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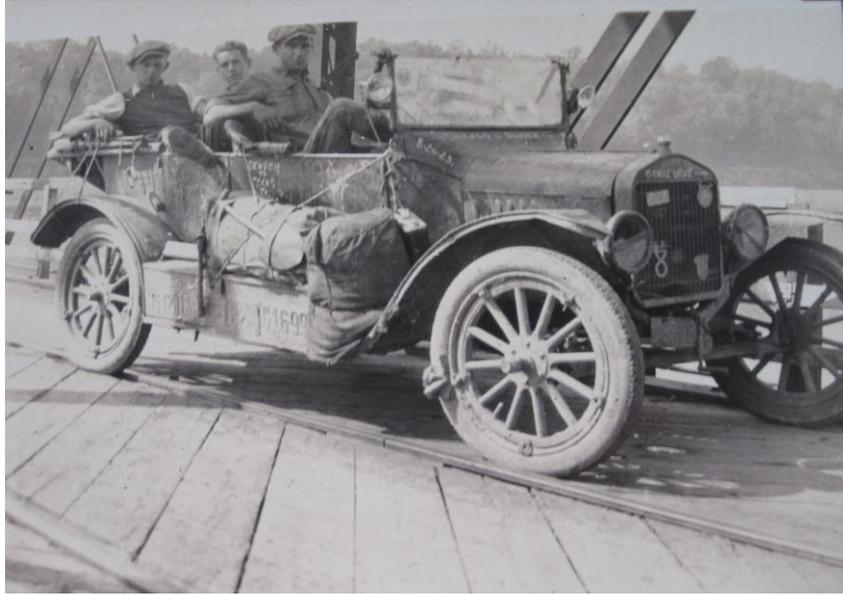
SUMMER /FALL

JULY/OCTOBER 2010



COVER

This issues cover photo was provided by Kris Norenberg of Encinitas, CA. Kris came across my name on the internet in regards to the "Traveler" and was hoping I, or someone in the LHA might be able to identify the locations in 26 photos his maternal uncle had taken on a trip from Chicago to Texas in 1923. The photos had been in storage for years and the story had been lost. Kris knew that his uncle had followed the Lincoln for part of the journey, but the group also took side trips into areas such as Pikes Peak and Denver. The cover photo was taken near Dodge City, Iowa. The gentleman in the photo is posed as if protecting the camp from some type of intruder. There is a small hatchet imbedded in the tree for splitting fire wood and a spare wheel and tires leaning against the tree. Judging from the mud on the front wheels they must have encountered rain.



Crossing an unknown river on a combo highway / railroad bridge. The cars name "Genieve" is painted on the radiator and the inscription "Chicago to Texas" is painted under the windshield. Note the three license plates above the running board and what appears to be the inner tube protruding from the right front tire.

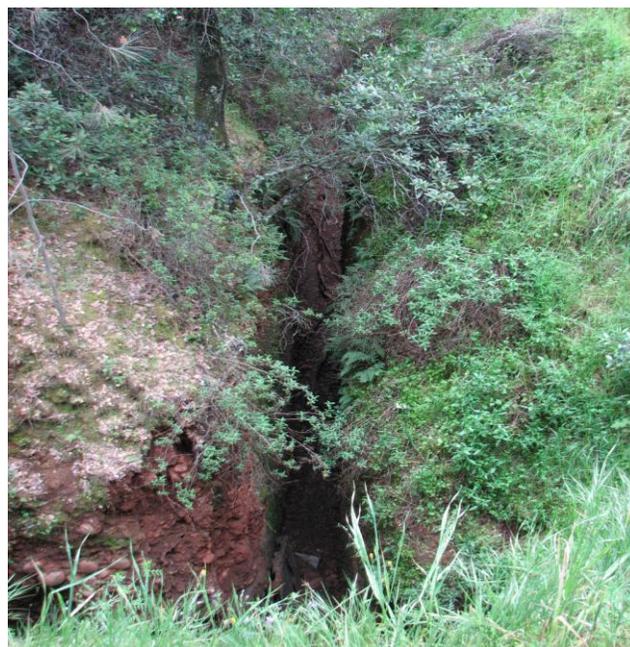


The back of this photo states that "we went right"

Chapter Meeting April 10, 2010

The Chapters April meeting was held in Folsom at Ciro's Pizza Cafe. 16 members were in attendance. Webmaster Kell Brigan reported that the Chapters web site has been updated, by herself and James Lin, and back issues of the Traveler are in a readable format. The Traveler can also be searched/found on Google and other search engines. Vice President Paul Gilger provided an update on progress of the California/Nevada conference scheduled for the week of June 20, 2011. The Gasmann Brothers have volunteered to host our July 10 Chapter meeting in Davis. We are hoping that this more Southerly location will draw members from the Bay Area. Because of recent interest in signage along the Lincoln in the Stockton and Livermore areas, President Norm Root made a motion to allocate \$1,000 towards that Endeavour. The motion was passed, a bid was obtained by myself and 50 signs were purchased. Mike Kaelin is working closely with the Stockton Visitors Bureau to have signs installed on Lower Sacramento Road, within the Stockton City limits and on French Camp Turnpike. The Livermore Heritage Guild is also working with Mike to have several signs placed in key locations entering and exiting Livermore. Mike has not given up on having several more signs placed in the Altamont Pass corridor, He reports that the project is not dead but in abeyance. National President Bob Dieterich reported that Russel Rein was in ill health and on dialysis. California member Maj .Joe Schlecter is also hospitalized, at a care facility, in Davis undergoing treatment for Parkinson's. Our thoughts and prayers are with both of these gentlemen. Kell Brigan presented a program in which she told of the history of Routier Station built in 1841 aside Folsom Blvd. the pioneer route of the Lincoln Highway. Lloyd Johnson gave a brief account of the field trip he had prepared at the close of business. A proposal was also entered into the minutes, to be voted upon at the next meeting, establishing a time limit for lunch and the Chapter meeting at no more than 2 1/2 hours. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25.

Field Trip



The Chinese Diggings also known as Natoma Station Ground Sluice is located at the intersection of Folsom Blvd. and US 50. The diggings believed to be made by local Chinese in the 1890's - 1900's. are a maze of trenches that descend from ground level to approximately 30 feet deep in several spots. They merge at several spots as seen in above photos. The trenches are narrow and follow the course of an ancient river bed as cobblestones are noted at the lower elevations.



The above photos were taken by Craig Learoyd as part of a program to protect this historic site from development. The site was registered for historic preservation with the California State Parks in November, 1988. A Hotel has been proposed between the site and Folsom Blvd. The photo on left shows the depth and vertically plumb walls. The photo on right is the entrance to the diggings and intersects a trench coming in from the left. A drainage tunnel at the bottom right of this trench leads under Folsom Blvd. to Folsom Lake. For more photos go to www.folsompreservation.org/default.htm.

Clarksville Celebration by Lloyd Johnson



The Clarksville Regional Historical Society held its annual Clarksville Day Celebration May 8th. Clarksville is one of the oldest towns in El Dorado County. Only one family still lives in town. Last year over 2,000 people attended. This year's attendance was down, but we had abundant people stopping by the Lincoln Highway table. There was a variety of exhibitors. Old cars, horses, horse drawn wagon rides, Pony Express riders and people dressed in period clothing. There was a shaded tent for the descendants of families that had lived in the town for generations.

The Lincoln Highway booth was on the side of the old Lincoln Highway with its 1918 concrete pavement, the same concrete pavement that the 1919 Army convoy used. Our booth was ably staffed by Bob Dieterich, Norm Root, Kell Brigan and Lloyd Johnson.



Chapter Meeting July 10, 2010

The Chapters July meeting was held at The Sudwerks Restaurant and Brewery near the old Lincoln in Davis, Ca. Unfortunately there were no notes taken during the meeting. The one thing that came from the meeting was the proposal to separate the lunch from the actual meeting. The noise factor associated in holding a meeting in a busy restaurant has reached a point where members are shouting to be heard. The Chapter members can now eat lunch at a restaurant possibly not directly on the Lincoln Highway and then travel a short distance for a meeting near or at a point of historical interest on the Lincoln. The popular field trips can originate from that point. Paul Gilger described the current plans for the 2011 Conference and spoke of the tours and events to be offered. Harrah's and Harvey's will be the location of the event. Paul also invited a guest speaker who's company can provide maps when our current program with CSAA expires. Carolyn Lignos volunteered to seek advertising in magazines such as Sunset, Viva and other highway related periodicals to help promote our California Driving Tours. Tour #3, our most popular tour, had 17 folks sign up. The current economy is definitely having an impact on how people are spending their entertainment money. There was no update on the progress with the E. Clampus Vitus plaques to be installed at Truckee and Livermore.

October 2 Chapter Meeting

Michael Kaelin has chosen the Elk Grove area to hold our next Chapter Meeting. Original Mike's Cafe offers a varied menu priced from \$8 to \$12 and hopefully won't be as noisy as previous meeting places. If it is we can hold the meeting in the field while exploring the Arno and McConnell area. Mike has obtained permission and gate keys which will allow members to travel an original section of highway normally restricted to the public. We will be joined by Bruce McFarland of the Wilton Historic Society who has done extensive research in the area, and will provide historic mapping and photos.



North towards Arno



Hwy 99 "C" Marker center of photo

The above photos were taken on a recent recon of the area by Mike and Myself. With the assistance of Bruce McFarland we were able to identify the location of Arno Station and McConnell Station along with sections of highway showing early paving such as seen in left photo. The "C" marker was discovered while walking a section of highway in the McConnell area. I'm standing on the Lincoln looking down at Hwy 99. in the right photo.

Tracy Inn Sign Dedication

Although the Tracy Inn (established in 1927) wasn't the exact location of the Lincoln Highway Control Station, it is close enough and historic enough to qualify. Actually the intersection of 11th Street and Central Avenue was the control point. The owner of the Tracy Inn graciously allowed and provided for the installation of the sign at the front entrance to the Inn, approximately 40 yards from the original location.



Pictured in the above photo are from left to right; Onalee Koster, Director of the Tracy Historical Museum, Dino Margaros, owner of the Tracy Inn, David Lee, President of the Westside Pioneers and Mike Kaelin local LHA representative for Alameda and San Joaquin Counties.



Sam Matthews, Editor Emeritus of the Tracy Press, is shown staging the photo while your editor can be seen in the reflection taking the photo. This sign brings the total LH signage in Tracy to 7. Plans are in the works to install signs in Livermore and Stockton.

MARK YOUR 2010 CALENDAR

- Saturday **OCTOBER 2**
12:00 noon
State Chapter Meeting
Original Mike's Cafe
9139 E. Stockton Blvd
Elk Grove, CA.
east of Hwy 99 & north of Bond
- Saturday **OCTOBER 30**
Tour # 4 Central Valley Route
Sacramento to San Francisco
Via Carquinez Strait

MARK YOUR 2011 CALENDAR

- Saturday **JANUARY 8**
12:00 noon
State Chapter Meeting
Location to be announced
- Saturday **APRIL 2**
12:00 noon
State Chapter Meeting
Location to be announced
- Saturday **APRIL 30**
Tour # 1 Central Valley 1913-1927 Route
Sacramento to San Francisco
Via Altamont Pass
- JUNE 20-24**
19th Annual LHA Conference
Lake Tahoe California and Nevada
- Saturday **JULY 30**
Tour # 2 Sierra Nevada Southern Route
Sacramento to Lake Tahoe
Via Echo Summit
- Saturday **JULY 9**
12:00 noon
State Chapter Meeting
Location to be announced
- Saturday **AUGUST 27**
Tour # 3 Sierra Nevada Northern Route
Sacramento to Verdi, NV
Via Donner Pass and Dog Valley
- Saturday **OCTOBER 1**
12:00 noon
State Chapter Meeting
Location to be announced
- Saturday **OCTOBER 29**
Tour # 4 Central Valley Route
Sacramento to San Francisco
Via Carquinez Strait

2010 Lincoln Highway California Cruise-and-Tours – Registration

We are now taking reservations for the 2011 Lincoln Highway **California Cruise and Tours** !
 This is a new approach for 2011 which allows you to participate using your own vehicle
 For more information please contact Paul Gilger

Please include payment with your registration, in the form of a check or money order, payable to *Lincoln Highway California Chapter*. Mail your registration to:

Lincoln Highway Association
 California Chapter
 P.O. Box 2554
 Fair Oaks, CA 95628-2554

Tour (all start in Sacramento)	Self-Guided Cruises			Guided Tours		
	Number of cars	Price per car per cruise	Price	Number of passengers	Price per passenger per tour	Price
(1) 04/24: Central Valley 1913-27	_____	× \$25	\$ _____	_____	× \$40	\$ _____
(2) 06/19: Sierra Nevada, Southern	_____	× \$25	\$ _____	_____	× \$40	\$ _____
(3) 08/28: Sierra Nevada, Northern	_____	× \$25	\$ _____	_____	× \$40	\$ _____
(4) 10/30: Central Valley, 1927-28	_____	× \$25	\$ _____	_____	× \$40	\$ _____
	Cruises Total: \$ _____			Tours Total: \$ _____		

All event 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 _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please attach more dated signatures, if applicable.

