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Horseless Carriage Club*



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The **BAY AREA HORSELESS CARRIAGE CLUB** "BAHCC" was founded in 1951 by and for the automobile antiquarians dedicated to the preservation of PRE - 1916 ancient motor vehicles. "BAHCC" is one of the numerous Regional Groups of the Horseless Carriage Club of America "HCCA" which has 4600 members nationwide. "HCCA" membership is required of all active touring Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club Members, but is not required for "Associate" members. New membership into our club is invited.

**BAHCC TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR TOUR/
SWAP MEET INFORMATION: 510-835-6069**

MEETINGS: First Wednesday @ 7:30 PM monthly (except July and December - no meeting) at Piedmont Community Hall, Piedmont, CA near Piedmont City Hall. (Public Phone at the hall: 510-547-9311) April and November are potluck dinners starting at 6:30 PM. Guests welcome. Special presentations at meetings.

BOARD MEETINGS: Third Wednesday (except July - no meeting) at various homes. Members welcome.

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EDITORS NOTES:

It's May and I believe we are skipping Spring and jumping right into Summer with the beautiful weather we have had the last few days. It should be a great weekend ahead with the Blossom Tour in Gilroy. I hope to see you all there. Remember to bring your cameras and save a few pictures for the Gazette. Thank you to those of you who sent pictures and articles for this month's issue. Members love to hear from someone new, so always feel free to submit an article or a picture of some event that you have been to or have a special interest in writing about. Please submit pictures and articles to Muriel. The Gazette deadline is the 22nd of the month.

BINGO AFTER MAY 7th Business Meeting
Look for details in this Gazette

Presidents Message May 2006



I said goodbye to an old friend this month; with mixed emotion, Patricia and I sold our 1912 Cadillac. We owned the Cadillac for 10 years, and brought it back to life after it sat neglected and idle in Jess Blakers (deceased) subsequently auctioned into oblivion collection for nearly 15 years. When we bought it, it was too nice to totally disassemble for a frame up restoration; but as it turned out over time we did overhaul almost every major mechanical assembly, including rebuilding the engine twice (as it failed not long after the first rebuild), rebuilding the transmission (twice, as used parts broke shortly after being installed), replacing the clutch, completely restoring the brakes, building a new radiator, curing problems with the carburetor, not to mention making the original 24 volt starting system and electric lights work. Cosmetically, much of the nickel was re-plated, the wheels restored including having new retaining rings made, brass-stem tubes and new tires installed. A new top and speedometer definitely improved the appearance and functionality of the car. We never intended to show the Cadillac. Rather we were interested in making it a very presentable and dependable for touring, although it did take second place at Hillsboro a few years ago. In the end – even though it appreciated significantly we had a “bit” more in it than it was realistically worth. But how do you put a value on the great times with good friends that owning that particular car provided, particularly, one as significant as a 1912 Cadillac – the first car with a starter. One more Horseless Carriage is back on the road after time in our care – and I hope I see it on tour with a new caretaker one day.

Like many of us, I dream of unlimited resources to acquire (and keep) a variety of cars – and the garage space to put them. I have neither. In addition to my passion for Horseless Carriages, I also have a heartfelt appreciation of Classic Cars, particularly Packard's. About a year ago, I started thinking ... *if I sell the Cadillac maybe I could buy a Packard and a Model T.* Amazing how things happen; not long after that an affordable 1909 T became available (how often does that happen) and we bought it. The wheels were in motion and then I found a 1936 Packard 8 Town Sedan with 65,000 original miles which could be acquired at a fair price. The deal was done and the fate of the Cadillac sealed. So now you will be able to *ask a man who owns one.*

Shifting gears, at the last Board Meeting it was decided to permanently move our Swap Meet to September. We are likely to have the best weather at that time of year and if we want the meet to survive – we can not risk being rained out year after year. Graciously, Norm Schwartz has agreed to act as registrar for our first September Meet this year – and there will be no BAHCC swap meet next February. The dates under consideration are September, 7, 21 and 28. We will get this nailed down shortly.

Great progress is also being made on the BAHCC **Golden Gate Wine Country National Tour** tentatively scheduled for May 17 to 22, 2009 headquartered near Santa Rosa. Plans are shaping up for a short tour and welcome BBQ on Sunday, a Valley of the Moon winery tour to Sonoma on Monday; a bus trip to San Francisco on Tuesday with Mr. Toad sightseeing and other attractions, a tour to Jenner by the Sea on Wednesday, plus a trip to Calistoga and closing banquet on Thursday. Departure would be Friday morning. The very active Tour Committee is going to meet again before you read this – so there will be an update at the General Meeting.

In closing, it was wonderful to see the BAHCC so well represented in Bakersfield. Space does not permit me to list everyone I saw – but it is safe to say that a very substantial number of our active members were there buying and selling. I felt the meet was outstanding this year, with improved parking (free) and more brass stuff in one place than you are likely to see anywhere west of Pennsylvania.

I will see you down the road,

David



SNOOPY

By
Esther

Our Swap meet was the start of the 2008 club events. That was followed by a train trip to old Sacramento and then the Green Brass Tour. Then came the April pot luck and auction meeting. The Bakersfield Swap meet and the Western Gaslight 1&2 cyl. tour came right on its heels. The Blossom-Bay Area tour is next week in Gilroy and right after that the Old California Tour in Oakhurst. Busy, busy, busy. In the midst of all this we are remodeling our kitchen and guest bathroom. I'm sure they will be done before the end "of 2008".

Didn't attend this year but heard that it was a very good train ride and tour of Old Sacramento.. **Dan & Joyce A.** were the coordinators of that trip.

Patricia P.'s Green Brass Tour was a lot of fun and very well attended. We met in Walnut Creek and toured the back roads of Danville & Castro Valley on our way to the Chouard Winery for our lunch stop. Everyone brought pot luck dishes, so there was plenty of eats. The only thing was a cool breeze came up as we were eating, giving us a shiver and reminding us that spring had not yet sprung. For those of you who questioned if **Charles E.** really had a Mitchell and if so was he really restoring it, the answer is *yes* and *yes*. The Mitchell made it's maiden voyage "or coming out" and I tell you it was absolutely gorgeous, and ran very well to. Congratulations Charles on your beautiful car.. As always, "a big thanks to Pattie for a job well done. Oh, I guess we should thank Dave to as he must have done something to help(other than drive).

As usual, a lot of scrumptious food was served at the annual April pot luck dinner and auction meeting. Once again the members came through. Besides the good food, lots of treasures were donated including David's framed Cadillac sign and Don's prized nickel light which they both had to bid very high on just to get them back. I wonder who the thieving culprits were and how they managed to get those thing out of their garages. **Mary Lou K.** did it again, she put together a jazzy quilt and **Anna M.** machine quilted it and they donated it to the auction. It brought in big bucks. Thanks gals, I know how many hours of work it takes to make a quilt. Last year the **Azevedo's** donated a dinner for 4, this year the **Pava's** did the same. It also went for big money as did the tool kits and engine oil that **Doug D.** donated. **Ed Archer** and **Don A.**, our regular auctioneers, did their usual outstanding job of keeping us all entertained and the bidding up. Many thanks to all the generous givers and the big bidders. It helped to fill the club coffer to the tune of about 900 dollars.

Speaking of quilting, Anna and her cousin are, at this time, in Paducah, Kentucky attending another convention. Mary Lou & I went with them last year and they walked our legs off. This year, we decided not to hold them back (ha-ha). It's not that we are older, mind you.

It was a pretty fair week for the Western 1&2 cyl Tour. It was based in Oakdale, so being her home town, **Phyllis P.** gave a hand to tour directors **Leroy & Joyce F.** We were happy to see her at some of the events. Keep on joining us girl. Also, Grace McQuown (wife of the late Jack M.) came on the tour with the Gandy's from Nor. Cal. She announced wonderful news—She is getting married. I wish you much good luck as Joe & I have had.

Leroy & Joyce did a terrific job of planning and running the tour. Quite back roads - no traffic to fight - and some of the most delicious meals were served. Of course, our bartenders, **Doug D.** and **Jerry N.** helped the evenings along. They kept the Margueritas blenders whirling away.

It was the maiden voyage for the newly restored 1909 Brush belonging to **Sam & Ann G.** I believe I heard Sam say they owned the car years ago, bought her back, restored her and will be using her on all the 1&2 cyl. Tours. It has a cylinder head that screws on to the engine case ??? And it came unscrewed during the tour, lost a lot of power. Other than that, she putted right along and she's a cute little yellow car (a woman's point of view).

Joe & I want to thank **Ken Ryan** and **Duriens** for letting us ride with them. Joe thought it was quite nice to sit in back and enjoy the scenery, much more than when he is driving. The BA had a good showing. Those attending were the **Francieses, Gurnees, Dureins, T. Costa, S. Henningson** and his darling girlfriend Christina, **Brommers, Don & George Azevedo & N. Schwartz, Ritcheys, Nicoluses, Morrisons, Aninos, Wallersons, and Zimmermans.** It's fun to watch **Marlene Zimmerman** help **Chet Zimmerman** work on their **Zimmerman** auto. I'm lucky to know a spark plug from a valve, — you go girl!!!! They had a good turn out with people coming from Washington, Oregon, Colorado, Georgia, and So. Cal., 47 cars in all.

Brommer's 1909 Cadillac is in the auto hospital. While on the run, they got rear ended and pushed into the modern car ahead of them. The radiator has a big boo-boo and the tail light is history (can anyone help out with a replacement). Some paint scrapes here and there and a crumpled fender, all fixable. Bill is just happy that no one was hurt!!!

The weather was pretty darn good except for Friday afternoon when the winds came up. And thank heavens Sunday was short run because it was down right cold and windy. But that was soon forgotten as the Bloody Maries warmed us and we enjoyed some wonderful food.

By the way, Joe is going tomorrow to finish putting the engine back in the REO Hopefully, all will go well and "Big Red" will be purring by days end. Also, Harold Coker finished machining the Paterson cylinders and shipped them out Tuesday the 22nd, we should have them by the middle of next week. So maybe our Patty will soon be back on the road also. Looking forward to taking her on tour.

The Bakersfield "Social Event" or should I say Swap Meet was well attended. Not sure how the sales went. Can't think of anyone doing a basket restoration. Not like the old days when everyone was scrapping the bottom of the barrel bringing up young kids and scrounging for parts. I'm sure lots of parts and money changed hands. I did see lots and lots of brass lamps for sale. Also some antique clothes. Mainly those clothes that shrunk while hanging in the closet.

There were even several sightings of "Charlie"!!!!

The motor home roundup (**Silveras, Goulartes, Ray & Doris**) was there in their usual place. Lots of BA members were there, to many to mention all the names. Besides, I would no doubt forget someone.

We miss seeing some of the "ole regulars" and enjoy seeing those that have been away for a while. Lets see if I can bring you up to date on the one's I know about:

Al Luis missed the pot luck meeting. Seems his leg was giving him fits. He is hoping to be at the next meeting.

Doris K. is doing Kemo again. It was good to see her at Bakersfield.

Kay C. looks great and she said she is doing really well after her radiation treatments.

Dick S. is using a cane. Says his feet give him fits, so the cane keeps him from falling on his pratt. I guess more of us could use a cane, I've certainly had my share of falls.

Fran S. had a couple of close calls. She was in the hospital 4 times, no one knew as George didn't notified us. She said it's going fairly well now. George is getting along just fine in his motorized cart. Careful George, don't get a speeding ticket (ha-ha).

Bob Hopkins has a new Lady friend. It's amazing to see how much that perks someone up. Go Bob, we are all very happy for you.

We miss **Pam J.** She is sort of home bound with her ailing mother. We all love our parents and need to do whatever we can for them.

Jack Kopp joined us at the Pot luck and the previous meeting. Good seeing you Jack. Thanks to **Eric L.** for making the arraignments and bringing him to the meetings.

It's been good to see **Gary B.** at the meetings. Maybe we'll see him on some of the tours???

Muriel L. has been suffering from a serious back problem. She is trying to get well without doing the surgery thing. Good luck with that. Maybe you should talk to Walter S., he has nothing but praise for his back surgery.

Francis L. is doing pretty good, Some good days and some bad days. Always thinking of you Francis.

Bill O. is getting along quite well. He is still staying in Plymouth and has a sheep dog called Lacey. His friend also has sheep, sheep dogs, & horses so Bill is getting his exercise helping out with the stock. He says he is loving it.

Steve R. legs are also giving him fits. But, he's well enough to smoke those "stinky cigars" (inside joke).

Norm S. bought an old, large building (I think it was a garage at one time) to use as a work shop and to store his growing collection of old cars.

Carolee M. said her twin grandbabies are growing like weeds as is big brother Jack They are very active and wearing their Mom out.

The **Luis's** great granddaughter now weighs 15 lbs. and is getting along quite well after her 1 lb. 5 oz. entrance into this world. Amazing!!!

Joe & Ray A. are busy working up the plans for the 1&2 cyl flat land tour they are putting on this Sept. in the delta.

Ed & Karen A. and their guest were all decked out in their antique duds on the Green Brass tour. As always, they looked sensational.

Ken B. is also having trouble with his back and feet. We missed you at the pot luck and Green Brass tour.

The Crowells are now on a three month tour around Europe. That's not all, they are doing it in one of their 1927 cars (a Pierce Arrow maybe???). Their 2 children are traveling with them. What a wonderful adventure.

On the last tour, we had a popcorn & root beer float stop at the Ritchey's garage. Always interesting. Yum-yum, I love popcorn & floats.

Mike & Sharon S. were telling us (we missed the tour last fall so didn't see their holdings) about the new big building they bought to display all yhe new goodies Mike has collected. Did I hear that another big building is in the near future???

That's all the rumors and gossip that's come my way, so that's it for now. Keep those feeling under the weather in your thought and prayers. See you next time.

SNOOPY



BINGO NIGHT

May 7th Business Meeting

**After a short business meeting please
come try your luck at Bingo.**

**Each one should bring a small white
elephant gift wrapped, in exchange for 3
Bingo Cards. If no gift is brought you
will be charged a \$1.00 per card.**

Green Brass Tour

By David Pava



The weather cooperated on Sunday, March 30 and we had a very nice turn out for Patricia's Green Brass Tour. As we gathered at the Rudgear Park and Ride the crowd grew larger and larger around Charles Ebers newly restored 1910 Mitchell Touring Car - out for its first time - after an immaculate restoration spanning more than a decade. To say this car is perfect is an understatement; the quality and authenticity of the work looks as if this car would score 100 points at Pebble Beach. Other than a minor problem with the adjustment of the throttle linkage the magnificent mighty Mitchell completed the tour flawlessly.

The tour departed the Rudgear Park 'n Ride in Walnut Creek at about 10:45 after everyone had their fill of donuts washed down with Starbucks (big bucks) coffee and OJ. We enjoyed a leisurely ride through Alamo and Danville before turning west at Norris Canyon Road in San Ramon and eventually into Castro Valley, where we headed 6 miles up Palomares Canyon, arriving at Chouinard Vineyards and Winery at noon.



Our hosts George and Carolyn Chouinard had picnic tables set up for us under a grape arbor - in a beautiful and peaceful setting - in their vineyard. Picnics were unpacked; pot luck items shared and a bit of fine wine enjoyed by most everyone. After lunch many tourists sampled and bought wine to take home.

The return tour was via Pleasanton, however, many headed off on direct routes to their homes.

In attendance were, Ed and Karen Archer and guests in the '06 Locomobile, Don and Joyce Azevedo in their '14 Buick, Joe and Esther Sernach with their '29 A, Doug and Mary Lou King in her hot-rod, Johnny and Christine Crowell in the big Simplex, Charles Ebers in the Mitchell with Bill Cassidy and Bill Austin as passengers, Doug and Sue Durien in their '12 Buick, Norm and Adria Schwartz in their black REO, Fred and Nancy Byl with family in their '15 T, Bill and Kaaren Brommer in the red T Pie Wagon, Rich and Ellen Green in their T and Patricia and me in our '12 Cadillac and Don Johnson. I think that was everybody – but I apologize if I missed someone. Based on feedback I heard – it seems most had a great time.

As a side note – some of you know the sale of our Cadillac was pending at the time of the tour. That deal did close, and the Cadillac has been replaced with a classic '36 Packard; but our '09 T is about to make its BAHCC debut.



Chickasha Swap Meet



The week started with thunderstorms Monday and Tuesday. We watched the TV and papers and said “maybe we’ll only look inside the buildings and not go outside.

We flew on Wednesday and it was beautiful. Art and Doris Banducci picked us up at Oklahoma City Airport and we were at Chickasha by 3:45 pm . Susie and Doris made the early rounds of clothes booths and I helped Art unload for his spot. It’s more of a place to sit than a major selling spot, but Art sells his brass tail lights and books and some clothes. He did quite well.

Chickasha is bigger than Bakersfield, but

not by a lot. The nice thing is the huge inside buildings and some of the great booths of brass lamps and period clothes. Outside is like Bakersfield in that sellers have a lot of space to lay out tons of metal and iron.

Thursday and Friday were beautiful weather days. The wind would come up every so often, but only for 10 to 15 minutes. Sellers were down a little. Seemed like more spots empty this year. I’m sure it was due to cost of gas, and it being the Easter weekend. In the past, 70% were still there on Saturday. This year, by Friday afternoon, it was down to 50%.

Chickasha is always fun to see faces not from California, and each year lots of brass comes out of the back rooms and barns to keep the hobby alive.



Doug and Susie Durein



TIPS & TRICKS

From "THE OLD CAR WEEKLY" author unknown.
Submitted by Jim Maxwell

A RESTORER'S BRASS CLEANING RECIPE

Brass parts won't corrode like steel, but they do tarnish. When a vintage carburetor is dismantled or trim screws are removed, often the only way a sight check indicates that the parts are made of brass is the telltale yellow gleam on a shaft or threads that have been covered. Brass is a decorative metal and thus restored brass parts should exhibit their potential golden glory. The problem is that brass can't be cleaned by acid stripping or sandblasting. Polishes like Brasso rejuvenate well-preserved brass after a session of vigorous rubbing, but hardly touch badly tarnished brass. I used a draftsman's electric eraser to clean badly tarnished brass throttle screws and plugs on Model A Ford carburetors, until John Nelson, an avid clock restorer and friend whose tool illustrations appear in the appendix of this book, showed me a better way.

Visiting John's house is to pass time in a clock shop. More than a dozen time pieces tick and tock in and out of beat in the living room, joined by chimes and cuckoos from other quarters. The heart of nearly all decorative clocks is a wonderfully intricate gear tower made all of brass. As John pulled the mechanism out of a newly restored clock to show me what made it tick. I wondered how he had the patience to clean each tiny shining brass gear, cog and shaft.

"You just soak the whole mechanism in a vat of cleaning solution, help the process along a bit by scouring the brass with a toothbrush, and the entire unit cleans sunshine-bright in a matter of minutes," John explained.

He did add a word of caution. Commercial strength ammonia is a main ingredient in the brass-cleaning solution. Its fumes quickly fill a room and will gag all but those with the stoutest constitutions. John save his brass cleaning for warm weather and works outside on his driveway.

The mixing proportions given are for a gallon batch. This quantity should be sufficient for small part. A plastic tray, available at photography shops, works well for soaking the parts if the job is done in open air. The solution can be stored in a plastic gallon bottle.

THE BRASS CLEANING RECIPE

8 ounces 28% commercial-strength ammonia (sold by blue print supply stores).
4 ounces oleic acid (from a pharmacy)
4 ounces liquid detergent
2 ounces acetone (available in hardware stores)
Add oleic acid to 3/4 gallon water, mix well, then add detergent and acetone. Slowly add ammonia.

Some "clumping" may result as ammonia is added; shake well.

Allow solution to age three to four days.

Shake before using.

Pep up aging solution with new ammonia.

When using the solution indoors, keep it in a tightly closed container. Store the Solution in a brown bottle or away from light.

Caution!

Protect your eyes

Use gloves

Work in a well-ventilated area

Do not leave parts in the solution too long

—Twenty minutes is usually sufficient—

Helpful hints

Blow warm air from a portable hair dryer to drive moisture out of tiny crevices in the parts.

John uses four-aught (0000) fine steel wool to burnish the cleaned brass parts, making his restored clock mechanisms gleam. Commercial-strength ammonia fumes are undeniably obnoxious, but the results of using this clockman's cleaning solution are worth enduring the temporary unpleasantness. The telltale smell, of course, evaporates shortly.



File photo. Air Capital Swap Meet 3-18-03
By Roland Dickey

BAHCC General Meeting Minutes Of Wednesday, April 2, 2008

Traditionally this month's meeting is preceded by a Pot Luck Dinner - enjoyed by all.

And for our review there were the donated items displayed for the "auto & all" auction.

President Dave Pava called the meeting to order at 7:53 PM, welcoming everyone to an evening of fun. He then indicated that he would make the business portion of the meeting very brief to allow more time for the bidding event - and it was a sight to see! Dave clicked off the agenda menu while in a "lightening mode", the epitome of focus, speedy detail and efficiency.

The FLASH MEETING went like this:

Dave introduced Anne Metais, wife of hubby Bernard - members newly rejoined.

For birthdays and anniversaries - please refer to the monthly Gazette.

Dave requested that if there were no corrections and/or changes to the Gazette printed General Meeting Minutes of March 2008, that they should stand approved as published.

Next, wearing his Treasurer's hat, Dave reported that financially we are in good shape.

Various newsletters and flyers were left for sharing at the head table. And everyone joined in the congratulations offered to Gazette Editor, Muriel Lundquist, for the superb job she is doing and in winning a First Place Newsletter Award at the HCCA National Convention.

The Club Project Binder was in circulation for those interested.

Sue Durein told of hearing that member Steve Hoffman is ill and under the weather.

No new news in the Membership, Website and/or Authenticity departments.

Vice President, Don Johnson, announced a "bingo" party for next month's entertainment.

Plan to bring a wrapped white elephant item or pay a \$1 - to qualify for a play card.

Did you all notice the newly "updated" Gazette cover this issue? Muriel thanked Erika Kopman for her time and computer programming efforts towards getting a cleaner copy. Looks really good!

Green Brass Tour Chair, Patricia Pava, gave a glowing report of a wonderful day of driving, the Charles Ebers' Mitchell's maiden run and pot luck picnicking with friends at the Chouinard Winery in Castro Valley, CA. Thirteen cars and 26 passengers!

Don Azevedo, Tour Chair, told folks to check their calendars for details of the upcoming Club functions in Bakersfield, the 1 & 2 Cylinder Run, the Blossom (Gilroy)Tour and the Piedmont Parade Celebration. Still unplanned are May and June tours - any volunteers or ideas?

Old Business: The newly met committee, Co-Chairs

Johnny Crowell, Eric Lundquist and Dave Pava, have given the 2009 National Tour a formal name = Golden Gate Wine Country Tour, tentative date: May 17 - 22, 2009, tentative local: Rohnert Park. More news soon. Also of note, the Board is reviewing weather info and considering supporting a second BAHCC Swap Meet in September or October 2008.

New Business: Norm Schwartz has a lost (at the Swap Meet) yellow flashlight - anyone?

Applause and lots of thanks to EVERYONE who brought such delicious mealtime dishes to the Pot Luck Dinner and to John and Carolee Morrison for the tasty ham and hospitality work. A winning combo - good food enjoyed with great friends. And to Al and Alice Luis, we enjoyed the hot French bread loafs, but missed seeing you both - hope to see you soon.

Dave then gaveled the meeting to a quick close at 8:10 PM — setting a new record - a 17 minute meeting!

And last, but not least, kudos to auctioneers, Ed Archer and Don Azevedo for their enthusiasm and good humor in "hawking" the collection so successfully. Our thanks also to Joe Chmielewski who offered his assistance in distributing the goodies once purchased. And who knew Don Azevedo could belly dance?

Submitted by Kaaren Brommer,
Secretary 4/3/08

BIRTHDAYS MAY 2008

POTTLE	Phyllis	1-May
LUNDQUIST	Eric	5-May
KING	Doug	6-May
OGDEN	Douglas	9-May
WATERMAN	William	9-May
STONE	Kelly	10-May
STONER	Donnis	10-May
COSTA	Pat	13-May
BROWN	Bayard	19-May
BERTOLOTTI	John	20-May
GURNEE	"Sam"	21-May
HOPKINS SR	Bob	23-May
LAGORIO	Frances	23-May
LAWRENCE	Doc "Bill"	25-May
RYAN	Patricia	25-May
SILVERA	Jackie	29-May
SILVERA	Dick	31-May

ANNIVERSARIES MAY 2008

METAIS	Bernard	Anne	May 2, 1964
ANINO	Joe	Rae	May 3, 1969
WATERMAN	William	Annie	May 9
FORBES	Mark	Tanya	May 12
NELSON	Bill	Marion	May 18, 1946

***BAHCC Board Meeting Minutes
Of Wednesday, April 9, 2008 - 7:23 PM***

Host: Bill Cassidy at Doug & Susan Durein's home.

Members present: D. Azevedo, K. Brommer, B. Cassidy, D. Durein, S. Durein, J. Morrison, D. Pava. Absent: D. Johnson.

President Dave Pava officially opened the meeting and welcomed guest Bill Brommer. Dave asked if everyone present had read the March 2008 Board Meeting Minutes and when all said yes, it was decided to approve them as printed in the Gazette.

As Treasurer, Dave presented the Club's monthly Balance Sheet Report and answered questions about the specific line items in the Profit & Loss Report for January 1 through April 8, 2008. Next the Board discussed the proposed BAHCC 2008 Budget, told Dave that he had done a great job projecting costs and John Morrison made a motion, seconded by Bill Cassidy, that the Board accept the finalized version. All voted yes. Dave will ask for a general membership approval vote of the budget at the May meeting. John Morrison will confirm our 2008 reservation/rental status with the Piedmont Community Hall.

And while the recent Swap Meet added some money to the treasury, the Board talked about the financially compelling reasons for plans to be set for permanently moving the swap meet to later in the year. The results of a "vendor poll" done by Norm Schwartz will be considered too. Doug Durein made a motion, seconded by John Morrison, that the BAHCC host a second swap meet this year, in September and not doing one next February. The Board (all) voted yes and supports this effort. Norm Schwartz has agreed to again chair the event. The specifics of date, location, registrar set up, vendors and advertizing will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

Doug Durein, Bill Cassidy and John Morrison all stated that there's not much going on with membership, authenticity or hospitality. Don Azevedo reported for VP Don Johnson, re: entertainment for the May meeting which will ask that members bring a wrapped "white elephant" prize item or pay a \$1 to participate in a short

round of bingo. Don Azevedo has all of the cards and "cage" apparatus ready to play.

Susan Durein stated that she had sent "sunshine" flowers to members Doris Kindberg and Al and Alice Luis. It was also noted that Jan Neil is doing well, and that a get well card was mailed to Frances Lagorio.

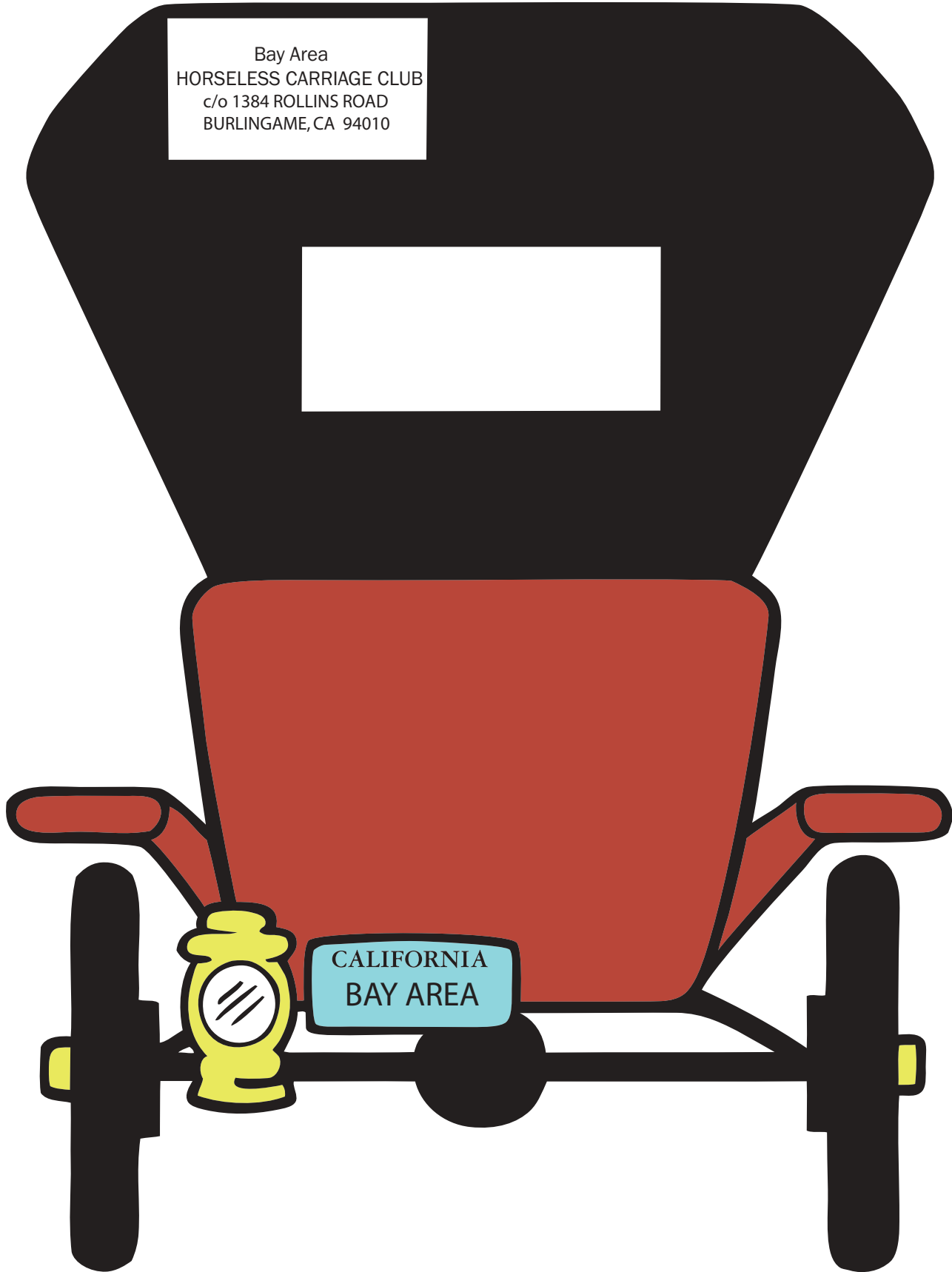
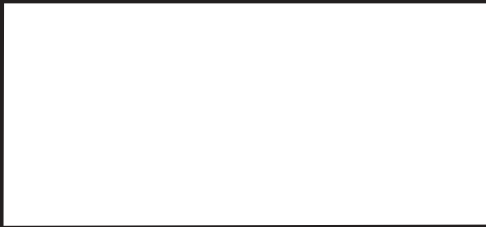
Old Business: The National HCC 2009 Golden Gate Wine Country Tour Committee convened beginning the task of establishing a framework and guidelines for co-hosting this big event. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 15, 2008, 7:00 PM, at Johnny Crowell's home. Stay tuned for more info as the committee gets to work on the "nuts and bolts" of the project. Volunteers will be needed.

Don Azevedo ran through the calendar of months for our future tours. Our Club will be hospitality hosts for the May Blossom Tour in Gilroy. John Morrison offered a suggestion for a "meet and greet/display" tour request from the city of Albany. Ideas for local run locations were considered, with the next firm tour set for the July 4th Parade and picnic at the Morrison's.

There being no further business for the Board to conduct, Bill Cassidy made a motion, seconded by Doug Durein, that the meeting be adjourned - just as the gentle hall clock struck 9:00 PM. Our thanks to Bill Cassidy for the delicious post-meeting apple pie a-la-mode dessert enjoyed by all.

Minutes submitted by Kaaren Brommer, Secretary
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