



*Bay Area
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 4200 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: No longer monthly. See calendar for schedule. Members welcome.

ADDRESS: c/o President **PHONE:** c/o President

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EDITORS NOTES:

A big thank you to those who have contributed articles to our Gazette. You are what makes our newsletter special. Our next due date is September 20th. I am still looking for car articles for Oct, Nov and December. Also, the ladies column needs volunteers for the same months. Let's keep these columns going!

Those of you that receive this newsletter via email should also be receiving newsletters from other clubs now. I think it is really fun for the clubs to be sharing what they are doing and I hope you are enjoying receiving them. If you are not receiving via email now and would like to be added to the list, please let me know and I will add you to the list. If you do not want to receive these extra newsletters please let me know that as well.

This month we are starting to RSVP your plans to attend dinner with the group before our Wednesday meeting. Be sure to give Mary Lou King a call or email the day before so that she can put in a reservation.

****We have just scheduled a NUTS AND BOLTS for Oct 2nd at Fred Byl's. Please put this on you calandar.*****



Your President's Thoughts and Reminders * * *



The summertime months have flown by --- but the calendar shows lots of activity and busy work ahead. Everyone has enjoyed the mild weather and opportunities to drive the roadways and exercise their favorite pastime. Keep up the good work and have fun !

In the month of September alone there are as many as six different tours, fund raisers, celebrations and/or exhibits to participate in. It's a fact that our Website and Gazette always welcome short reports and photos of these interesting events -- so keep that in mind and pass the articles on. More news soon about our 2011 Spring Time Country Tour - mapping to do, committees to set up, reservations to calendar and friends to visit.

A few reminders for your action:

Mary Lou King has kindly offered to coordinate the dinner reservation at the Mexican restaurant that many members attend "before" each month's general meeting. We would ask that you please plan to confirm your attendance with her - either by phone or email MLKing@sbcglobal.net, as a courtesy -- and thus smooth the way to an enjoyable meal.

At the September General Meeting the "Club" jacket order will be finalized and a deposit check of \$50.00 required to place your order. Names on the list are: Metais, Johnson, Byl, Brommer and Lundquist.

On a continuing basis we are moving ahead with the Website upgrade work which will offer better communication capabilities and interaction opportunities. The world pace seems to demand timely access and activity information for everyone.

After many months of promotion and effort the plans for a Reno train trip in February 2011 have been CANCELLED due to inadequate traveler's sign-ups. Our apologies.

We would like to welcome our two newest members: Mike Lawrence and Renee Hood and hope to see them and their 1911 Mitchell out and about on the Club tours.

See you soon -- down the road --- until then, drive safely and enjoy motoring.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING DINNER BEFORE OUR CLUB MEETINGS

Many of our members enjoy getting together for dinner before the Wednesday night meeting. Since the group has been getting larger and the restaurant is relatively small we thought we would give them the courtesy of a reservation so that they could set up the tables before we arrive. Beginning in September Mary Lou King will collect the reservations from members that would like to join the group for dinner. Please give her a call or email the day before if you wish to join us for dinner.

Place: EL AGAVERO (Mexican menu)
2071 Mountain Blvd
Montclair District (off Moraga Avenue)

Please call Mary Lou King at 510-537-3909 before 3 pm the day of the meeting
Or email Mary Lou by the day before at m.l.king@sbcglobal.net
Only call or email if you are coming.



SNOOPY

By
Esther

Boy, I feel sorry for those that missed the field meet. What a great time we had. As usual, a few went to a lot of work for us to enjoy driving our antiques. You could drive, watch, ride, visit, eat, drink or cheer. You can talk to anyone that attended or reported on the meet and they will say what a great time we all had.

George and Fran S. and son Dave drove down from El dorado Hills. George even tried not to pop a balloon while driving his scooter on one of the events. What fun!!

It took one couple 6 minutes to drive the blind fold obstacles course. It took **Crowels** son **Mike** with our son **Mike** as navigator 1 min. & 6 sec. Quite a difference. Needless to say there was a lot of cheering for all contestants.

I have been kidding **Bill G.** for a long time about not really owning a speedster because he never brought it out on tour. Well he brought it to the field meet and I must tell you that he does have a beautiful yellow POPE speedster. They have won an award at every show they have attended with it. It's gorgeous.

Don & Pam J. sold there old Victorian home in Menlo Park and bought a lovely newer home in Petaluma (Don has pictures). Pam stated that they had to be out of their

Menlo Park Victorian by Aug. 23rd. She announced, tongue in cheek, that they were putting on a modern truck tour from Menlo Park to Petaluma on Aug. 23rd, and yes, all trucks & trailers are welcome. Clever Pam, and very, very sneaky (ha-ha).

The Board of Directors is asking for your help. It's the BA's turn to host the multi-day tour next year (2011). They are looking for ideas on where to tour and good tour routes. Any and all ideas would be appreciated so pass them on.

Lynn Kissel is planning on an October tour (Pumpkin tour), and it sounds like it will be a good one. Look for more information in this paper and plan on attending. This is their first time hosting a BA tour and lets all show up and help them make it an enjoyable time for all. Get those antiques out on the road where they can be seen and enjoyed by all.

As you might have heard, **Eric L.** has decided to sell some of his cars, most of which have been stored in his warehouse. He sold his 11 Cadillac to a friend of Stijnus Schotte, the owner of the 07 Spiker that visited San Francisco in July,. He said he had several calls and visits from the East Coast and Germany on the Cad. He would also like to sell his model T's. a 1910 fire truck, a 1915 C cab, a 1911 touring (previously owned by Andy Griffith, and a 23 speedster (previously owned by Bert Schoenstein of San Francisco).

Check your gorgeous and attend some of the coming events.

See you at the next meeting.

Snoopy

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

COSTA	Tony	9/1
FORBES	Frank	9/1
HOPKINS	Clyde	9/6
STANFIELD	Wayne	9/9
LUIS (Life)	Alice	9/11
MCCLISH	Barbara	9/16
ORTMAN (Life)	Bill	9/18
GULARTE	Lee	9/20
SILVERA	Sharon	9/20
BOYDEN	Jean	9/25
KEYSER	Kristy	9/27



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

CERRUTI	Mark	Veronica	Sept. 6, 2003
KEYSER	Kent	Kristy	Sept. 11
BUTLER	Layden	Jean	Sept. 20, 1986
AZEVEDO	Don	Joyce	Sept. 21, 1974
AZEVEDO	George	Genelle	Sept. 23, 1945
HAIST	Whitney	Diane	Sept. 27

Will I See YOU on the 2010 Pumpkin Tour, Oct. 17?

Lynn Kissel
Livermore, California

I'm helping to plan this year's Pumpkin Tour, currently scheduled for October 17, 2010. While plans are still being finalized, here is a sketch of the tentative plan for the day. While period dress will be optional, I suspect that it will be greatly admired by the people we meet along the way.

We will gather at 9 am at the Rudgear Road Park 'n Ride lot next to I-680 in Walnut Creek for coffee, donuts and sparkling conversation.

Setting off about 9:45 am, we'll take the back roads to Livermore. Our first stop will be to the pumpkin patch and corn maze at G&M Farms (487 E. Fairway Blvd.). We have been offered preferred parking directly in front of the pumpkin patch. This will be a busy day at the farm and I expect that the many visitors will want to talk with us and learn more about our unique cars and the historical perspective they represent.

At noon we will motor to the Duarte Garage & Lincoln Highway Museum (L St. and Portola Ave.) for a picnic lunch. You should plan to bring your own food and some to share with others. The Livermore Heritage Guild operates this 1915 garage as a museum, built as a way station on the old Lincoln Highway, the first transcontinental US highway.

At about 2 pm we can proceed through the beautiful downtowns of Livermore and Pleasanton to Sunol to meet the steam train as it returns on its last excursion of the day, or head directly home if the day is getting long for you.

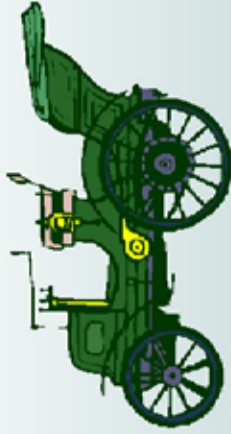
Returning to our starting point via Foothill Rd. and San Ramon Valley Blvd. takes us through charming Danville and completes a 65-mile loop. (Skipping the visit to Sunol would cut about 8 miles and 90 minutes off your day's tour.)

I'm looking forward to seeing you on the 2010 Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club's Pumpkin Tour. I hope that you'll consider helping make my first planning effort for the club a success by sharing any comments on these plans (bahcc@starship.org, 925-294-8047) and, especially, joining me on the tour.



***NUT'S AND BOLTS WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 2ND AT FRED BYL'S HOUSE.
FRED HAS SOME SPECIAL STEAM ENGINES TO SHARE. PLEASE PUT THIS ON
YOUR CALENDAR AND COME TO THE MEETING FOR MORE DETAILS.***

BAHCG GASLIGHT GAZETTE SEPTEMBER 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 General Meeting 7:30 pm Piedmont	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 History Park Hillsborough Concours Gatsby	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			Silver State Tour to Tuckee Contact Sandy Jury @ 775-465-2147			
26	27	28	29	30		
						October 2, Nut's and Bolt's - Fred Byl November 5, Potluck Meeting 6:30pm December 11 Holiday Party - Piedmont



The Doctor's 1912 Model T Ford Touring Car

This 1912 Model T Ford Touring Car was found in 1961 in a small wooden shed in Winona, Minnesota, and is what we would call today a Barn Find. The car was about 90% complete and original. The headlamps had been changed from carbide lamps to magneto lamps and was in remarkably good shape considering it was almost 50 years old at the time. It was never restored - just well maintained. When I started to ask all kinds of questions about its mechanical condition the owner said, "why don't you just give it a test drive ." A test drive! I jumped at the chance. It started easily and ran beautifully. I was sold. The car was purchased and trailered back to Chicago.

It seems that the car had been purchased new in 1912 by a doctor in Winona and was used by him to make his house calls. It was updated for obvious reasons over the years but still retained its original top and upholstery. The doctor did not do the actual work on the car . He left that to his personal mechanic to handle. When the doctor passed on - the car was willed to the mechanic who took care of it for many more years. In later years the mechanic sold the car to the man that I bought it from.

After getting the car home and checking it out, I decided not to restore it for a while. The car ran so well that it was driven for a year on various old car tours before it was decided to fully restore it. The car was completely torn down and all components checked for wear. The only wear found was a few bushings in the front axle and of course, the 12 rivet differential had to be rebuilt. The engine and transmission were both in such good shape that they were just cleaned up, repainted and put back in the car. All parts of the car were repainted and reassembled. New upholstery was installed along with a new top. It was now ready to tour again. And tour again it did. In 1963 the car was driven from Chicago to Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan, for the celebration of Henry Ford's 100th Birthday. The car made it all the way there and back with no problems - except for 7 flat tires. But that is a another story.

In the picture the car has just won a Second Place prize in the Model T Ford Club's annual restoration contest. Not bad for a car that is not a "Trailer Queen". If I had it to do over again - would I restore it? Knowing what I know today - probably not. It was definitely in the "preservation class".

Now I have a question. Who is that nattily dressed (notice the spats) owner - driver? Answer in next months Gazette.

Skirt Lifters

By Susan Durein

Many people seeing these strange items puzzle over their purpose, but once their use is revealed, they give a fascinating glimpse into the life of a past age. During most of the nineteenth century, street drainage was haphazard and uncollected garbage was thrown out into the unswept streets that, in many places, were not yet paved with layers of compacted small stones. Full skirted dresses were easily soiled. Many ladies drove in a carriage, or might use the services of a “crossing sweeper”, who had to be given a tip.

The skirt lifter was born out of necessity. An early reference for the use of a specific accessory to lift the skirt was mentioned in 1846. Dress clips called Pages, formed in the shape of a Negro’s head, attached to the waist by a chain, and were used to clip and hold up the skirt when walking. Another variety, in the Watteau Porte-Jupe`, was fashionable in 1859, to render the skirt more manageable, when walking. This was an adjustable ribbon-covered wire loop hooked to the waist through which a fold of skirt could be placed to lift the skirt.

During the 1860’s, skirt lifters were devised to lift the overskirt in a series of draped scallops. This was achieved by multiple chains from the waist belt. It is possible that some of the accessories used for lifting the skirt were used more for their decorative effect than the function of lifting the skirt off the ground. In these cases, a brooch or gold clasp might hold gold chains in place, at the waist.

As the trains of dresses got longer and longer, including outdoor dresses, a serviceable dress holder became more and more indispensable. Many devices, some with success and some not, were tried. These devices were to hold the material firmly without injuring the fabric in any way: also, they were to be easily applied.

The Chatelaine dress holder consisted of a waist plaque and hook, and some kind of grasping mechanism. Two are illustrated in the photos. The majority of skirt lifters however, do not have a waist plaque and hook, and were attached to the waist by ribbon, as illustrated by the butterfly example, made by Plant and Green, and registered on October, 1876. These devices look rather like a pair of strange scissors; two pivoted arms ending in cushioned circles, usually of leather, locked by a contrivance at the top between the two arms, and operated by a cord suspended from the waist. I usually use a moiré ribbon with a waist plaque and hook, to hold this type of skirt lifter.

The locking devices were decorated in a variety of ways; hands, butterflies, horseshoes, and other scrolled designs. The clips were almost always made in non-precious metals, usually brass or plated metal. There were a number of different patent styles. Some skirt lifters turn up in pairs, and it is possible that these could have been used when cycling.

I believe I bought my first skirt lifter in Colorado, on a tour with Jan and Jerry Neil many years ago. I was able to use it in Wisconsin in 1996, on the Tour of the Century. I’m not just a collector of accessories, I enjoy wearing them also.



Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club
Minutes of Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 18, 2010

Meeting opened at 7:20P.M at Brommer residence,
Castro Valley, CA

Officers present:

President, K. Brommer
Vice President, J. Crowell
Treasurer, D. Pava
Secretary, W. Haist

Committee Chairs:

Membership, B. Brommer

Secretaries Minutes:

Read by Secretary Haist and Approved without
changes.

Treasurers Report: (Dave Pava)

I&E as of 8/18 was submitted by Treasurer
Pava for the record. Report accepted and
approved.

Chairman's Report (Don Johnson) Don not present.

VP Report: (Johnny Crowell)

Upcoming Board Meeting schedule:
Sep 15: Haist in Orinda / Nov 17: Brommer in
Castro Valley
Next General Meeting will be 9/1/2010.

**Nuts & Bolts / Membership: (Bill Brommer) There
will be no N&B event in September.**

The membership of Mike Lawrence was
approved by the board. Moved by Dave,
Second by Johnny. His dues check was turned
over to treasurer.

**Authenticity & Tours: (Ed Archer as reported by
Karren)**

Good Guys has invited the club to display cars
at their West National show in October. This
will be calendared in the Gazette for those who
wish to participate.

Communications: (Kaaren Brommer) None

Old Business:

Private rail car trip to Reno is being scheduled
for January or February, 2011. 32 have signed
up so far. 48 needed. Event considered
cancelled at this time.

Web site needs further attention. Kaaren will
discuss with Erika.

Should the club hold an event such as
"friendship day" for the benefit of the hobby
first, fund raising second priority? To be
discussed further in the future.

The Spring Blossom Tour upcoming in
2011. Kaaren will establish a committee and
chairman.

New Business:

Are six BOD meetings per year enough? Ed
said no, Dave said yes. After discussion is
was agreed to review next years' calendar and
adjust as necessary.

Dave proposed a Director of Communications
as a board position. Possibly in lieu of V.P.
position. Discussion to be continued.

Alice Luis's birthday to be recognized at next
general meeting.

Dues for 2011 will be \$35. Moved by Johnny,
second by Bill, approved by all.

Meeting dinner coordinator Mary Lou King to
be announced in Gazette.

Meeting closed at 8:45P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Whitney Haist, Secretary

Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club
Minutes of General Meeting
Wednesday, August 4, 2010

The meeting opened at 7:50 P.M.

The meeting was opened with an announcement by Dave Pava requesting a coordinator for the pre-meeting dinners at El Guivera in Montclair. In the future, those wishing to attend the dinner should contact Mary Lou King at m.l.king@sbcglobal no later than 3:00P.M. on meeting day. She will then make a reservation at the restaurant, assuring seating and allowing the restaurant to have adequate help available for the group.

Officers present:

Board Chairman, D. Johnson
President, K. Brommer
Vice President, J. Crowell
Treasurer, D. Pava
Secretary, W. Haist

Committee Chairs:

Tour and Authenticity, E. Archer
Membership, B. Brommer

Visitors present:

Mike Lawrence and Rene Hood owners of their grandfathers 1911 Mitchell.
Mike Riley

Secretaries Minutes:

Approved as published with the following exceptions. Mark Cerruti came clean by announcing he didn't actually bake the cakes he brought to the last meeting and Don Azevedo disputed Ben Kopmans head count at the Makers Fair, stating he counted only 95,000 attendees instead of the published 950,000. Could it have been a typo? Let's just say there were a lot of people there.

Treasurers Report: (Dave Pava)

Dave did not have the current I&E statements, but assured the members the club is solvent. Hard copies of the statements will be at the BOD meeting on 8/18

BOD Meetings:

Aug 18 at Bromer's in Castro Valley and Sep 15 at Haist's in Orinda

VP Report: (Johnny Crowell)

No report except accolades for the dinner at the Pava's he won at the April auction

Nuts & Bolts / Membership: (Bill Brommer)

September and November are open to anyone willing to open their garage for a Saturday morning get together.

Authenticity: (Ed Archer) No report.

Tours: Past / Future (Ed Archer)

June 13 will be the Endurance Tour and the Lowland tour.
June 20, Fathers Day will be a tour into Mt. Diablo from the North Gate.
June 27 is the Palo Alto Concourse D'Elegance. Ten cars have signed up to date.
July 4th, Parade in Piedmont
July 17th Field Meet.
All above received rave reviews from those who attended.
August has no events scheduled..
Sep 12, History Park
Sep 12 Hillsborough Concourse D'Elegance
2011 the BAHCC will be hosting the Spring Tour.
Open to suggestions. Committee to be formed.

Car Projects:

Don Johnson car's is in for repair.
Dave Pava's speedster is running.
Bill Brommer's 1908 Cadillac may be running before the end of the year. 2010?
Joe Sernach cylinder still leaking, ☹

Birthdays and Anniversaries were announced and rewarded with gifts from Kaaren.

Gazette:

Muriel thanked those who have contributed and appealed to those who haven't for future submissions.

Communications: (Kaaren Brommer) - None

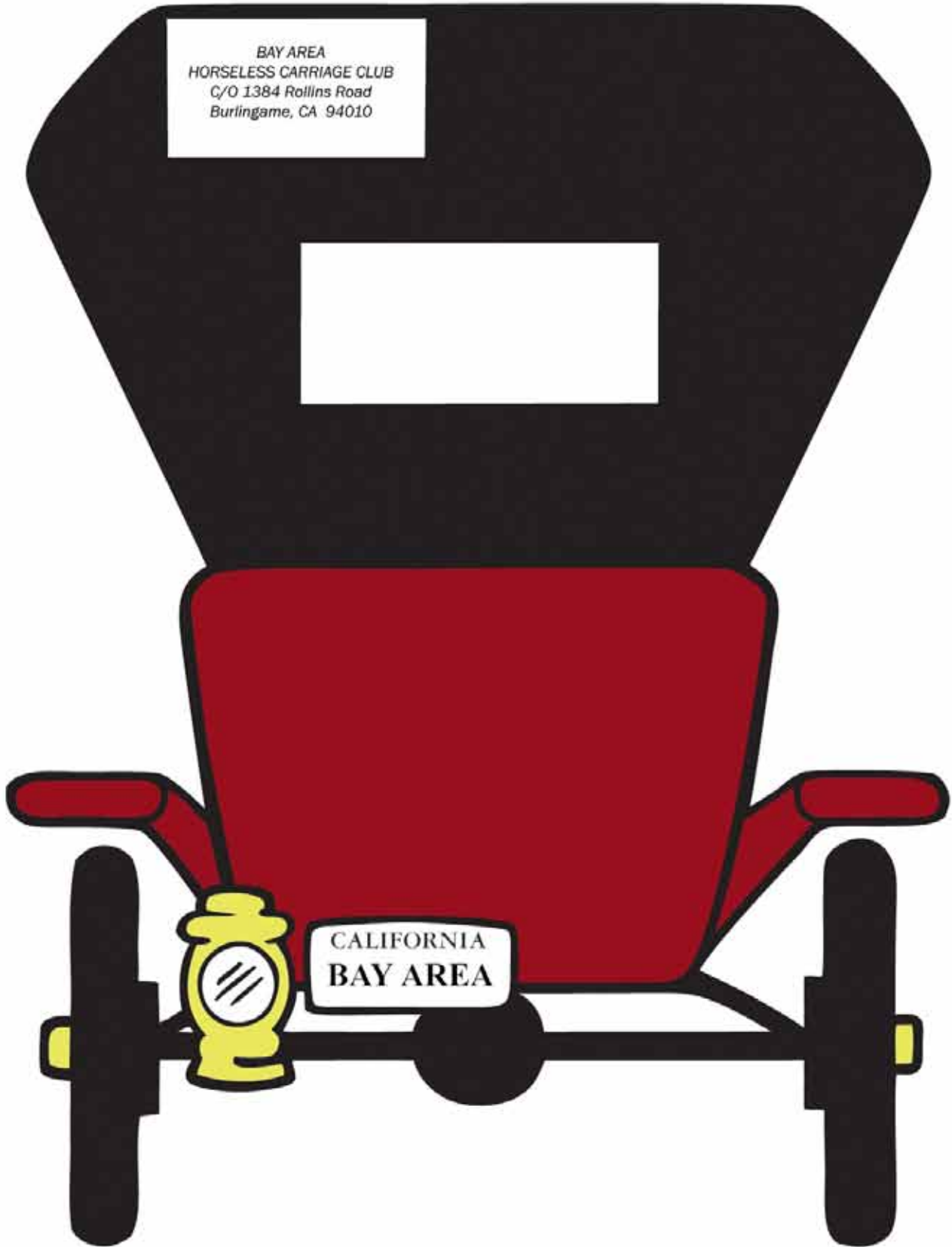
Old Business: Jackets, \$188, provide name and size to Kaaren.

New Business: None

Meeting closed at 8:45P.M. Moved by Walter, Second by Ester.

Respectfully submitted by Whitney Haist, Secretary

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