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It's a wrap!



2023 Conference a Success!

Upcoming Chapter Meeting

April 6 • 11:30am

Meeting info on Page 8



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The Rainbow Bridge at Donner Summit, 1925

Donner Summit Historical Society, Norm Saylor Collection



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As I write this, it's been a few months since the California Chapter hosted the 2023 Lincoln Highway National Conference at Folsom. Our conference committee worked hard to ensure the event was a success, and it was! Attendees said the conference was well run and a model for future conferences. As the committee chairman, I want to thank the other committee members for their efforts at making the event first class: President Joel Windmiller, State Director Neil Rodrigues, Paul Gilger, Bill Von Tagen, Secretary Paulette Johnston, Webmaster James Lin, and Travel Director Mark Hoffmann.

A huge thank you to our speakers is in order: James Dalessandro ("The Destination — San Francisco's 1915 Panama-Pacific Exposition"), Jeff Ferreira-Pro ("Folsom during the Gold Rush"), Dick Noonan ("Snowbound: The City of San Francisco Train in the Blizzard of 1952"), and Heather Kearns from the California Railroad Museum (the Transcontinental Railroad at Donner Summit). All the speakers were welcomed enthusiastically by the audience.



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The City of Folsom and the Chamber of Commerce were a considerable help in supplying supplies and working with the hotel to ensure we were cared for in the most hospitable way! Thanks to the mayor of Folsom, Rosario Rodriguez, and Chamber of Commerce representatives for welcoming us to their city.

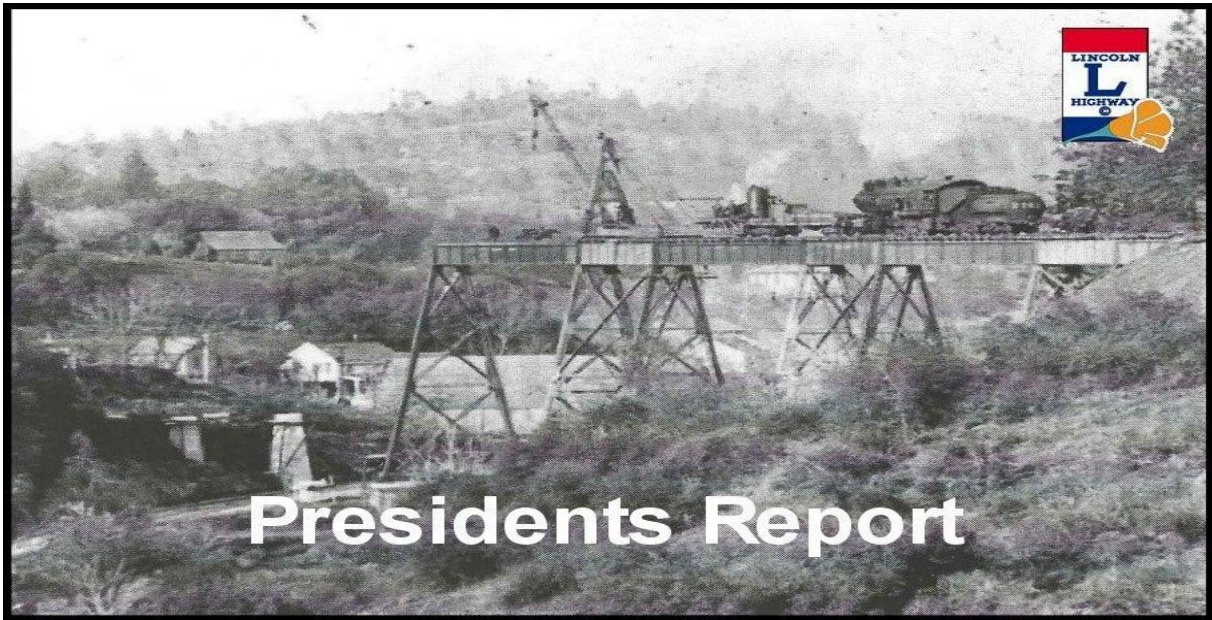
Let's not forget Friend of the Lincoln Highway Moe Mohanna for allowing us to use his fantastic event center in El Dorado Hills for our closing dinner. Our group photo at the event center is at right.



Our winter meeting was on Saturday, January 13 at the Bernhard Museum in Auburn. The museum contains one of the oldest buildings in Placer County. The Placer County Museums oversee the site and were kind enough to let us use this historic spot for our meeting. See pages 6–7 for more details of the meeting.



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Presidents Report

1912 photo construction Central Pacific Railroad Trestle Auburn crossing future 1913 Lincoln Highway



Joel Windmiller
Chapter President

- **Placer County Sisley Road Update:** the first choice was to pave over the entire road, and the second choice was to overlay a portion and preserve a 50' section.
- **El Dorado County Country Club Drive Expansion Project:** Moe Mohanna contacted me before Christmas to inform me of this project. I contacted the El Dorado County Public Works Department, the Board of Supervisors, Senator Maria Alvarado Gil, and Assembly Member Joe Patterson. The project is in its early stages, and the chapter will be contacted for input.
- **Emigrant Gap Lincoln Highway Marker:** Jim Guida has contacted the chapter about posting a replica Lincoln Highway Marker along Laing Road, near the location of the former Rancho Sierra Inn Emigrant Gap Historical Marker. The project will start after the California Conference, plus record-setting snow melts, allowing the site to be located and marker planted. A local Boy Scout troop will be contacted to help with the project.



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- **Future Chapter Meetings.** Finding locations for chapter meetings will have its challenges due to inflation; menu prices have increased 8% at restaurants in the last year. It will be difficult to locate a place for lunch and our meeting and stay in the former price range. So I continue to ask for suggestions from members.
- **Citrus Heights Points of Interest & LH signage request:** California chapter member Andy Saunders contacted the board requesting that the 12 Mile House and the 14 Mile House in Citrus Heights be added to our official map. Map chairman Paul Gilger updated the map with Andy's suggestions. Andy introduced these additions at a Citrus Heights City Council Meeting and will hopefully be able to move on to a signage project on Auburn Boulevard, placing Historic Lincoln Highway signs at specific locations. LH banners on Auburn Boulevard have been taken down.



Sisley Road, the longest section of original LH concrete in Placer County



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Winter Chapter Meeting



Bernhard Museum, Auburn

The Chapter was invited by the Placer County Museums to hold our winter meeting at the historic Bernhard Museum. It is one of seven museums operated by the Placer County Museums. According to the museum website:

Built in 1851 as the Traveler's Rest Hotel, the Bernhard House has welcomed visitors for over 150 years. Filled with artifacts and furnishings from a bygone era, the Bernhard House transports visitors to a simpler time. The Bernhard Museum also serves as home to the third-grade Living History Program.

The Bernhard House is one of the oldest buildings in Placer County.



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Our host for the meeting was Ralph Gibson, Administrator for the Placer County Museums. He gave us a brief history of the historic house and was kind enough to let us use the adjoining historic winery for our meeting.

The meeting was attended by over 26 people, which was a good turnout for a rainy day.

Andrew Saunders from Citrus Heights attended his first meeting and mentioned how he was working with the city to see the historic 12 Mile House preserved and registered as a landmark. The 12 Mile House was a rest stop dating back to the 19th Century and sits on the Citrus Heights section of the Lincoln Highway. We hope to work with Andrew on erecting our historic Lincoln Highway signs along the Citrus Heights route.



Andrew Saunders



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Saturday, **January 13**
11:30 am

Bernhard Museum
Auburn

Saturday, **April 6**
11:30 am

To be announced

Saturday, **July 6**
11:30

To be announced

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 regarding the mailing of postcards.

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

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

For additional information the 2024 LHA Conference go to www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org





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