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SEASONS GREETINGS
FROM THE
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Group from Tour No, 1 2004
displaying George Clarks
Interpretive Plaque to be
Installed February 11,2006
next to the Western Terminus
Marker in San Francisco, CA.

From The Editor

I would like to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to edit the Chapters Newsletter. 2005 has been very memorable and I have met a tremendous group of individuals whose interest in the Lincoln Highway helps keep me excited. Every tour in which we participate, or meeting we hold, brings us together with others who share the same interests of discovery. Everyone who is interested in history has his or her own stories or experiences that form pieces to the puzzle we are attempting to put together. What I find most enjoyable is the willingness of the individuals I have met to share those stories. I have also been fortunate to serve as a tour guide the last two years, which has allowed me to not only experience what it must have been like to drive across this Country in the 1900's, but to explore some of the most beautiful real estate in the world. I would like to extend Special Thanks and Holiday Greetings to all of my fellow Board Members, all of our Chapter Members and all of those great folks I've met who have made my position as Editor most enjoyable.

Here's hoping 2006 will lead to new friends and new discoveries.

Happy Holidays;

Gary Kinst



A CONTINUOUS CONNECTING IMPROVED HIGHWAY FROM THE ATLANTIC TO THE PACIFIC

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A Letter from your President to California Chapter Members:

Next Chapter Meeting: February 11, 2006, San Francisco

Thanks to the unrelenting work of George Clark, we finally have permission to install an interpretive plaque at the terminus marker in Lincoln Park. We have to delay our next chapter meeting to give the sign manufacturer time to complete the plaque and pedestal. We will install the plaque at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 11, 2006 in front of the Palace of the Legion of Honor. Following the installation, we will meet for lunch at approximately noon with a short business meeting at the Presidio Bowling Center. This is located at the east end of Arguello on the corner of Moraga and Montgomery. Maps will be provided at the installation ceremony. See separate article in this issue of the *Traveler*.

Since this will be the first chapter meeting of the new year, we will elect officers for 2006. This will give you something to think about between now and then. If you would like to volunteer for an office or nominate someone else, please don't hesitate to speak up or let me know in advance.

Endowment Fund Update

It was announced in the last *Forum* and at our last couple of chapter meetings that someone has given the Lincoln Highway Association a very generous and anonymous gift of \$100,000. Yes, that is the right number of zeros! Bob Lichty, our national president, went right to work and established a committee to advise the association how best to spend, or invest, this money. The committee consists of Jess Petersen, Howard Stoval, Bob Lichty, Bill Arick, Bob Ausberger, Jim Ranniger, and myself as chairman. It was a true honor to be asked to fill this position. There will be an article in the January *Forum* providing an update and status of our work. Let me just say here that some real exciting suggestions have been put on the table and we hope to leverage this money as well as provide funding for some much needed projects.

2006 Tours

Paul Gilger has created a new brochure for the 2006 tours. It is included in this newsletter and can be used to make reservations. Paul or I would be happy to forward the Word document to you if you want to print additional copies.

It has been a real pleasure working with all of you over this last year. I'd like to take this opportunity to not only thank you, but also to wish you a Very Merry Christmas and the Best of Everything in the New Year!

Sincerely,

Bob Dieterich

New Interpretive Plaque at Terminus Marker in San Francisco

During the 2002 National Conference of the Lincoln Highway Association held in Sacramento, we erected a replica concrete Terminus Marker very near the original location in Lincoln Park in front of the Palace of the Legion of Honor. This marker is a fine example of the many Norm Root has made and erected over the years.

This marker has withstood the ravages of time and still stands, unscathed, at the same location. The problem is that the general public has no idea what this concrete post signifies. For all they know, it might be a leftover farm fence post.

Starting right after the conference, George Clark, one of our more active members living in San Francisco, has pursued his idea of erecting an interpretive plaque at the same location. It has taken him three and a half years of frustration, but he has finally succeeded!

George has literally fought City Hall. First he ran up against a city initiative to standardize all such signs in the city. That effort was canceled but then George had to convince the Parks Department that this sign was needed.

That was when George went out on his own, and at his own expense, getting the artwork done and finding a manufacturer to draft specifications for the sign and the pedestal. This was finally approved by the Parks Department, but...

First was an argument over the location of the sign. It needed to be handicap accessible. So, move it closer to the street so it can be viewed from the street. Then, they wanted their logo on the sign. Back to the artist, then to the sign manufacturer for new quotes.

The story goes on and on. I'm sure George will have a few choice words when we erect this plaque.

At our last chapter meeting, the chapter approved spending the \$1075 we have raised plus \$600 in profits from our tours to pay for this project. The total cost including shipping is \$2325. George has advanced the chapter the remaining \$650. This indebtedness was also approved by the chapter at our last meeting.

We need to pay George back! He has spent untold hours and has paid out of pocket for many expenses including the cost of the art work associated with this plaque. A lot of you contributed \$25 or more three years ago for this project, but we need to all reach a little deeper.

If you can, please write a check for \$25 or whatever you feel you can afford and send it to our PO Box. It will truly be appreciated by the entire chapter. And remember, all gifts are tax deductible. The address is:

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YOU WILL BE MISSED



Participants on the last driving tour of 2005, had a rare opportunity to cross the original 1927 span of the Carquinez Bridge (center span), which had been reopened for several months to allow work on the other spans. This bridge shortened the driving time from Sacramento to San Francisco, thus creating the most direct route for the Lincoln Highway. It was on this route that commemorative highway markers were installed in 1928. The new Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge is on left of photo, while the 1958 Bridge is to the right. The 1927 bridge is slated to be dismantled beginning in 2006.

Another loss to the California Chapter was the passing of CHARLES BARRIEAU.

Charles was instrumental in the formation of the California Chapter. He worked for the Placer County Highway Department and knew every inch of the Lincoln Highway in Placer County, He led many tours over the Lincoln and shared his knowledge in many ways.

Charles made a presentation to the Placer County Historical Society in 1992. His speech was taped and transcribed. I recently obtained a copy of this transcription and would be happy to share it with anyone who wants a copy. Please contact me.

Charles was made a life member of this chapter a couple of years ago, and will be missed by all. He passed away in a convalescent home after suffering from Parkinson's Disease for many years.

Bob Dieterich

Thank You

I received a very nice Thank You note from the Lake Tahoe Historical Society for a donation made to their museum. Problem is, I've never been there and have no idea who deserves the thanks. If anyone knows who should receive this note, please contact me and I'll pass it on.

Bob Dieterich

MARK YOUR 2006 CALENDAR

Saturday January 7 12:00 noon	State Chapter Meeting RESCHEDULED
Saturday February 11 10:00 am	Interpretive Plaque installation. State Chapter Meeting. Lunch Western Terminus of the Lincoln Highway Palace of the Legion of Honor, Lincoln Park, San Francisco, CA.
Saturday April 1 12:00 noon	State Chapter Meeting Location to be announced
Saturday April 29	Tour #1 Sacramento to San Francisco via Altamont Pass
June 13 – June 16	14 th National Conference Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Saturday June 24	Tour #2 Sacramento to South Tahoe via Echo Summit
Saturday July 1 12:00 noon	State Chapter Meeting Location to be announced
Saturday August 26	Tour #3 Sacramento to Verdi Nevada Via Donner Pass
Saturday October 7 12:00 noon	State Chapter Meeting Location to be announced
Saturday October 28	Tour #4 Sacramento to San Francisco Via Yolo Causeway / Carquinez Bridge

NOTE: All tours depart the Holiday Inn Sacramento Northeast, Madison @ I 80
at 9:00 am.

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