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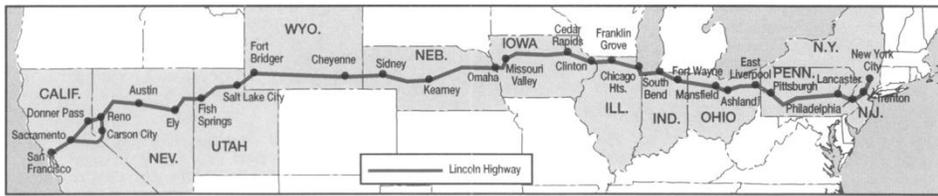
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ENTERING THE HISTORIC TOWN OF CLARKSVILLE ON THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY



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: Steve's Pizza, El Dorado Hills, January 6, 2007

I mentioned in the last *Traveler* that the town site of Clarksville (now a ghost town including portions of the Lincoln Highway), the Tong Ranch, and surrounding land has been sold to two developers. Clarksville is near El Dorado Hills, just south of US 50 and east of El Dorado Hills Blvd/Latrobe Road. I've made arrangements with one of the developers to meet us in Clarksville at 2:00 p.m. following our 12:00 noon meeting at Steves Pizza.

As we have done in the past, I would like to have lunch and a short business meeting at noon, then hurry over to Clarksville for a walking tour of the town site. The developers seem very interested in preserving as much history as possible in this area. They will have gates unlocked and dogs tied up! Then we also have made arrangements with property owners on Old Bass Lake Road north of the freeway to also have gates open so we can drive or walk the entire length of the Lincoln. Some members of the new Clarksville Historical Society may join us.

Steve's Pizza is east of Sacramento in El Dorado Hills. It is just north of US 50 and east of El Dorado Hills Blvd in a small shopping center. Driving east, there are two exits for El Dorado Hills Blvd and Latrobe Rd (the name changes at US 50). The first exit forces you to make a right turn and head south on Latrobe Rd. You want to take the second exit which loops around and forces you to head north on El Dorado Hills Blvd. After crossing under the freeway, turn right into the shopping center and you will see Steve's on your left near the back of the center. The map to the right may help. If you get lost, my cell is 916-215-1902.



Steve's Pizza has pizzas, salads, and sandwiches. Feel free to order whatever you want; however, to speed up the process and eliminate a long line caused by everyone ordering at once, I'm going to order some large pizzas ahead of time and anyone wanting some of these can throw \$5 into the kitty. I'll have directions there to get to Clarksville and Old Bass Lake Rd.

Election of Officers for 2007

According to our charter, we are supposed to elect chapter officers for the coming year at the first meeting of the year. That is January 6, 2007. Please think about what you can do for your chapter. If you want to contact me before the meeting with your name or someone else's name, please do so. Otherwise we will accept nominations from the floor

Endowment Fund

I've reported before, and articles have appeared in the *Forum*, regarding the association's Endowment Fund. An individual chapter can receive up to \$5000 per year towards projects that satisfy the fund's requirements. The awards will be made following a contest with up to \$10,000 per year total awarded to winning proposals. Please call or email me with any ideas you might have for a California chapter project. I would like to discuss ideas at the January 6 meeting. Applications are due by March 1 and there is no reason we shouldn't get some of the action!

New Placerville Highway Segments

All within about one week, Richard Richmond heard it from a local. He showed it to Lloyd Johnson. Lloyd showed it to me. And finally I showed it to Greg Franzwa when we went to Placerville for one of his *The Lincoln Highway: California* book lectures.

The photo at the right shows one of the segments off of Placerville Road. Driving west to east, you come into the Placerville area on Forni Road after crossing the Weber Creek Bridge. You cross US 50 and continue on Placerville Road circling around until you come into downtown Placerville on Main Street. It is on this section of Placerville Road that you can find these new segments. It is too complicated for this newsletter to try to explain directions, especially with the road construction in the area of Placerville Road and US 50. I would like to have a future meeting in this area or plan a special outing so anyone interested can view these fantastic new finds. In the meantime, anyone wanting directions can call or email me.



Summit Garage

The Summit Garage and surrounding property have been sold. The new owner is interested in saving the garage structure, but wants ideas on what to do with it so it doesn't become a liability. Please see the separate article in this issue of the *Traveler*.

Happy Holidays

I have enjoyed my association with each and every one of you over the past year and I want to take this opportunity to personally wish you and yours a Very Merry Christmas and the best of everything in the New Year.

Sincerely,

Robert Dieterich
President, California Chapter
Lincoln Highway Association

FROM THE EDITOR

NO ONE NOTICED

The date was September 5, 1919 and the U.S. Army's Transcontinental Motor Convoy departed Stockton California at 6:15 am. en-route to its final destination at Lincoln Park San Francisco. The convoy of 81 motorized vehicles, 24 officers (including Lt. Col. Dwight Eisenhower) and 258 enlisted men zigzagged through the tiny hamlet of Banta, passed through Tracy (or did it?) and crossed over the Altamont Pass. Their report indicated that the Highway from Sacramento to Oakland was "unexcelled" and "the best section of the entire Lincoln Highway", although Tracy and Livermore were not mentioned. The convoy passed through Livermore, Dublin Canyon and into Hayward, where they were greeted by a huge welcoming committee with flag festooned streets, whistles blowing and fireworks. They arrived in Oakland at 4:00 pm. having traveled 76 miles in 9 ¾ hours. Why is it that Tracy's newspaper had no mention of this historic event either before, during or after? Did the town feel slighted because Stockton and Oakland served as host cities? Or did the convoy by-pass Tracy by traveling over Grantline Road? Or did no one notice? In June 2006, the historic event was reenacted. Promoters chose to route the convoy north to Sacramento bypassing the original Central Valley route. Again Tracy missed out. No celebrations this time either. Finally in November 2006 a lone truck (one of the two that participated in the reenactment) arrived in Tracy delivering tires to the Defense Depot and the local Firestone Dealer. This time one person did notice. What actually happened in 1919 is forever lost to history



THE SUMMIT GARAGE

News from the Altamont Pass hasn't changed since our last reporting. Mr. Robert "Al" Vieux Jr., the new owner, is standing by his May 2007 date to have Tri Valley Youth Services vacate the premises. There was mention of the Lincoln Highway Association leasing the building, but that isn't financially feasible. Michael Kaelin is working with Mr. Vieux and Dan Silveira in the hope of allowing TVYS to continue as temporary lease's until another tenant can be found. There are concerns regarding vandalism and insurance if the building is left vacant. Michael is also looking into obtaining historical landmark status for the structures. Mean while clean up and beautification of the surrounding property continues. Mr. Vieux is in favor of installing Lincoln Highway signs and re-installing the original gas pumps in an attempt to regain the Garage's authenticity. We have been assured that the three remaining buildings at the Summit will not be removed.

FROM THE EDITOR

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FRANZWA BOOK TOUR

Greg informs this Editor that attendance and sales have exceeded expectations.

"I had suspected that this was a book whose time had come and it's more than that" was his comment to me when asked how the tour was progressing. Locally Tracy drew 23 attendees and Livermore 40. Those attending enjoyed Greg's slide show and humorous stories. There was a strong interest in Paul Gilger's California Driving Maps and the Driving Tours. Numerous questions were fielded regarding the Association and membership



VHS & DVD MOVIES FOR YOU HISTORY BUFFS

Here are five movies/documentaries that I think you will thoroughly enjoy if you are a true Lincoln Highway fan or vintage car enthusiast.

Merrily We Roll Along – The Early Days of the Automobile
DVD 2003 B/W 60 min cduniverse.com \$11.87

Rubber Tires & A Race For Life
Rubber Tires is a cross-country drive to Newhall, Ca. in 1927. A Race for Life stars Barney Oldfield.
1915
VHS B/W Hot Rod Memories.com \$19.95

Lincoln Highway 1919 Military Convoy
VHS B/W 32 min Caltran's History Preservation Program \$10.00

Horatio's Drive – America's First Road Trip
DVD 2003 Color & B/W 146 min Amazon.com \$22.49

Modern Marvels: America's Highways
DVD 1995 Color & B/W 50 min [A&E](#) Home Video \$24.95

* This is a MUST SEE history of the Lincoln Highway and Interstate Highway System

We are now taking reservations for the Lincoln Highway California Tours!

2007 Tours

Tour #1 Sat. April 28: 1913-1927 Central Valley Route: Sacramento to San Francisco via Altamont Pass

Tour #2 Sat. June 23: Sierra Nevada Southern Route: Sacramento to Lake Tahoe via Echo Summit

Tour #3 Sat. Aug 25: Sierra Nevada Northern Route: Sacramento to Nevada via Donner Pass & Dog Valley

Tour #4 Sat. Oct 27: 1928 Central Valley Route: Sacramento to San Francisco via Carquinez Strait

Each tour - \$40 per person.

All tours are one-day trips beginning and ending at the Holiday Inn "Sacramento I-80 N.E."

5321 Date Ave. in Sacramento, at the Madison Ave. exit off I-80

Boarding at 8:45 am. Departure at 9:00 am sharp!

You may select a single tour or any combination of tours.

Please fill out order form below and mail with check or money order in the amount of \$40 per person per tour made out to "Lincoln Highway California Chapter", to:

Lincoln Highway Association California Chapter, PO Box 2554, Fair Oaks, Ca 95628-2554

Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____

Indicate the number of people in your party for each tour: Tour #1___ Tour #2___ Tour #3___ Tour #4___
All tour participants agree that the Lincoln Highway Association, the California Chapter of the Lincoln Highway Association, its officers, directors and agents, shall have no responsibility or liability, in whole or in part, for any loss, damage, or injury to person or property, or any act of omission resulting from, arising out of, or occurring during any activity, program, tour, meeting, meal, or other service or facility furnished or supplied in conjunction with the tours. All participants must sign and date below:

Signature #1: _____ Date: _____
Signature #2: _____ Date: _____
Signature #3: _____ Date: _____
Signature #4: _____ Date: _____

Please include other dated signatures, if applicable.

Order Lincoln Highway Driving Maps for California now!

We have received hundreds of orders from all over the United States for our very popular Lincoln Highway Driving Maps for California. They are essential for exploring the Lincoln in California.

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Name: _____
Street Address: _____
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Number of map sets: _____ x \$10.00 each = _____
Packaging and postage + \$6.00
TOTAL: = \$ _____

MARK YOUR 2007 CALENDAR

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| Saturday January 6, 2007
12:00 noon | State Chapter Meeting
Steve's Pizza (916) 939 2100
3941 Park Dr.
El Dorado Hills, Ca. |
| Saturday April 7
12:00 noon | State Chapter Meeting
Location to be announced |
| Saturday April 28 | Tour #1 Sacramento to San Francisco
1913-1927 Central Valley Route
via Altamont Pass |
| June 18 - 22 | 2007 Lincoln Highway Convention
Fort Morgan, Colorado |
| Saturday June 23 | Tour #2 Sacramento to Lake Tahoe
Sierra Nevada Southern Route
via Echo Summit |
| Saturday July 14
12:00 noon | State Chapter Meeting
Location to be announced |
| Saturday August 25 | Tour #3 Sacramento to Verdi, NV.
Sierra Nevada Northern Route
via Donner Pass & Dog Valley |
| Saturday October 6
12:00 noon | State Chapter Meeting
Location to be announced |
| Saturday October 27 | Tour #4 Sacramento to San Francisco
Central Valley Route
via Yolo Causeway & Carquinez Bridge |

NOTE: All tours depart the Holiday Inn Sacramento Northeast, Madison @ I 80 at 9:00 am. Boarding begins at 8:45 am.



Participants of Tour #3, 2006 posing at Donner Summit

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Happy Holidays to You and Yours