



*Bay Area  
Horseless Carriage Club*



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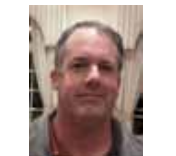
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The **BAY AREA HORSELESS CARRIAGE CLUB** "BAHCC" was founded in 1951 by and for the automobile antiquarians dedicated to the preservation of PRE - 1916 ancient motor vehicles. "BAHCC" is one of the numerous Regional Groups of the Horseless Carriage 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:** No longer monthly. See calendar for schedule. Members welcome.

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**EDITORS NOTES:**

Our club has been blessed with two young couples with exciting things going on in their lives. Erika and Ben Kopman welcomed baby Kingston into their family on March 29th and Mike Lawrence and his fiance Renee will be married in June. The club had a surprise bridal shower for Mike and Renee planned by Esther and Christine at our Pot Luck dinner. By printing a "special" edition of the Gazette just for them, they were surprised while the other club members had the shower information in their newsletters. Baby Kingston along with his grandparents attended his first Pot Luck dinner with mom and dad.

The club auction also went off as planned at the Pot Luck dinner with proceeds going to operating expenses for the club. Thanks to all who participated in both events.

Look for some extras regarding the Mendocino Car Tour to get you prepared for the events.

Publishing deadline the 22nd of the month. Thank you to all who have submitted articles for this months edition of the Gazette.



*From the West Wing  
of the work shop.*

I don't know about you, but I'd say the happenings in the BAHCC this month (April) are what car clubs are all about. First there was a general meeting that lasted all of about twelve minutes with a few timely announcements and a motion to adjourn. Then there was food (a superb pot luck dinner) and then entertainment (the lively auction). A few days later was a "Nuts 'n Bolts" event at Mark Cerruti's where he fired up his 1923 Ford "TT" truck that has been in slumber for the past quarter century. When Mark drove it out of the garage he had a grin from ear to ear, his wife and kids came running out of the house yelling "daddy, daddy!". Veronica told me this was the first time she has seen the truck run since she met Mark. Another week later, was the Bakersfield swap meet where I ran into half the members of the club (okay, slight exaggeration). but it doesn't get much better than that.

Nancy Byl and family have been working overtime to make the Spring Tour to Willits a great one. So far there are 17 cars and about 35 people signed up. There is still time to sign up for the tour on May 12 through 15. Thank you again to Nancy and family for all your efforts.

As we go to press, the BOD is very close to a resolution on the budget / treasury issue. Using the input from the members, the resolution calls for an annual budget. The goal, of course, is to balance the budget, but our large cash surplus will continue to be available to cover some of the "finer things" that the club has grown to enjoy over the years.

I hope to see you at the meeting next week.

Happy motoring.

Whitney Haist  
Prez

Not an actual driving tip, but worth reading from Joe and Esther

Ha Ha Ha!



## Get out of the car!

*(This is supposedly a true account recorded in the Police Log of Sarasota, Florida.)*

An elderly Florida lady did her shopping and, upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle.

She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at the top of her lungs, "I have a gun, and I know how to use it! Get out of the car!"

The four men didn't wait for a second threat. They got out and ran like mad.

The lady, somewhat shaken, then proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and got into the driver's seat. She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition.

She tried and tried, and then she realised why. It was for the same reason she had wondered why there was a football, a Frisbee and two 12-packs of beer in the front seat.

A few minutes later, she found her own car parked four or five spaces farther down.

She loaded her bags into

the car and drove to the police station to report her mistake.

The sergeant to whom she told the story couldn't stop laughing.

He pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale men were reporting a car jacking by a mad, elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly white hair, and carrying a large handgun.

No charges were filed.

Moral of the story? If you're going to have a senior moment . . . make it memorable.



## SNOOPY

By Esther

Here it is the beginning of May and hopefully, the rains are coming to an end.

The Western Gaslight 1&2 tour was held last week (April 19-22) and as per usual, we had rain, but only for one day. Some times some things are hard to understand. There were 4 or 5 1 cylinder cars and a few 2 bangers there putting through the rain---no windshield and no top! Riders soaking wet and very cold. Now let me ask you, "we are adults with a good head on our shoulders, aren't we"? Only thing to say is old car folks are either dedicated or nuts, Or maybe both. Take your pick! The rest of the days were just fine. The tour was put on by the Western Gaslight board so everyone had a hand in putting it on. Great roads, great food interesting stops and a lot of fun. A big thank you to all the board and spouses.

The saga of the Paterson is still going on. Thanks to all of you who racked your brains to help us find a solution. Joe is evaluation all options.

Bakersfield Swap meet has come and gone. People seemed to do OK selling on Friday. But the report was that Saturday was very slow and lots of people bugged out Friday evening. Saturday sellers were packing up by 10 am. Those that hung around had a chance to see and visit with car buff Jay Leno.

It's always good to catch up with ole touring buddies that you don't see very often. For many like us, Bakersfield is a terrific social event. **Art & Doris Banducci** came to sell as did **George & Fran S.** Maybe it would just be easier to tell you who we did see. **Jackie & Dick S., Bill & Lee G. Ray G., Leroy & Joyce F., Charles E., Steve R.** with his 1 manpower (Charles E.) motorized wheelchair, **Doug D. and Jerry N., the Boydens, Cruze/Zylstra, Henningsens, and Johnsons.** All the **Holthaus, Kissels, Archers and Azevedos.** The **Zimmermans** who are doing a bit of touring with the Franklins group, **Matt Ryan** who is working on getting his T on the road and **Norm S.** who is always on the lookout for car parts and or cars for his new garage. **David P., John M., Tony W. and Mike L,** along with his dad Phil, were also selling rust and stuff.

**Lillian & Don R.** with the Modesto group put on a big B-B-Q on Friday and invited half the crowd to stop

by for lunch. It was a nice idea and we all got to visit with lots of members from other clubs. Any one in our group willing to coordinate one for the BAHCC next year?? Ebers, Rasmussen, Sernach and Pottle are willing to share their 2 spots.

We have lost a couple more members the past few months. Most of you have already heard about them. We send our sincere sympathy to the Jack Kopp family and to the Clyde Hopkins family. Apparently, Clyde sold several of his car projects before he passed on including parts for an 08 Gents. Roadster (like ours), 3 curved dash Olds, 3 Ramblers, a Rolls-Royce and a lot of parts. Several people have tried to get in touch with his son, Lee, but have not been successful.

"Delicious" was the key word at our last pot luck dinner. It was a wonderful meal Ohs & ahs were heard from the back of the room where the ladies surprised Mike & Renee with a wedding shower. Renee was in awe as she thanked all that showered them with gifts. I haven't seen anything on TV or in the papers about their June wedding. Maybe the news media is waiting to get Charles & Katie's wedding out of the way before they turn the cameras to the Lawrence wedding (hee-hee).

Lots and lots of ohs and ahs were also heard before the festivities began as Kingston Kopman (1 week old) made his debut into the club. With all us Grandma's in attendance, it's a wonder he made it home with his parents. Oh, what a cutie pie he is! Maybe we will all get to help spoil him as I'm sure he will be at most meetings. Oh, can't wait to hold him.

It was a delightful surprise to see Bob Kampbell in Bakersfield. He looks great. He said he and Aldie are doing good. Aldie was home working on a sale with her garden club.

The Bay Area tour is coming up this month. At the last meeting, we heard that the Byl's T had a cracked block (Not a good way to start a tour). Talked to Nancy and found out that Fred has been working like crazy and now has it purring like a kitten. Way to go Fred.

That's it for this month, Snoopy

## BAKERSFIELD SWAP MEET AND TOUR

The Kissel's participated in the Bakersfield events in April along with some other folks from the BAHCC, the Brommer's, Azevedo's, and the Johnson's. Here are some words and photos from the weekend from Lynn Kissel.

Annie (our 1914 Kissel), Jeanne and I participated on the tour on Thu (4/14). We shared our back seat with a couple from Michigan who were at Bakersfield without a car.



The tour was split into two separate parts, a "small-car tour" that went a shorter distance to the Bakersfield "Bug Zoo", and a "large-car tour" that drove from Bakersfield to the Wind Wolves Preserve, owned and maintained by the Wildland's Conservancy. (I heard various estimates of 80-100 miles, round trip, for the large-car tour.)



<http://www.bakersfieldvoice.com/node/19135>  
[http://www.wildlandsconservancy.org/preserve\\_windwolves.html](http://www.wildlandsconservancy.org/preserve_windwolves.html)

[I captured several pictures from the Wind Wolves Preserve website to help show the wild beauty of the place.]

The two tours were less characterized by the size of the cars that participated, and more by the distance that they covered. Annie, Jeanne and I went on the large-car tour. (So did a 1903 Curved-Dash Olds!)



Once on the Wind Wolves Preserve, the tour route took us on about 25 miles of old dirt road. We were told that this was originally the main north-south route running through the eastern side of California. (El Camino Real was the western north-south route.)

I estimate that we had about 20-30 cars on the large-car tour. (I don't know how many went on the small-car tour.) The tour spread out once we were on the dirt roads (to avoid "eating" each others dust) and the line of cars seemed to stretch for about two miles or more.

On our trip to Bakersfield, I told Jeanne that Annie was in the best shape and the cleanest that she had ever been since we owned her. That was not to last. We had a couple

of stream and gully crossings that were quite exciting. Annie and the other old cars all dipped their tires in water and mud. We raised a great deal of dust and completely covered the lower portions of the body and suspension with it. Two weeks after the tour, I still haven't cleaned all the dust off the car. Still, I guessed that these roads were probably as good or better than many that our 1914 faced when she was young.



The Wind Wolves Preserve is the largest non-profit preserve on the west coast. The elevation climbs as high as 6,000 feet. Although our tour did not take us that high, we were still afforded spectacular open vistas.

We traveled on the preserve to a house reportedly used in the filming of the 1985 movie "Return to Oz", an apparently largely forgettable effort.

We setup there to look for the Tule elk that had been reintroduced into the preserve, but none were to be seen.

We enjoyed a catered lunch at a thoroughly delightful picnic area that featured a large stone pavilion and picnic tables with a commanding overview of the valley.

At the swap meet, I was pleased to see a number of BAHCC members including Joyce and Don Azevedo, Kaaren and Bill Brommer, Mark Cerruti, Don Johnson -- I think Whitney Haist was there, but I somehow didn't run into him.

I was particularly excited to meet what seemed like an unusual number of fellow Kissel owners: Glenn and Shirley Slack (OR, 1915 Touring); Joe and Isabelle Leaf (WA, 1922 Touring, 1922 Speedster, 1923 Phaeton); Sheldon Donig (CA, 1925 Speedster); Vic and Linda Groah (CA, 1912 Semi Touring); Jim Leir (Canada, 1913 Semi Racer). Glenn is one of the organizers of the 2011 HCCA Portland National Tour (July 26-30).

[photo of Lynn & Glenn in Annie touring the swap meet...]

On Saturday, I was surprised to see Jay Leno and a small entourage walking the field.





## THE APRON

(Notice that a “Medium” is a size 14 - 16)  
Remember making an apron in Home Ec? Read below:  
The History of ‘APRONS’

I don't think our kids know what an apron is.

The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath because she only had a few. It was also because it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and aprons used less material. But along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven. It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven. When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.. And when the weather was cold Grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables.  
After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.

In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.  
When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men folk knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.  
It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes.

Share this to those who would know (and love) the story about Grandma's aprons.

### REMEMBER:

Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool.  
Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw.

They would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron.  
I don't think I ever caught anything from an apron - but love...



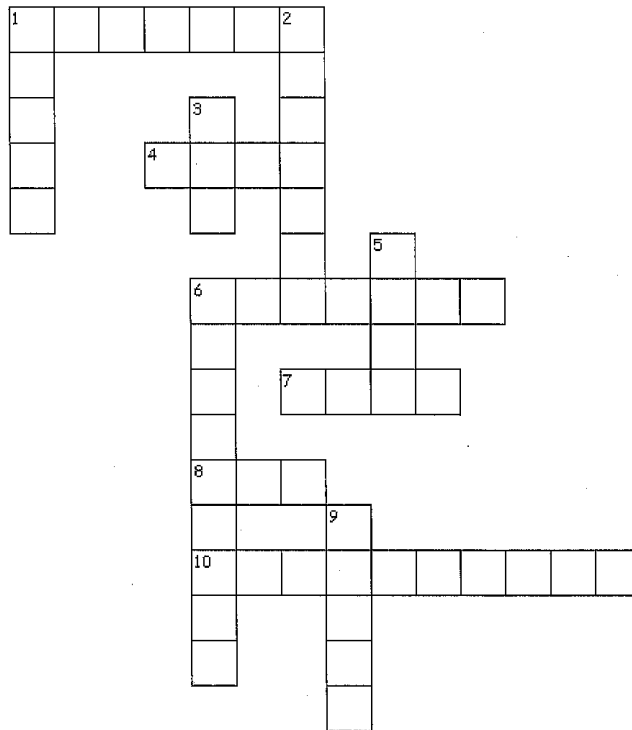
Submitted by: Pat Pava

## Back Road Mendocinoo Country Tour

We hope you are all signed up for the Bay Area Tour on May 12-15, 2011.

For those of you going we want to give you a chance to get excited about what you will be seeing and doing. Below is a short version of a crossword which will be available to tour participants. This will help you learn some of the "horse" language we might be hearing or seeing at Seabiscuit Ranch or in the beautiful countryside we will be touring. Answers will be provided on the tour with the larger version of our crossword puzzle. This will give you a head start. Tour Chairs have been working hard to make each day special. See you on the tour! For tour questions contact Fred or Nancy Byl or Muriel or Eric Lundquist

### Seabiscuit

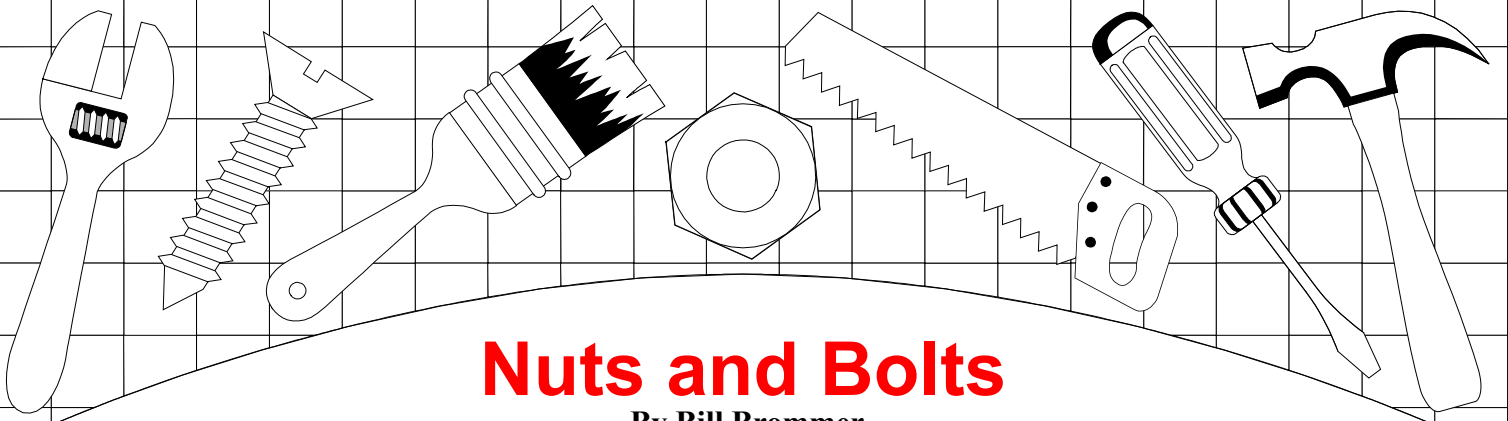


#### Across

1. one eighth of a mile
4. four inches
6. apprentice jockey
7. a male horse four years old or younger not a gelding
8. the female parent of a horse
10. riders who are given weight considerations

#### Down

1. a female horse four years old or younger not bred
2. a male horse of any age that has had both testicles removed
3. a feathered whip used by jockeys
5. a young horse of either sex in its first year
6. a female horse used for breeding
9. the caretaker of a horse



# Nuts and Bolts

By Bill Brommer

April

## “Mark’s Museum”

I call Mark’s garage a museum because it is more like a museum than a shop. It not only contains his car collection but a very eclectic collection of automobile and auto related signs and equipment. No matter what direction you look you will find something interesting or intriguing clear up into the rafters. Since our last visit Mark has been working on his Maxwell. It’s not running yet but it’s getting closer. He has also been working on his Model TT Ford dump truck. It has not been run in 25 years! The last time was when he finished restoring it. So with a set of freshly tuned coils, fresh gas in the tank, and some help from all of the ”experts”, the little old dump truck sprang to life. Mark carefully moved it out of the garage and out on to the street and away he went. We were concerned when he did not return and were about to send out a rescue party when he came into sight. You must realize that on a good day the top speed on a TT truck is about 25 mph. So it took Mark a few minutes to loop on back home. But the smile on his face said it all. I suggested that he take the truck to the Fourth of July Parade. He said that he would have to make Motel room reservations along the way in order to attend! Maybe next time we visit he will have the Maxwell running. Everyone really enjoyed the morning and told Mark that he should keep up the good work !



May

Mark Saturday, May 4 th from nine to noon, on your calendar for the next Nuts and Bolts to be held at Doug Durein’s Garages located at 2709 Santa Clara, Alameda, CA. It’s an invitation to kick tires and find out what’s new on Doug’s restoration agenda. See you there.





***KAAREN KROON BROMMER -- yes indeed, lots of double letters .....***

Local girl makes good - born and raised in Oakland, now residing in Castro Valley, CA.

Loved being in San Francisco from the age of two -- knew all of the good shops, steep hills with stone steps, best parks atop Nob Hill, theaters, book stores, cable car rides, zoo, train and ferry trips. Swam at the Fleischacker Olympic pool and Sutros baths, too. Studied at the California College of Arts and Crafts - trained as a teacher, enjoying the excellent instruction in the areas of silver and

metal casting work, oil and watercolor techniques, marketing and gallery set ups.

During my early career I worked for the Army, Navy and Air Force on Treasure Island, at the Presidio/ Letterman General Hospital, in Oakland and in Berkeley - in classified contracts, accounting, travel/ billeting and supply disposal. One of my bosses used to take me flying every Friday out of Crissy Field so he could log his qualifying hours in on the helicopter. A spectacular bonus and a great way to sightsee the Bay and end the week.

In high school I hung out with the car club guys and we often enjoyed participating in the local drag strip competition. It was one of those friends that introduced me to the San Francisco Horseless Carriage Club Chapter where I met my husband Bill - who had just moved from Chicago. And as good luck would have it - I became a full partner in his life and new antique auto restoration business. I can honestly say I have spent many hours honing my skills as a general gofer, stock supplier, swap meet information rep and sander - both wet and dry. Later those skills were applied to other businesses involving model trains and for another ten years in the restoration and travel tours connected with our CB&Q (California Dome Zephyr - full scale) train car. Believe me, when I say that restoring antique cars is relatively simple - especially when something goes wrong and you can pull over to the side of the road for a fix - not the same with a train. And along the way, another skill that came in handy was being chief cook and bottle washer for groups of forty clients, preparing a fresh home cooked breakfast, lunch and dinner on a moving train going 80+ miles an hour. Boy, did I learn to dance ! Then just to keep my hand in - I was employed at the California State University, Hayward's Student Health Services, as an office manager and medical transcriptionist.

One challenging opportunity came along when the University partnered with the central California Disaster Training Teams to assist in instructing personnel and the public in emergency plans working with the police, fire, hospitals and the office of Emergency Services. I was CPR certified and instructed search and rescue, building inspection and the management of medical field facilities. Great people and a very rewarding experience.

Currently my focus is directed towards my family and our five wonderful, talented, energetic grandchildren. Their activities and interests keep me interested and laughing - like rocketry, fashion merchandising, scouting, space exploration, 4-H animals (dogs, cats, horses, chickens and a pot bellied pig named Nardo {that thinks he's a dog}!

Like I said in the beginning -- local girl makes good and has one very enjoyable life.

# Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club Tour Calendar For 2011

Rev. 2/2/11

May 21-22	Maker Fair, San Mateo Expo Center	Erika Kopman
May 12 -15	Bay Area Spring Tour (Mendocine Spring Tour)	Fred and Nancy Byl
* June	Tour & Picnic ?	
June 3-5	Good Guys Summer Event car show, Ala. Cnty. Fgrnds. Pleasanton	Lynn Kissel
June 11-12	SCVMTC Endurance Run and Lowland Tour	
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Independence Day Parade Piedmont	John Morrison
* July		
July 26 - 29	HCCA National Tour Oregon City, Oregon	
August 13?	Alameda Tour	Durein, Cassidy and Ebers
August 28	Hillsborough Concours	Eric Lundquist
September 11	Autos in History Park, San Jose	John Morrison
September	Silver State Tour (2010 19-21)	
September 14-17	Old California Tour	
October 5-8	Hershey Swap Meet	
October	Pumpkin Tour	Doug Ogden
* November	Holiday Tour	
December	Christmas Party	

\*Need a volunteer to plan an event for this date.

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## MAY BIRTHDAYS

<b>POTTLE (Life)</b>	Phyllis	5/1
<b>LUNDQUIST</b>	Eric	5/5
<b>KING</b>	Doug	5/6
<b>OGDEN</b>	Douglas	5/9
<b>WATERMAN</b>	William	5/9
<b>STONE</b>	Kelly	5/10



## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

<b>ANINO</b>	Joe	Rae	May 3, 1969
<b>O'Neill</b>	John	Carol	May 5, 1986
<b>WATERMAN</b>	William	Annie	May 9
<b>FORBES</b>	Mark	Tanya	May 12
<b>NELSON</b>	Bill	Marion	May 18, 1946

## Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club

### Minutes of General Meeting

**Wednesday, April 6, 2011**

Meeting opened at 7:40 p.m.

**Officers Present:** Board Chair, Kaaren Brommer, President, Whitney Haist, Vice President, Lynn Kissel, Secretary, Mark Cerruti and Treasurer, David Pava.

President Haist called a short meeting to order, mainly for members to make announcements before the pot-luck dinner.

Erika Kopman is organizing another appearance for the club at the "Maker's Faire" on May 21 & 22 and asked for members to sign-up to display their cars and staff the booth.

President Haist welcomed the club's newest member, baby Kingston Kopman.

Muriel Lundquist informed members that the March Gazette was intentionally *not* posted on the Website in

order to keep the Bridal Shower for Renee Hood and Mike Lawrence a surprise. Mike and Renee said they were very surprised.

Lynn Kissel said he has 6 cars signed-up for the GoodGuys car show in June.

John Morrison passed around a sign-up sheet for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade & Barbecue.

Esther Sernach informed members that the Maccallen's have sold their Apperson. Roger also has a '56 Chevy for sale.

Esther Sernach noted the passing of Joe Morris.

Bill Brommer reminded members of the "Nuts & Bolts" on Saturday at the Cerruti Garage.

Don Azevedo made a motion to close the meeting. Kaaren Brommer seconded the motion.

Meeting closed at 7:47 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary Mark Cerruti

# GOODGUYS

## Concours d'Elegance

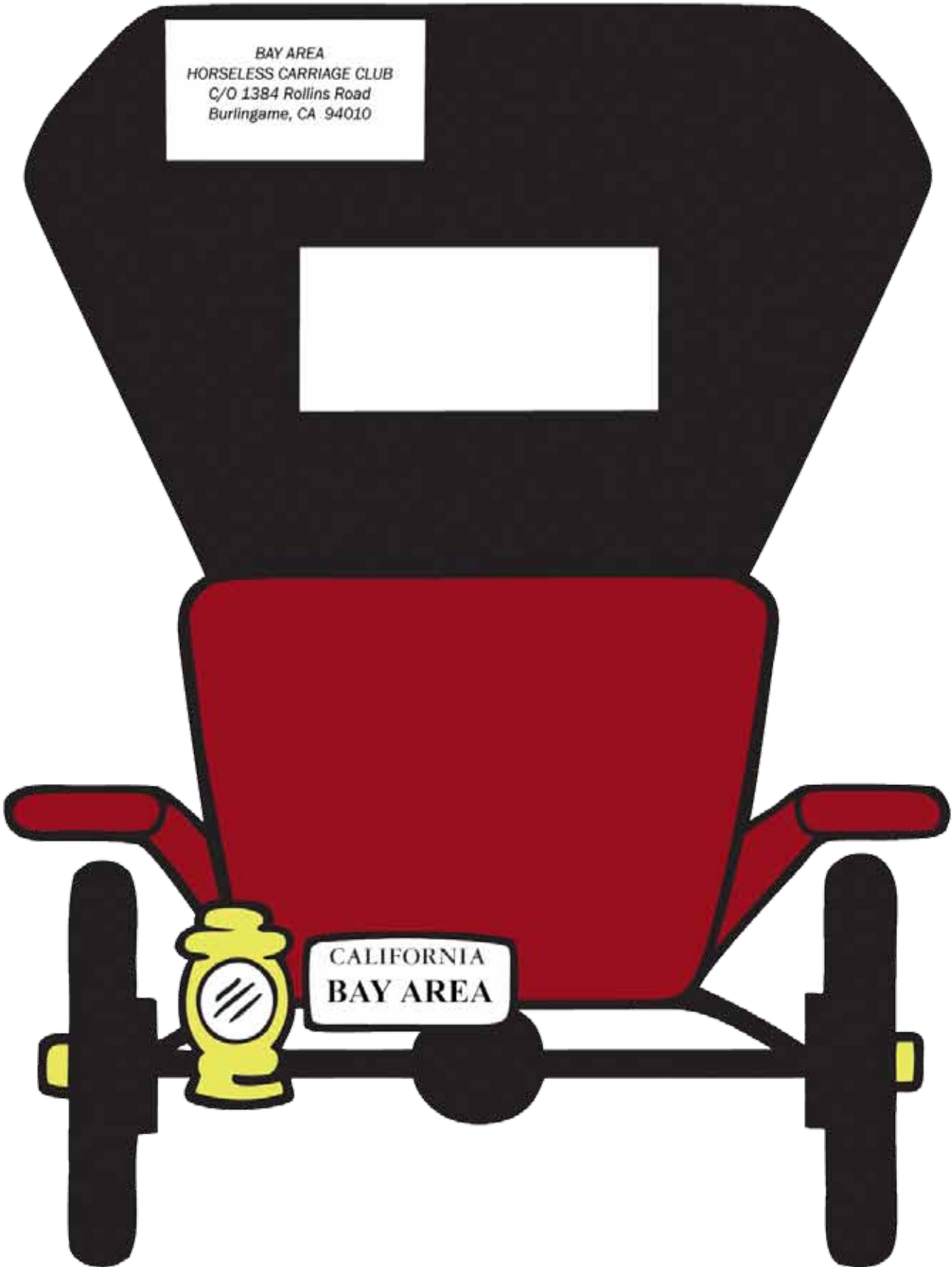
**May 7 is the deadline to apply to exhibit your horseless carriage at the Goodguys Concours (June 3-5, 2011)**

Applications will be closing soon for your participation at the Concours d' Elegance sponsored by the Goodguys at their 18th Summer *Get-Together*, June 3-5, 2011, at the Alameda County Fair Grounds in Pleasanton. This is a rare opportunity to share your passion for horseless carriages with a broader automotive community. See the March, 2011, issue of the *Gaslight Gazette*, or our website at [www.BAHCC.org](http://www.BAHCC.org) for the complete details.

We are accepting applications through May 7, 2011. To apply send your **NAME; PHONE #; ADDRESS; YEAR/ MAKE/MODEL/COLOR** of your car to Lynn Kissel ([BAHCC@starship.org](mailto:BAHCC@starship.org) or 912 Loyola Way, Livermore, CA 94550-7286).

Will you be joining me in the concours at the 2011 Goodguys *Summer Get Together*? I hope so, it will be a hoot and a premiere opportunity to share our horseless carriages with a younger generation of enthusiasts!

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