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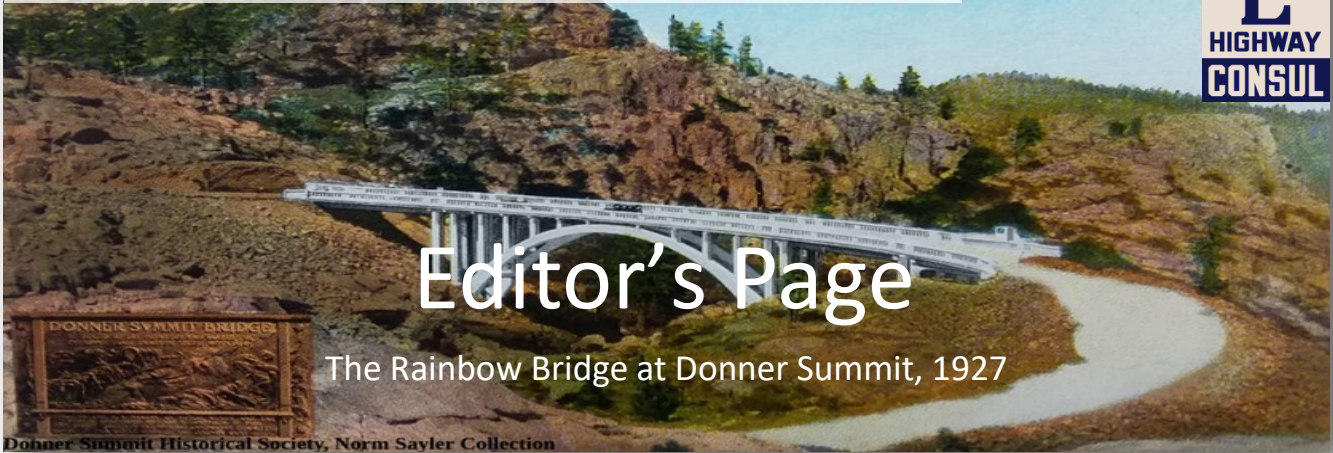
January 15 • 12 noon via Zoom

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Editor's Page

The Rainbow Bridge at Donner Summit, 1927

Donner Summit Historical Society, Norm Saylor Collection



Trey Pitsenberger
Editor

The California Chapter held its Fall meeting at the home of Kristin Dieterich Thomas, daughter of our former President, Bob Dieterich. Kristin and her husband Joe have created a fantastic venue at their barn and house on Sisley Drive in Penryn, on the northern route of the Lincoln Highway.



There was delicious food as well as displays of Lincoln Highway memorabilia. One member even caught a catfish in the pond out front. Many thanks to Kristin and her husband for allowing us to hold our meeting there.

Pictured at left: Jeff Peterson and his catfish! The fish was set free shortly after the photo.

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Our former historian and Traveler newsletter editor, Gary Kinst, passed away on October 20. Being a large part of our Association, Gary singlehandedly communicated the vital information for the Chapter in the days before widespread Internet access. Starting on page 4 we have included a tribute to our fellow member.

The California Chapter is now in possession of a rare artifact from the western terminus at Lincoln Park in San Francisco. The original bronze plaque, "END OF THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY," has been recovered from an anonymous seller and is now safe. This bronze plaque is a fantastic find and couldn't have happened without the help of Russell Rein, LHA's at-large director, who was alerted to its existence from a fellow road enthusiast. Russ resides out of state, so Monica and I contacted the seller and arranged to buy it and transport it to the Chapter's archive. Read more about this fantastic find on page 13. If you would



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like to view the plaque in person, we will have it displayed at our next meeting on January 15.

Chapter President Joel Windmiller has been working with Caltrans to procure copies of original highway design plans for areas around the Lincoln Highway. What a treasure trove of material it is, ranging from plans for the initial alignments of the 1913 Lincoln Highway into the 1930s. These will make finding the older alignments easier and point out old buildings and auto campgrounds that have been long forgotten.



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Gary Kinst

California Chapter Historian and Editor, The Traveler

1943–2021



*Gary standing on the Lincoln Highway near
Cherry Glen Road just North of Pena Adobe
Regional Park.*

Gary Kinst, our former chapter historian and Traveler editor, passed away on October 20, 2021. Gary was the “voice” of the chapter from 2005 to 2020, as he edited this newsletter and acted as our chapter historian. Gary was very interested in the details and, as such, produced a newsletter that was very well received by a membership which also enjoyed the background and details of our favorite highway. It is easy to underestimate Gary’s influence, as he himself was a quiet man.

Gary set the standard as chapter historian and newsletter editor for the entire association. He performed detailed, dedicated research to put together a first-class newsletter every quarter for 16 years. Our chapter was fortunate to have him as a member. Gary told me after becoming a member, “Reading and talking to you about your online postings on researching highway history in California was one of the reasons I joined the LHA.” Gary will be remembered as a pioneer in communicating the importance of the Lincoln Highway in transportation history in the U.S.

— Joel Windmiller, President of the California Chapter

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Gary Kinst

Gary was one of the first people I met within the Lincoln Highway Association. His passion for the highway and its colorful history, as evidenced by the glint in his eye and his animated voice whenever he spoke about it, inspired and elevated my interest in the Lincoln. — Joe Teresi



The Tracy City Government asked Gary to help provide photographs and history when the city replaced a historic 1936 overpass on their portion of the Lincoln Highway. Tracy was to build a \$46.5 million overpass, and they wanted Gary to find appropriate photos for 64 concrete and brick pedestals along the 8-foot walkways. The plaques bear images culled from Tracy's history, chosen by Gary. [Read more about that project here.](#)

Gary was one of the most impressive, hard working and diligent historians I've ever met. We were so fortunate he found us and became a big contributor to the Lincoln Highway Association. History will remember him well." — Paul Gilger

Gary and members of the California Chapter at the Lathrop Marker Dedication on December 8, 2007.

From left to right: Bob Dieterich, James Lin, Gary Kinst, Paul Gilger, Norm Root, Lloyd Johnson, Mike Kaelin, and Carolyn Lignos.



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Gary Kinst

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Gary knew almost EVERYTHING about the highway. There must have been an entire section in his head marked "Lincoln Highway facts." He was a huge resource when we put together longer tours of the Lincoln. — Mark Hoffmann

"Gary stepped in as the editor of The Traveler at just the right time. His knowledge of the highway was deep, and his enthusiasm was infectious. I enjoyed working with him, and we will all miss him dearly." — James Lin

I remember looking up some facts about Slippery Ford, a historic 19th-century crossing in the High Sierra. The only entry I could find online was one of Gary's articles in the Traveler. He had details and photos that were a great help in my research. It also introduced me to the Lincoln Highway. Gary's extensive writings over 14 years also introduced many others to the Lincoln Highway. We will be reading Gary's research for many, many years as all the Traveler articles are searchable on the Internet. Gary's influence will continue for decades, inspiring a whole new generation of Lincoln Highway enthusiasts.

I think that would make Gary very happy. Thanks for the memories!



Gary standing on the 11th Street overcrossing in Tracy.

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Gary Kinst

Gary's daughter, [Kimberly Kinst Van Pelt](#), wrote the following on Gary's Facebook Page. She gave us permission to reprint it here.

I am the luckiest daughter in the world to have a dad like mine. My dad was loving, hard working, talented, smart, crafty, handy, supportive and emotional. He was a hard worker that worked lots of long hours, but he always found time to be there for me. He always showed up at special events or games. He was my biggest cheerleader, always cheering me on no matter what sport I was playing. I remember as a kid sitting on the couch with him watching the Raiders play, spending summers camping or fishing up in Downieville at my grandma's house.

I was the only girl growing up in the family, with my brother Jeff and only boy cousins for a long time. But my dad always included me in the activities, whether that was riding ATVs, going fishing, or helping him with projects around the house. Every year, they did a father/son camping trip, and I remember the year he finally said I could go, I was so excited and felt so included. My dad was always involved and offering to help with building things. He was a very talented man, from building a spaceship for my 8th grade graduation dance, to making special fence signs for all the kids in the 4-H lamb club, to helping with special projects when I was in the Girl Scouts. I loved that while I was growing up, and still to this day he wasn't just special to me but all of my friends. He was so involved in my life that all my friends were lucky enough to get to know him and enjoy lots of great conversations and times with him. Chris and the guys frequently included him on guys' nights out, coming home with the funniest stories.



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Gary Kinst

To say my dad was emotional is an understatement. I definitely got this trait from him. It didn't take much to get him choked up. A commercial, a feel good story, the movie Rudy was a full box of tissue, witnessing a special event, watching his kids or grandkids play sports, talking about his grandkids. You name it, and some point every time we were together, something brought tears of joy to my dad's eyes. I know that I had a special bond with my dad, but my kids were his whole world. I am so thankful that they got so many years filled with so many memories with him. **My dad definitely instilled in me a love of seeking out different unique places to explore and learn about. Because of this, once I had kids I made it a point to take them to so many different places, and my parents joined in on a lot of these adventures.**

Although we went a lot of places, it will be the small things that I will remember most. My dad helping Jacob build his mission. Jacob and my dad sitting on the couch discussing conspiracy theories or scientific discoveries. Riley and my dad playing games in the pool. Riley FaceTiming with them, putting different filters on them, and my dad laughing so hard he was crying. My dad watching both kids play their sports and cheering them on. Hearing my dad talking so proud about his grandchildren. My dad volunteering to help make things for their school carnivals and working at them. They really had a unique bond.

My dad also spent a lot of his time researching the Lincoln Highway. He was the historian for the local chapter and even worked hard in writing a book about it. He also was part of the dedication of the new Lincoln Highway overpass in Tracy and even has his name in a plaque on it that will forever be there to remind us of his dedication and love of the Highway.

I know that he is gone, but I am so thankful for all the memories I have that I can hold onto. I love you Daddy, and I know you are up there watching over us. Gone, but never forgotten!

— Kimberly Kinst Van Pelt, Gary's daughter



Daughter Kimberly, Gary, and wife Carol standing on the 11th Street Overpass in Tracy.



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**Glacier
Point
near
Meyers**

Presidents Report



*Joel Windmiller
President*

As another year comes to a close, the California chapter has been slowly returning to holding regular in-person chapter meetings, after conducting five Zoom meetings.

We hope to continue moving forward with in-person meetings for 2022.

Chapter activities for 2021:

President:

- **Meetings:** January and April were Zoom meetings. July's chapter meeting was held at Moe Mohnanna's Event Center and Ranch in Clarksville. October's meeting was held at the Barn on the property of Kristen Dieterich in Penryn.
- **Chapter archives:** In August, I contacted Adriane Dieterich concerning Bob Dieterich's collection of Lincoln Highway papers and artifacts. The collection also included items from Norm Root given to Bob after Norm's passing. The chapter now has an impressive collection of documents about the history of the Lincoln Highway in California, the Association's letters dating back to its founding, maps from the California Division of Highways, and documents and photos of Chapter events and tours. Chapter VP & Historian Trey Pitsenberger volunteered to store the collection.
- **Right-of-way maps:** I contacted Caltrans requesting old right-of-way section maps dated 1913–1940. Caltrans sent over 200 PDF files for all 5 alignments. I researched the files locating their exact sections along the highway for each county, town and city. From that, I created a database of the maps with their properties, including the route section, the municipalities, and the time it was made. This will be used for historical reference for future articles in *The Traveler* and the LHA Mapping Committee.
- **Caldor Fire:** The fire started on August 14 near the small town of Grizzly Flats. It headed east toward Lake Tahoe, burning over 200,000 acres and closing a section of US 50. About 30 miles of along US 50, the Pioneer alignment of the Lincoln Highway, from Riverton to Echo Summit was burned.

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- **Marker Tour:** Gene Rabel and his wife began a cross-country road trip in early 2021 in New York. They searched for as many Lincoln Highway concrete markers as original and replicas posted along the route. They met and talked with hundreds of people during their trip. On May 17, Gene stopped by my place to view the collection of donated markers, and we had an interesting discussion about the highway's journey and history.
- **Terminus Marker:** On Saturday, May 26, I traveled to San Francisco to inspect and clean the Western Terminus Marker [#2436], which stands in Lincoln Park near the Palace of the Legion of Honor. It is one of the most photographed Lincoln Highway concrete markers.
- **Placerville Markers:** Back in 2013, the California chapter accepted a donation of two original 1928 concrete markers damaged by a snowplow, which need to be recast after a suitable historical location is found. At the request of the donor, the markers are to be placed along the Pioneer alignment of the Lincoln Highway in El Dorado County. The current plan is to donate one of the markers to Moe Mohanna of Clarksville, after its post is repaired.
- **1930 journey from Placerville to Lake Tahoe:** Copy of an old real to real taped interview. 1930 journey of a postal mail carrier Elmer Butts traveling roundtrip along the Pioneer Route of the Lincoln Highway US 50 Placerville to Tahoe. This would make an excellent article for a future issue of the Traveler and the Adventures in California History blog.

Vice-President:

- Back in 2020, Vice-President Trey Pitsenberger made a suggestion to the national board to add a donation feature to the website, so that members could donate to chapter projects. James Lin implemented it, along with the new online membership feature, at the beginning of 2021.
- Trey worked with Folsom city officials and public works department to have Historic Lincoln Highway signs created and posted along original 1913 and 1928 alignments, including Rainbow Bridge, Folsom Boulevard, and Sutter, Riley, and Bidwell Streets. Trey also checked on the status of the 1928 LH marker donated by Lee Holifield and Ray Helm in 2009 to the Folsom History Museum. During a Zoom meeting, Trey presented two options for the marker: put it back outside along the Folsom Street alignment of the Lincoln Highway, or put it on permanent display in the museum (to prevent vandalism) and put a replica outside instead.
- Trey volunteered at the national level, by joining the LHA marketing committee in January, followed by becoming VP of the national Lincoln Highway Association.

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- In November, a 1917 bronze plaque commemorating the end of the Lincoln Highway, originally attached to the base of a flagpole base near the Palace of the Legion of Honor, was purchased by Trey for the LHA from the owner in San Francisco. Trey will display the artifact at chapter meetings and local and national events.
- Former chapter historian Gary Kinst researched and created a book titled *The Lincoln Highway in California* for Arcadia Publishing's "Images of America" series. This project was tabled a few years back due to the cost of royalties. Trey proposed continuing the project, which would involve donations from members, searching for a new publisher, and finding alternate photos in the public domain.

State Director:

- State director Neil Rodrigues created a new discussion group for California hosted by Groups.io link <https://groups.io/g/LHACA>. Neil reports: **"This is NOT a Social Network, so it is a much more serious, safer, and a better tool to simply convey directly to association members of happenings in our organization. Your email and information will not be 'friended' and will not be sold or distributed into the Cyber web... Once signed up, you use the new email address the same way as sending emails – type LHACA@Groups.io into your email's 'TO' line, and your email will be sent out to all on the list. Also, the LHA CA has a more efficient and simple tool to send out important LH information."**
- Neil is working on creating a brochure of a present-day Lincoln Highway "Wish Bone Driving Tour," from Sacramento, up the I-80/old US 40 alignment, around Lake Tahoe, and back on US 50. Car and motorcycle clubs often approach Neil with interest and requests for specific drive tour information of the Lincoln, especially the Sierras and Lake Tahoe. Although he points them to our national map, many want a well-detailed and clearly defined paper map, similar to the paper map Paul Gilger last published in 2010. Printing our LHA Google map loses detail.
- On July 20, 2021, Neil gave a presentation to the Northern California Chapter of the Buick Club of America over Zoom titled "What is the Lincoln Highway", consisting of 31 slides. The presentation was weighted towards California, but it can be tailored to other states and national interest by changing the landmark photos.

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- A documentary of the 1919 Army Convoy along the Lincoln Highway is being made, based on Michael Owen's book on the subject titled *After Ike*.

Tours with Mark Hoffman

- Every year, through his company Sports Leisure Vacations, Mark plans a coach tour of the Lincoln Highway, to San Francisco or over the Sierra Nevada. The tours feature historic locations and views of how travelers crossed California along the route.
- At the July meeting, Mark gave a presentation on what travelers are dealing with due to the Covid pandemic. He also discussed a proposed tour ending at the conference in Joliet.



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Lincoln Highway Style

With Trey and Monica Pitsenberger

The End of the Lincoln Highway

An exciting discovery of a long lost artifact from the western terminus of the Lincoln Highway has been found and is now in possession of the Lincoln Highway Association (LHA): a bronze plaque that reads “END OF THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY”. It is shown in the photo below, under the replica Lincoln Highway concrete terminus post at the Palace of the Legion of Honor in San Francisco’s Lincoln Park. That post was installed in 2002 by the LHA.



Monica and Trey

The plaque is from 1917 and is the only known object remaining from the terminus area. Considering that the original concrete terminus post was set in 1928, this plaque was the official terminus marker from 1917 to 1928.

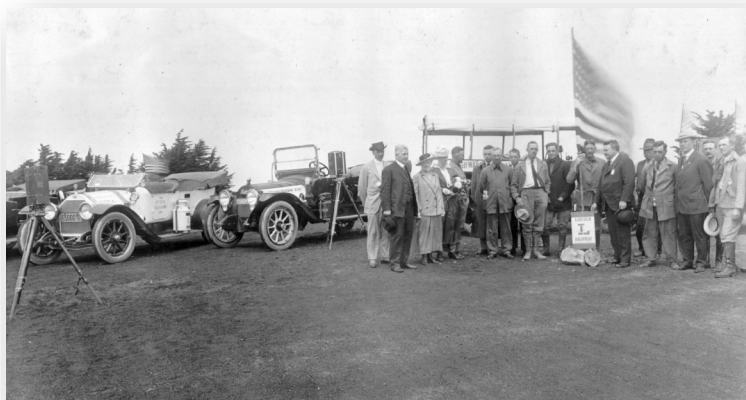


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The Terminus of the Lincoln Highway was originally marked by a metal sign attached to a post from 1915 to 1917. The photo at right shows LHA vice-president Henry C. Ostermann holding a flag, accompanied by San Francisco mayor (and future California governor) James A. Rolph, with his hand on the sign. The sign, which in the photo appears to be leaning against some rocks, would be attached to a post.



On July 4, 1917, the Native Daughters of the Golden West dedicated a large flagpole. The flagpole, made of a Douglas fir that had washed ashore by the Golden Gate, was dedicated to Betsy Ross, the purported creator of the flag of the United States. The pole had a bronze plaque that depicted an unfurled American flag. The circular base had two bronze strips affixed to the edge. One strip paid homage to Betsy Ross, while the other proclaimed "END OF THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY."



The photo at left shows an automobile circling the flagpole at the Palace of the Legion of Honor. You can see the bronze plaque depicting a billowing U.S. flag on the post, while the concrete base below has a dedication to Betsy Ross.



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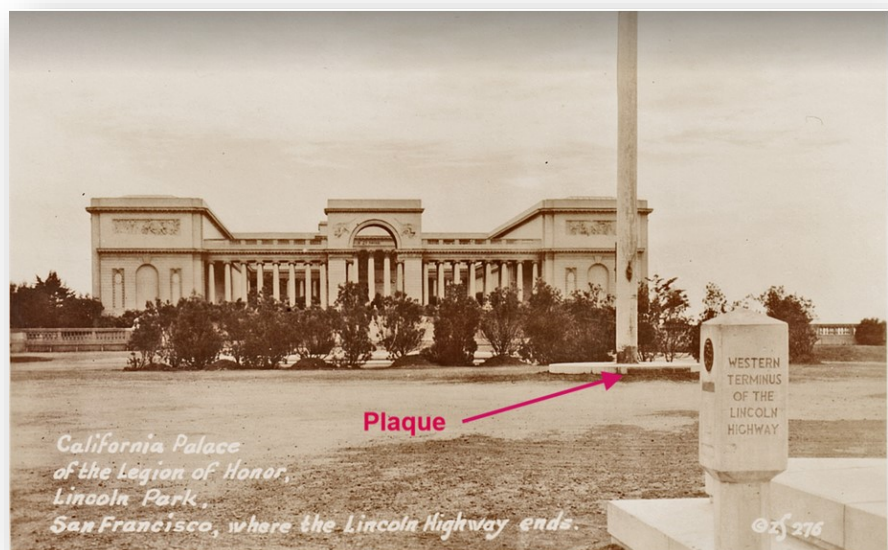


On September 1, 1928, the Boy Scouts placed a concrete terminus post at the site. The photo at left is the only known one to capture the moment. Pictured is Eagle Scout Charles Blum (on right) admiring the installation. Source of the photo is unknown. The last known photo of this western terminus marker appeared in 1947.

Sometime after that, it was removed and went missing, leaving the bronze plaque as the only marker celebrating the terminus of the Lincoln Highway. During the 1970s, the wooden flagpole had deteriorated and was removed, along with the bronze plaques. From that date, until the state chapter installed the replica concrete post in 2002, there was no terminus marker.

To remedy this situation, on June 14, 2002, San Francisco Boy Scout Troop 17 and a delegation from the California Chapter of the LHA, including members and guests, set a replica "Western Terminus" marker in Lincoln Park approximately 100 yards from the original location. Chapter President Norm Root recreated the marker.

The photo at the right shows the Palace of the Legion of Honor, an art museum located in Lincoln Park, the flagpole, and the concrete terminus marker in the foreground. Today there is a large reflecting pool where the shrubs shown in the photo were.



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Late last year, the bronze plaque, missing since the 1970s, was offered at an online sale. An alert friend of the Lincoln Highway contacted our own Russell Rein to the sale. Being located back east, Russ got Monica and me to look into purchasing and retrieving the artifact. It was a cold, rainy day as we met the seller and bought the item. We then took it back to Lincoln Park, where it had announced the end of the Lincoln Highway for well over 50 years.

The photo below shows the bronze plaque at the base of the reflecting pool in front of the Palace of the Legion of Honor. It was a privilege to be a part of this recovery, and I hope that someday the LHA can find the original concrete 1928 post from wherever it's been making its home all these years.

The bronze plaque will be available for viewing at our next in-person chapter meeting.



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MARK YOUR 2022 CALENDAR

Saturday, **January 15, 2022**

12:00 Noon

State Chapter Meeting

Online via Zoom

Saturday, **April 10, 2022**

12:00 Noon

State Chapter Meeting

(Location TBA)

Saturday, **July 9, 2022**

12:00 Noon

State Chapter Meeting

(Location TBA)

Saturday, **October 8, 2022**

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 website. Contact Joel Windmiller <joelwindmiller@att.net> regarding the mailing of postcards and, if the meeting is online, for the Zoom password.

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.

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 2022 LHA Conference, go to www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org





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Quarterly Chapter Meeting Minutes – Saturday, October 9, 2021

Home of Kristin Dieterich
Penryn, California

1. Meeting called to order at 1:38 PM
2. Welcome/Presentation
 - a. Thank you to Kristin for lunch and time on the property. It was a lovely day and the food was wonderful. The pond and fishing was fun.
3. Introductions [Joel]
 - a. It was a pleasure meeting horse and donkey Thor and Leroy. The chickens added lots of fun to our meeting.
4. Attendance Sign-in Count: [Joel and Paulette]
 - a. 30 members and guests
5. Approval of July 2021 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Greg Gassman. The motion was seconded by Greg Beemer. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Officer, Staff, and Committee Reports [* did not attend]
 - a. Neil Rodrigues: State Director *
 - i. Could not attend because he is recovering from Covid. He'll be back for the January meeting.
 - ii. On July 20, 2021, Neil gave a presentation to the Northern California Chapter of the Buick Club of America over Zoom titled "What is the Lincoln Highway", consisting of 31 slides. The presentation was weighted towards California, but it can be tailored to other states and national interest by changing the landmark photos.
 - iii. Neil will be planning to present to the Model T Club in future months. Date not as yet determined.
 - vi. The National Automobile Museum in Reno is interested in adding Lincoln Highway mementoes to its gift shop. However, the Nevada chapter reported that several attempts to contact the museum has gone unanswered, which may be related to the change in management.
 - v. 2022 National Conference in Joliet, Illinois will take place on June 20–24.

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b. Joel Windmiller: President

- i. Thanks to Kristin for allowing us to be here today. Her father Bob is definitely here with us in the room. Great food and great place.
- ii. Sisley Road history: An alignment of the Lincoln and Victory Highways travels in front of the Dieterich's home along Sisley Road. It is the longest intact section of original concrete road way in Placer County. It was built under California Highway Contract #164, which was funded by the State Highway Act of 1915, approved by the legislature in 1915 and by voters in 1916. The contract, awarded to AC McLean Construction, specified pouring a 15-foot-wide concrete roadway between Penryn to Auburn, a distance of 7 miles. Construction cost \$72,532 in 1915, about \$2 million in today's dollars.
- iii. In August, Joel contacted Adriane Dieterich concerning Bob Dieterich's collection of Lincoln Highway papers and artifacts. The collection also included items from Norm Root given to Bob after Norm's passing. The chapter now has an impressive collection of documents about the history of the Lincoln Highway in California, the Association's letters dating back to its founding, maps from the California Division of Highways, and documents and photos of Chapter events and tours. Chapter VP & Historian Trey Pitsenberger volunteered to store the collection.
- iv. Moe Mohanna will receive a stone marker from someone in Placerville that was found cut off from the ground. Joel will set up a date to repair it and make some replica markers to go on the highway near his property.
- v. There is no progress on Historic Highway Status for the Lincoln Highway. Member Kevin Shawver encourages us to contact our state representative to encourage the legislature to create a state proclamation. Joel will create a letter for members to send to their legislative representative.
- vi. **We need some suggestions for where to meet along the highway for our four meetings next year.**

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c. Trey Pitsenberger: Vice President/Signage czar/Traveler editor/Chapter Historian

i. **The Caldor Fire Presentation:** Trey and Monica presented a slide deck of their tour of the re-opened portions of US 50, including:

- Johnson Pass Road (now open)
- Alpine Lodge
- Meyers
- Summit Lodge (the surrounding area burned — the fact that they saved the lodge and the city of Berkeley's Echo Lake Camp was amazing)
- Phillips (pretty devastating, but the highlight was finding the Phillips Station Marker)
- Twin Bridges
- Kyburz
- Whitehall
- Echo Summit Lodge (saved, but the surrounding area was severely burned) After the fire, there are likely things that have been uncovered by the vegetation being burned away. It will be a good time to check out US 50 over the next few weeks.

ii. **Field Secretary of Signage:** Not a whole lot of activity due to COVID and fires. Folsom has now manufactured and installed signs along 7 miles of LH, at their cost.

iii. **National Committees:** Seems to be "more perky now." There is now a marketing committee and a grant committee getting underway.

d. Grant Gassman: Treasurer's Report

i. Deposit from National: \$334

ii. Joel: \$70 for chapter P.O. box

iii. Balance: Contact chapter for details

iv. About \$2300 in donations for the chapter's upcoming Lincoln Highway book

e. Paulette Johnston: Secretary

i. No report

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f. Mark Hoffman: Tours *

- i. Currently working on Lincoln Highway local tours for 2022
- ii. Also working on cross-country LH tour arriving at the Joliet, Illinois for the conference

g. Jimmy Lin: Website *

- i. Trey gave Jimmy's report for the third quarter.
- ii. Amor Towles' recently released novel *The Lincoln Highway* has increased visits to our website. There was also a travel website that linked to our site, calling the Lincoln Highway one of the best highways to travel.
- iii. Jimmy has a California Chapter to-do list, which includes a new webpage design, new implementations for easier maintenance, new website address, and plans to link to Trey's map of signs.
- iv. Facebook and Twitter have increased during the last quarter.

h. Speakers/Presentations:

- i. July 20, 2021: Zoom presentation by State Director Neil Rodrigues, as mentioned above.

7. Old Business

- a. Included in Officer, Staff, and Committee Reports above

8. New Business

- a. Included in Officer, Staff, and Committee Reports above
- b. Amor Towles has released a new novel entitled [*The Lincoln Highway*](#). Paul Gilger gave a short review of the book.

9. Meeting Adjournment

- a. Next meeting: January 15, location TBD.
- b. Paul Gilger motioned for the meeting to adjourn, seconded by Trey Pitsenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by
Paulette Johnston, Secretary
December 29, 2021

There was a time...

...when traveling over Donner Pass on the Lincoln Highway involved entering a covered and dark railroad snowshed to cross to the other side. This was before the auto subway under the tracks was completed on August 23, 1914. The first photo shows an auto headed downhill towards Donner Lake after exiting the snowshed. The second photo shows the newly completed subway.



The following is an account of entering the snowshed by Thornton Round in his 1957 book, *The Good of it All*.

“...we met our next challenge in the form of a snow shed through which we had to pass. I stopped the Ford, got out, and walked ahead to do a bit of reconnoitering. By now the Winton had pulled up to the rear. We turned off both motors so that we might have absolute silence. I put my pencil on the railroad track and listened for vibration which would indicate an approaching train. There was none so I figured it would be safe to proceed. I motioned to Ray to go ahead with the Winton. Ray guided the front wheels of the car over the tracks but that was as far as he got. There was a steep downgrade that dropped off directly opposite the railroad tracks. The Winton was too long to make the dip it would have to in order to nose over the track and start downward. The big car was hung in mid-air on the edge of the snow tunnel.



“Needless to say, a railroad track is no place to tarry, and we were scared stiff.”

Once Mrs. Winton and their baby left the car, the Winton was able to bounce across the tracks to safety.

Photos: [Donner Summit Historical Society](#).

The Lincoln Highway, your road to adventure!

There's a lot to see and do on the Lincoln Highway. Whether you're a resident of one of the Lincoln Highway states, a visitor or someone interested in learning more about the Lincoln Highway, the LHA is for you! Many sections of the right-of-way are still in place waiting for you to explore them...

To learn more about joining us, visit
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Resources for Lincoln Highway enthusiasts
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[The Lincoln Highway on Donner Summit, a photo collection from the Donner Summit Historical Society](#)

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