

The LHA 2023 Annual Conference

June 11th – 15th, Folsom, California

Our Conference this year was outstanding in every regard, from the terrific speakers and entertainment, great tours, to the good food and a fine venue. Add all this to the opportunity to share the week with old

and new friends and you have the perfect recipe for a very successful event. Congratulations to the California Chapter and everyone connected with the event planning and execution. It set a high bar for future events.



Day one, June 11, Sunday, Drive Tour & Dinner

We opened the event with a Paul Gilger guided Drive Tour along the 1928 California Central Valley Route of the Lincoln Highway on to Folsom, California.



We started at the Lincoln Park Colored Tiled Steps instead of the Western Terminus due to a bicycle event, which kept us from visiting the Legion of Honor area.



We drove through the city with its diverse architecture, then crossed the SF Bay on "today's" Lincoln Highway (Highway 80)...



with a stop at the Berkeley Pier.



After passing the East Bay refineries, we drove through Vallejo and witnessed the numerous Highway 40 sponsored signs seen on almost every block.



In Rockville, we did a touch-and-go drive-by at the Rockville Roadhouse – a prominent establishment on the Lincoln Highway back in the day.



We stopped and wandered to the School Street Bridge in Vacaville, and learned about the Lincoln Highway alignment and the history of the schoolhouses on the hill.



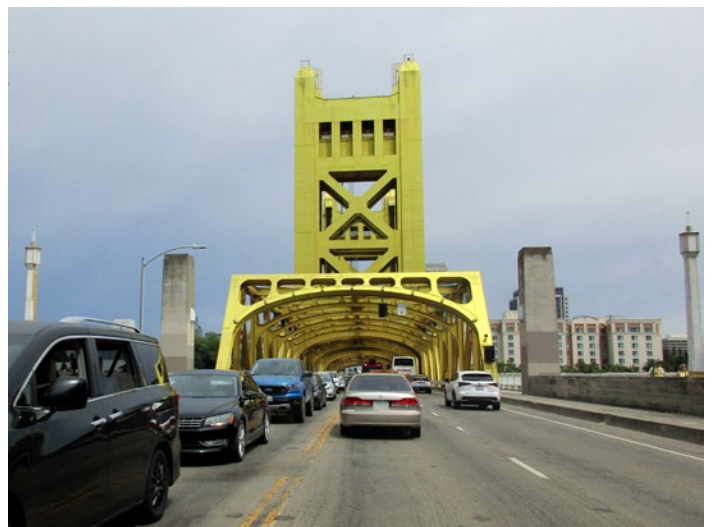
Fenton's Ice Cream – Then.



We stopped again on some of the original 'Highway 40' concrete section, just west of the Yolo Causeway.



We lunched at the historic Fenton's Ice Cream Factory, now a Parlor and Eatery.



We entered Sacramento via the iconic Tower Bridge.



We stopped at the Milk Farm sign in Dixon.



A little drive further, after passing the State Capital we arrived at Folsom...



On to our Host Hotel, the Hampton Inn.



After some introductions and thank yous from our Lincoln Highway Association leaders and Folsom government officials...



The Sunday meeting hall and dining area.



Lots of food was on hand to keep us all full!



We were entertained by Johnny Cash's nephew Mark Allen Cash.



Day two, 12 June, Monday, Bus Tour 1

Bus Tour on the 1913 Sierra Nevada Southern Route LH Alignment via Echo Summit, South Lake Tahoe to Cave Rock.



Another stop at Bridal Veil Falls.



Tight route on Forni Road crossing 1914 Weber Creek Bridge.



This was our lunch stop at Echo Summit.



Stop at Sportsman's Hall – Way and Pony Express Station



Our final stop – Cave Rock, Nevada.



We enjoyed an educational talk at Cave Rock from Nevada Director Jim Bonar.



After the tour we patronized the Folsom City Mayor's restaurant – the Sutter Street Taqueria.



DAY THREE, June 13, Wednesday Bus Tour 2 Bus Tour 2 took the group on the Northern Sierra Nevada Alignment over Donner Pass. Group photo at Ophir Road Monument.



Our first stop was at the recently rebuilt Cold Creek Bridge.



Then we stopped at the Ophir Road LH Monument.



We pressed on through the town of Auburn –



and then through the town of Colfax.



We arrived at Donner Summit and walked out to the historic railroad tunnel from years past.

Due to the road being closed, the plan was for the group to walk to the Rainbow Bridge for a photo opportunity that the California Conference Committee had planned for. Then came the threat of rain.



The spectacular view looking down at Donner Lake and the Rainbow Bridge just moments before the clouds let loose.



While the group gathered on the bridge, I, the photographer, scrambled to set up the camera on a tripod, while the group got wet, for a long distance shot as the rains started to pour down.



Pioneer Monument, Donner Memorial State Park



DAY FOUR, June 14, Wed., Meeting, Seminars & Banquet
The Annual Election/Board Meeting was held in the morning with the state directors. Very productive with positive accomplishments.



Moe Mohanna's Event Facility.



Our outstanding banquet dining and awards room.



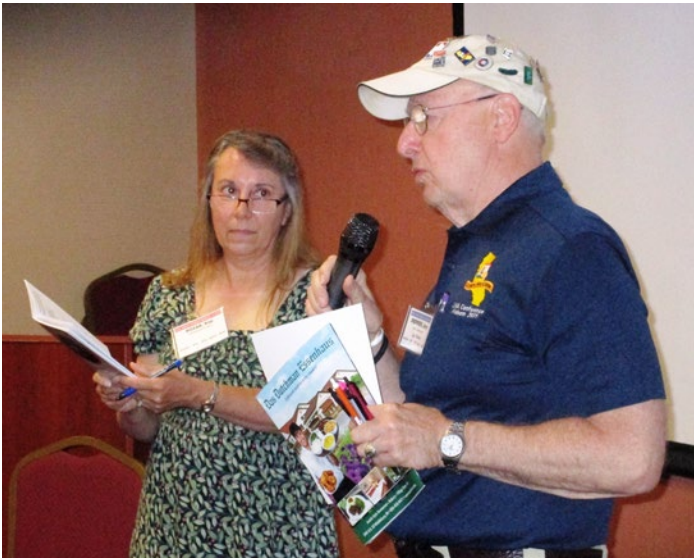
Five presentations filled a packed room with very interesting content, all revolving around the California Lincoln Highway alignments and history thereof.



Moe Mohanna receiving Friend of the Highway award.



Group photo at Banquet Dinner



**DAY FIVE, June 15, Thursday,
LHA Member Meeting and Drive Tour West**
Kay Shelton Kozak and Jerry Peppers brought everyone up to speed.



We stopped at the Lincoln Shopping Center.



The Drive Tour West on the 1913 Central Valley Route
Here we are on Old Bass Lake Road.



At the Banta Inn.



We stopped at the Elk Grove House.



And a stop at the Summit Garage.



Stop at the Duarte Garage.



Approaching San Francisco.



Stop at the last rural barn on the Western Route.



Our group at the Palace of Fine Arts, San Francisco.



We gathered for a final group photo at the Western Terminus 9 p.m.