The City installed them.

These signs are a significant addition to the community. They are a reminder every time you pass by of the tremendous historical significance The Lincoln Highway had to the community. We hope local citizens, as well as tourists, will embrace the importance and take the time to reflect on our shared history. The best result we can hope for is someone seeing the sign and asking, "what was the Lincoln Highway?" or "I didn't know it went through our town!" Without the colorful signs, they might have never known. What an easy method to bring to life a fascinating part of our history. Look for more signs to be installed in the near future.

Auburn, a Lincoln Highway town!

Trey Pitsenberger

MARK YOUR 2020 CALENDAR

Saturday **JANUARY 11, 2020**
12:00 Noon

State Chapter Meeting
Smith Flat House
2021 Smith Flat Rd
Placerville, Ca

Saturday **APRIL 4, 2020**
12:00 Noon

State Chapter Meeting
(Location TBA)

JUNE 22 – 25

2020 National Conference
Joilet, Ill

Saturday **JULY 11, 2020**
12:00 Noon

State Chapter Meeting
(Location TBA)

Saturday **OCTOBER 3, 2020**
12:00 Noon

State Chapter Meeting
(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.lincolnhighway.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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