Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
FROM THE EDITOR

COVER

This photo is from a postcard recently sold on e-bay. The same photo appeared in a 1915 Tracy Press advertisement. In 1913, W.T. Shaw (the bicycle man) entered into a partnership with O.W. Stewart (formerly of the Standard Oil Plant) and opened the Motorcycle Hospital on the Lincoln Highway. They sold Harley Davidson and Indian Motorcycles along with gasoline and oil. In 1915 they also offered ice cream and soft drinks. Advertising stopped in 1917 so I assume the business prospered for a short 4 years. This time frame is not unusual as other businesses established on the highway sometimes changed ownership 3 to 4 times in a single year. It was believed to have been located east of Central Ave. The evolution from bicycle shop to motorcycle shop and eventually to motor car garage took place along the entire route of the Lincoln Highway.

CHAPTER MEETING SATURDAY OCTOBER, 3rd

The October 3rd Chapter meeting was held at Smokey's Kitchen in Truckee, CA. followed by a Mini Tour to Donner Pass (as shown in photo ) and to the Donner Summit Historic Museum in Soda Springs. (bottom photo). Guest speaker, Mark Hoffmann of "Sports Leisure Vacations" suggested several options for promoting Lincoln Highway touring. His company has provided motor coach tours of Route 66, Hwy 50 and US Hwy 1 since 1995. State and National Director, Bob Dieterich, provided a list of priorities for the Association. #1 is to obtain "All American Road Status" for the Lincoln Highway. #2 is the promotion of National Tours. Needed are state-by-state touring maps, to be sponsored by ads shown on the maps. These maps will not only promote the Highway but provide exposure to businesses along the Highway. President Norm Root, spoke of the Placer County Historical folks that are currently working on a LH plaque. Norm along with Kell Brigan discussed approaching the LH National Board to seek congressional help in issuing a Lincoln Highway stamp. Vice President , Paul Gilger provided an update on the 2011 California/Nevada National Convention slated for the 3rd week of June, 2011.
The photo above was submitted by member Lloyd Johnson. The Lincoln Highway (San Pablo Ave.) crossed over the SPRR on this overcrossing located at the Pinole - Hercules city limit. The current bridge, built in 1938, can be seen in background. The overcrossing was located near Ford Street and was removed in 2004. Portions of the original roadway can still be seen at this location.

The above photo was submitted by member Miriam Hull. The photo is marked Yol-7-A December 12, 1931. This section of Yol-7-A is now known as Russell Blvd. west of Hwy 113 in Davis. Photos containing original LH markers are rare and this photo indicates that US 40 was still marked as the Lincoln Highway as late as 1931.
**HAPPENINGS**

Welcome and Special Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dopheide, of San Jose, who joined the California Chapter in August as Life Time Members. We are looking forward to meeting you at a future Chapter meeting.

The Livermore Heritage Guild has established a memorial fund to honor Jerry Bireley, who passed away last year. Jerry was a member of the California Chapter as well as a good and long time friend of the Livermore Heritage Guild and the Duarte Garage. The Memorial fund will help support the preservation of the Duarte Garage and all the work being done there. A plaque will be installed on the 1944 Mack fire engine that was restored, largely through the efforts put forth by Jerry. Donations can be mailed to the Livermore Heritage Guild PO Box 961, Livermore, CA 94550. Please mark your letter and checks "Bireley Memorial".


Mike Kaelin reports that he is still pursuing Alameda County Supervisor, the Hon. Scott Haggerty to persuade the County to sponsor 2 Lincoln Highway signs for the Altamont Pass. This apparently is not a priority for the County in the current economic climate. Michael also has learned that there will be some big changes to Lower Sacramento Road within the next 12 months. In the Stockton area the road will be widened to 8 lanes over Bear Creek to (under) the UPRR tracks. Construction will begin Summer of 2010. At Woodbridge construction has begun on Phase 2 between Woodbridge and Turner Rd. Road widening, among other things, will be completed "within a year". In the South Lodi area final environmental plans have been completed for widening Lower Sacramento Rd. from Pixley Slough to south of Harney Rd. curve. Now would be a great time to drive this section of the Lincoln before it becomes just another road.

**BOOKS**

In past issues of the Traveler I referenced books that I've been collecting regarding early cross-country auto travel. Several members have responded that they have a similar interest, so here are a few more. Most of the books recount adventures on the Lincoln or on the trails preceding the Highway. Some follow the highway as far west as Wyoming were they head north to Washington or south into New Mexico and Arizona. "The Car and the Lady" by Grace Mason and Percy Megargel, 1908, uses the actual log book of Percy Megargel from the 1905 transcontinental race from New York to Portland, in two curved dash Oldsmobile's, to create this romantic novel. This book is very descriptive in recounting the difficulties of motoring cross-country. "Westward Hobos" by Winifred Dixon, 1921, recounts the ups and downs of frontier motoring by two young women traveling alone from New York to Arizona. This book provides a real insight into the difficulties faced by early motorists. In 1921 many sections of the Lincoln, especially out west, were still wagon ruts. "Roaming American Highways" by John Faris, 1931, gives the history of the nine major U.S. highways of the period. They include the Atlantic, Dixie, Pacific, Lee, Spanish Trail, National Old Trails, Lincoln, Pikes Peak and the Theodor Roosevelt Highways. Historic points of interest are detailed along with the origin of town and city names. Very fascinating reading. "The Auto Gypsies" by William Purser and Fred Noegel, Jr., 2001, recounts a 1923 auto trip from Georgia to California in a Model T Ford. The book is a collection of 30 installments from the Cochran Journal, Cochran, Georgia, submitted by Fred Noegel Sr. from his trip with his wife and close friend Pansy Deese. The book has many vintage photos.
Our January Chapter meeting will be held at the intersection of Auburn Blvd. and Greenback lane in Citrus Heights. This intersection is where the 1927 realignment met up with the northern alignment of the Lincoln Highway in north eastern Sacramento, and headed west over the Carquinez route towards San Francisco. This intersection is described as having "other" Lincoln Highway signage. Those of you who have photographs of this intersection from 1927, please bring them to the meeting, maybe we can determine what the "other" signage consisted of. The place is Rosie's Country Kitchen, at 6233 Auburn Blvd. in Citrus Heights. Auburn Blvd. was the State Highway during Lincoln Highway days and became U.S. 40 in 1926. U.S. 40 was superseded by Interstate 80 during the early 1960's. The date is Saturday, January 9th at 12:00 noon. Rosie's is on the north side of the street about three businesses northeast of Greenback lane. Hot sandwiches and burgers are $7.00, cold sandwiches are $6.00, soup and salads are also available.
We are now taking reservations for the 2010 Lincoln Highway California Tours!
Tour #1 Sat. April 24: 1913-1927 Central Valley Route: Sacramento to San Francisco via Altamont Pass
Tour #2 Sat. June 26: Sierra Nevada Southern Route: Sacramento to Lake Tahoe via Echo Summit
Tour #3 Sat. Aug 28: Sierra Nevada Northern Route: Sacramento to Nevada via Donner Pass & Dog Valley
Tour #4 Sat. Oct 30: 1928 Central Valley Route: Sacramento to San Francisco via Carquinez Strait

Each tour - $45 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 $45 per person per tour
Make payable to “Lincoln Highway California Chapter”, mail 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.
Please fill out order form below and mail with check or money order 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: _________________________________

Number of map sets: _______ x $10.00 each = _______
Packaging and postage + $6.00
TOTAL: = $__________
MARK YOUR 2010 CALENDAR

Saturday JANUARY 9
12:00 noon
State Chapter Meeting
Rosie's Country Kitchen
6233 Auburn Blvd. Citrus Heights

Tuesday FEBRUARY 2
7:00 pm
Livermore Reads Together 2010 Series
Livermore Public Library Civic Center
1188 S Livermore Ave. Livermore

Note: Guest speaker will be Gary Kinst presenting a brief history of the Lincoln Highway and a power point presentation of the 1913 LH from Sacramento to San Francisco via Livermore.

Saturday MARCH 6
12:00 noon
State Chapter Meeting
Location to be announced

Saturday APRIL 24
Tour # 1 Central Valley 1913-1927 Route
Sacramento to San Francisco
Via Altamont Pass

JUNE 22 - 26
2010 LHA National Conference Dixon, IL.

Saturday JUNE 26
Tour # 2 Sierra Nevada Southern Route
Sacramento to Lake Tahoe
Via Echo Summit

Saturday JULY 10
12:00 noon
State Chapter Meeting
Location to be announced

Saturday AUGUST 28
Tour # 3 Sierra Nevada Northern Route
Sacramento to Verdi, NV
Via Donner Pass and Dog Valley

Saturday OCTOBER 2
12:00 noon
State Chapter Meeting
Location to be announced

Saturday OCTOBER 30
Tour # 4 Central Valley Route
Sacramento to San Francisco
Via Carquinez Strait

Lincoln Highway undercrossing at Donner Pass