



*Bay Area
Horseless Carriage Club*



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 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.

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The Gaslight Gazette is published 11 times per year with one issue for the months of JULY and August.

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

BOARD MEETINGS: Monthly. See calendar for schedule. Members welcome.

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Editors Notes:

Thank you to all who contributed to this months issue of the Gazette. It helps to have things early and ready to go before the deadlines. You are all appreciated!

We had some special activities and great participation and lots of pictures, so be sure to read the articles and thank those that made the activies such a great success!

Our one big disappointmen is that the Santa Cruz tour had to be canceled due to CALTRAN closing the roads for repair where we would have been traveling. There were no good alternatives so refunds have been made. Be sure to check that you have canceled any other reservations such as hotels that you may have made on your own. We hope that it will be possible to do this tour next year so watch for any updates that may come from our board. Our President is a very happy camper as of last Friday when the doctors told him he no longer had to wear his neck brace. The vertebraes have healed and he can proceed with caution his normal activities. Not sure about driving the "old cars" yet but he is back behind the wheel of his Navigator.

See you at the Aug 8th meeting and before if you would like to join members at El Agavero for Mexican in Montclair..



JULY/AUGUST PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

June 7th – Sunday – BAHCC’s visit to Blackhawk Museum followed by a tour afterward sponsored by Ed and Carolyn Harley. 9 BAHCC cars plus a 1914 Ford owned by Mike McJilton (maybe a possible future member?). Lunch at the Tassajara Grammer School (built 1899) and a beautiful drive on the slopes of Mt. Diablo. Thanks Ed and Carolyn for this wonderful event, and to those who participated. See article and photos in this Gazette.

Thank’s also to all who participated in an 18 car parade for the Piedmont 4th of July Parade. Muriel and I were out of town, but according to John Morrison’s article in this Gazette, this was the best 4th of July Parade yet. Another excellent

BAHCC gathering, and BBQ. Great job John and Carolee, and thanks for your support of another BAHCC function.

Aug. 8 – Dakota Masonic Home visit in Union City – 10:30AM – 2:00 PM Car display for the residents followed by a nice BBQ. Several cars are signed up now, and we hope to add some more. This is a good chance to give back to the community, as well as have a nice lunch and meet residents, some of which might be as old as our cars. If you haven’t already signed up, please eMail me so we can have a spot for you. Elundquist3@gmail.com. See flyer in this months Gazette.

August 21-23 – WEST COAST NATIONALS – The “Goodguys” car show in Pleasanton. On exhibit in the “Agricultural Hall” will be 200 miniature engines. Bob Kradjian (who displayed his engines for BAHCC club meeting earlier this year) said the Pleasanton meet is the largest “miniature” show in the world. For details see: WEMESHOW.com (Western Engine Model Exhibition) and BAEMC-LUB.com (Bay Area Engine Modelers). BAEM monthly newsletter along with their “tips and tricks” is accessible on their website. I am hoping that Bob Kradjian will speak at the BAHCC September or October meeting and bring one of his “Hit and Miss” engines.

September – Bay Area Tour – As you know, Sam and Anne Gurnee of Capitola had been planning our annual tour for months. Muriel and I visited Sam three times to go over the route and highlites. In mid-June Sam informed me that Cal Trans had just announced that two of our three routes would be closed in September for repairs. Sam suggested BAHCC postpone the event until next year. The BAHCC Board approved the cancellation of this tour, which was beyond our control.

October Field Meet– Ed Archer and Don Azavedo are cooking up a “Field Meet”. More on this at the August Club Meeting.

November – a Halloween Event. More at the next meeting. Venue probably in the East Bay.

December – our annual Christmas Dinner – early in December this year. More next month.

See you at the club meeting, August 5th and at the Masonic Home on August 8th.

Eric Lundquist, Pres. 2015

Brass in the Shadows of Mount Diablo

Sunday, June 7th, was the day of a three part event that promised participants would be *energized, mesmerized and fertilized* by including a car show, a country drive and a picnic lunch. This customized event was, of course, organized by Ed and Carolyn Harley. And a great job they did. The fun was optimized.

The car show, to energize, was none other than what has become the largest and most diversified such event in northern California, the Blackhawk Museum's *Cars and Coffee*. This is a show that begins at sun up on the first Sunday of each month and by 10:00 a.m. is all over. It monopolizes the entire parking lot of the Blackhawk shopping center in Danville, CA. Cars that are customized, personalized, stylized and sanitized were all displayed there, well organized but not over dramatized. The event is well publicized.

Mesmerized, we were by the vistas and by the quiet as we toured in the shadows of Mount Diablo. We familiarized ourselves with the route and after we pressurized our tires and mobilized our motorized buggies, we could recognize the beauty of this part of the world. The experience was tranquilizing.

A picnic lunch at the 1889 Tassajara Grammar School is where we were fertilized. Our Boaters and Bonnets are off to Dan Dunn of the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, who as docent enlightened us about life in a one room school house. We were tantalized by sandwiches and drinks as we fraternized and socialized to be revitalized.

In attendance (alphabetized) were Jon and Amelia Alff in their 1910 Buick, Don and Joyce Azevedo in their 1906 Reo, Bill and Karen Brommer in their 1926 Ford, Johnny and Mike Crowell in his 1914 Simplex, Mark Forbes in his 1912 Hudson, Whitney and Diane Haist in their 1915 Studebaker, Ed and Carolyn Harley in their 1910 Buick, Lloyd and Jane Riggs in their 1956 Oldsmobile and Norm and Adria Schwartz and friend Andrea Blachman in their 1909 Patterson. Bill Schrambling followed along in modern iron so he wouldn't get lost. Mark Cerrutti was there and observed that the Azevedo's Reo was running rough, so we theorized it was okay. I thought it was only firing on one cylinder, but that was minimized.

Another Model T owner, Mike McJilton, with a 1914 Touring joined in with us on the tour quite unexpectedly. See



story below. I think we may have another new member coming along here.

As I summarize, I must apologize if I have generalized. I am only hoping to familiarize the readers of how much fun old car tours can be. Please recognize, that as I finalize, I do not intend to glamorize or dramatize, but only verbalize that the old car show, tour and lunch did in fact energize, mesmerize and fertilize and to finalize we offer a hardy, thank you Ed and Carolyn for a great day.

Whitney Haist

“See ya down the road”



Going the extra mile

A short story about Don Azevedo, mainly in his own words.

Joyce and I also loved the tour and we got more out of it than anyone. We loved the backroads so much that we went about 10 extra miles just to see the scenery and it was worth it!

As the tour began, we spotted a very nice 1914 Model T Ford broken down on the side of the road. A tow truck had arrived to take the car and owner back home. He was very impressed when I pulled over and stopped on Sycamore. We were re-grouping after going through the stop light. Norm and I ran back to see what was going on and he said a fan blade broke off and the arm was bent. He was going home. I suggested he straighten the arm and break off the opposite blade and continue to Blackhawk. He did and was very happy to join us. His name is Mike McJilton.

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FIFTIETH ANNUAL PIEDMONT FOURTH OF JULY PARADE, SECOND ANNUAL WEST COAST LONDON TO BRIGHTON RUN, AND TWENTY FOURTH ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY PARTY AT THE MORRISONS'—ALL IN ONE DAY!

By John Morrison

It was twenty-four years ago last January that Carolee's then 19-year-old daughter, Nancy Strom, achieved her "independence" from chemotherapy after receiving 52 weeks of horrendous but vitally important treatments at U.C. Med. After several more months of physical therapy to combat neuropathy to her feet and to allow her to begin to regain strength, our family decided to celebrate the 1991 Fourth of July not only for the freedom of our country, but for Nancy's personal freedom from chemotherapy. So we invited tons of neighbors and friends over for the occasion, and the tradition for our annual Fourth of July party was born.

I remember Nancy and Fred Byl as being "with us" through thick and thin along the cancer fighting journey, and there was a constant stream of cards, letters, balloons and meals from literally hundreds of concerned well-wishers, certainly including many BAHCC members. So this is why this now annual event means so much to Carolee, me and our family. And if you were one of the twenty-nine BAHCC members at this year's party, you likely saw Nancy (now Nancy Steimle) at the party with her husband, Wes, and their three boys ages 7 (twins Nick and Matt) and ten (Jack).

On July 3rd the set-up occurred in our backyard with help from BAHCC members and from neighbors. It was a beautiful day, and on the Fourth it was the same—warm, blue sky, not too hot, perfect!

On the Fourth cars started rolling in at the Parade staging areas. Highland Avenue was abuzz by 9:00 as club members started to get lined up, put on signs, put final touches on car decorations, and enjoy coffee and donuts. In all there were eighteen cars from BAHCC members and from BAHCC members' personal friends. Some were used as dignitary cars and some were used as antique era cars.

There also were good selections of twenties cars, thirties cars, forties cars, fifties cars, sixties cars and seventies cars, as well as a smattering of other interesting ones from all the way up to as new as 2012, including a specific group of all-electric vehicles.

The parade began punctually at 11:00, starting with City of Piedmont police motorcycles and Fire trucks, then dignitary cars with grand marshals (who were the entire family of the founder of the very first Piedmont parade fifty years ago), mayor and city council members and families, school super-



intendent and school board members and families, state, Alameda County and local politicians and families, several types of marching bands, floats, a group of dogs, and of course the cars from all the various decades from oldest to newest. There were also two cars with Daughters of the American Revolution and there were Pearl Harbor survivors, a fantastic display of giant balloons (red, white, and blue stars) various athletic teams, scouts, a giant Uncle Sam helium hat, and many other interesting groups represented.

After the parade, the antique cars regrouped, and Bill Cassidy led the way on the London to Brighton Run, which was fun and was without break-downs. Soon the group was back to our backyard, making for a great atmosphere of old cars, decorations (including many gifts through the years from the Dureins). And soon additional antique cars came rolling in to be part of the festivities, mostly beautiful teens, twenties, thirties luxury cars, several of which were true classics, between twenty and thirty cars in all, and a few hours of serious partying ensued.

I want to thank Carolee for the amazing job she did and for putting up with me and my nervousness about all the details involved every year to help make the parade run smoothly, all the phone calls, emails, and meetings most of which are enjoyable, but all of which are time consuming.

Our son, Rob, my oldest friend, David Perry, and his son, Nick (the barbecuer) were very helpful. We also want to thank Walter and Ruth Sowell, our co-hosts. And Carolee, Ruth, Walter and I want to thank everyone for bringing such delicious side dishes, desserts, and salads and to thank Don, Joyce and Kelly Azevedo, John and Amelia Alff, Johnny and Christine Crowell, Gerald Robinson, Ed Archer, Tony Wolleson, Dan and Cindy Erceg, and several others who helped in big ways, such as bringing cars long distances to haul dignitaries or with the set up Friday and/or the take down Sunday, and for those who used or even loaned their cars for dignitary use. (Johnny and Christine were involved with the Danville Parade, but loaned two cars to be used for dignitaries in the Piedmont Parade, a 1910 Buick Model 17 formally of the Ortman's and a 1940 Buick Limited Convertible Sedan)

And there are two other noteworthy things to add. The Alffs' 1913 Buick made the parade and tour successfully (only its second time out, I believe). And we were joined by the McJiltons, a couple from Oakland, in their 1914 Model T. His late father was Howard McJilton, who was a long-time ago BAHCC member that only Esther and Phyllis will probably remember, and also Dick and Jackie Silvera and George and Fran Sherman will remember! And yes, the young McJiltons are interested in BAHCC membership.

I felt that this was the best parade and the best party we have ever had, from the weather to the quality and tempo of the parade to the food and drink to the wonderful camaraderie afterwards.





BAR B QUE – MASONIC CENTER

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2015

10:30 AM– 2:00 PM

The Masonic Home in Union City has invited the Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club to a BBQ at their facility during which we will be able to show our cars and talk to the residents (some of which may be 100 years old).

The Masonic Home is located just north of Niles on Mission Blvd., and is home for 300 residents, all of Masonic heritage. It has been there for almost 100 years as well, but recently added another 300 units in the Acacia wing.

The residents will be served a “backyard BBQ” beginning at 11:30 to 1:00 and the management has asked that Bay Area Horseless Carriage have six cars on display, and visit with the residents.

This is a wonderful opportunity to display our cars, meet some old folks who truly remember the era, and also give back to the community per our club charter.

We look forward to your support, and would appreciate you emailing ERIC of your availability to attend. This will be a very nice affair. We hope to see you there. Trailer parking available in the upper parking lot.

34400 Mission Blvd., Union City, CA.

Eric Lundquist, President 650-888-5096

RSVP TO ERIC’S email: elundquist3@gmail.com or muriel@documentprocessors.com

BAHCC Board Meeting Minutes

The BAHCC Board met at Brennan's Irish Pub in Berkeley on Wednesday, May 20, 2015. The meeting was called to order by President Eric Lundquist at 7:35 p.m. with all Board members present except Gerald, Ed and Fred. No guests were in attendance.

Minutes:

The March Board meeting minutes were read by Don Azevedo. Minutes were approved as written. Note, a Board meeting was not held in April.

Membership Report:

No report.

Treasurer Report:

Whitney reported our treasury is solvent. No deposits have been received for the September Bay Area Tour. The report was accepted by the Board.

Nuts and Bolts Report:

Jon reported that Gerald is very busy and unable to organize the Nuts and Bolts sessions. Doug Durein and Bill Cassidy have agreed to chair this activity if asked. The Board decided to ask Doug to pick up this assignment with the help of Bill. Don will notify Doug of the Board's decision. The June session of Nuts and Bolts will be at Bill Brommer's home where we will start his 1911 Model T Ford.

Newsletter Report:

Articles for the Gaslight Gazette are needed now as it will be sent out next week.

Tour and Events Report:

Eric reported on the Woodside Poker Run tour.

Jon reported on the Oakland Technical School Centennial Celebration event that Jon, Ed and Fred attended.

Authenticity Report:

No report.

Web Master Report:

Jon reported progress on the changes to the web site is slowly coming. Allan Greenberg, the web master of the Santa Clara Valley Motel T Ford Club, has offered help or advice on our web site. Eric will contact Allan for details.

Health and Welfare Report:

Bill is slowly recovering from a bout with shingles. Good to see Bill up and around.

Unfinished Business:

Don reported that the revised bylaws changes should be available by the next Board meeting for the Board's review.

New Business:

We need a location for the June and future Board meetings. Brennan's Irish Pub is very noisy and not conducive for business meetings. Bill suggested Black Bear Dinner in Concord as they have a back room. Bill will check it out. Eric knew of a restaurant in the Fremont area that he will check out.

Ed is planning a birthday party for his 1915 race car (Old #4) for Sunday, September 20th, where we will have car games and fun. Location and details to follow.

The meeting was adjourned at **9:00**.

Respectfully submitted

Don Azevedo, Secretary

August Birthdays

CASSIDAY	Bill	8/8
REAK	Ron	8/13
SOWELL	Walter	8/18
JOHNSON	Don	8/20
KING	Mary Lou	8/20
RIGGS	Jane	8/20
BROMMER	Bill	8/24
ZINSER	Elaine Merrill	8/26

August Anniversaries

SOWELL	Walter	Ruth	Aug. 2, 1980
ZINSER	Mike	Elaine Merrill	Aug. 3, 2002
DUREIN	Doug	Susan	Aug. 8, 1964
GURNEE	"Sam"	Anne	Aug. 17, 1958
PRATT	Fred	Scheryn	Aug. 26, 1967

BAHCC Special Board Meeting

The BAHCC Board met at Europa Restaurant in Orinda at 7:30 on July 1st. The Special Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board, Ed Archer with all Board members present except Eric and Muriel Lundquist. Doug Durein attended the meeting as a guest.

With the absence of the president, the vice president would run the meeting; however, Fred passed the gavel to the Chairman of the Board, Ed Archer, to preside over the meeting since Ed had requested the special meeting.

A short discussion followed as to the topics that should be addressed during this special meeting. All agreed that the main subject of the 2015 Bay Area Tour would be the main focal point of the night's discussion and possibly any time-sensitive old business.

Minutes: The minutes from the June 17th Board meeting were approved as written.

Special Meeting Topic: Board members received an e-mail from Eric, the 2015 Bay Area Tour Chairman with the announcement of cancellation of this year's Bay Area Tour. A special board meeting was called for the board to perform their due diligence on this matter and evaluate alternative solutions. The cancellation of the

Tour occurred because the committee recently discovered the plans for major roadwork including road closures that would greatly affect our planned tour routes. The board evaluated numerous options to this unforeseen situation. After weighing all the alternatives and understanding the new problems each option created, the board reluctantly concurred that due to this late discovery, the Bay Area Tour for 2015 will be cancelled. All tour deposits will be returned.

Tabled Topics: The following topics were tabled until the next regular board meeting in August:

- New membership application from Vince O'Brien
- Outside assistance for web site maintenance and restoration of information/pages
- Request for honorarium for the one-room school visited during the Blackhawk Tour
- Request to visit the Forest Home Farms in San Ramon in September or October

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Don Azevedo

BAHCC Club Calendar

Wed, August 5th	General Meeting 7:30 pm	Piedmont Community Center
Sat, August 8th	Masonic Center BBQ, Union City 10:30am-2:00pm	Masonic Home, Union City
Wed, August 12th	Board Meeting	Location TBD
Wed, Sept 2nd	General Meeting and Speaker TBD (Socializing at meeting hall at 7:00 pm, with meeting starting at 7:30 pm)	Piedmont Community Center
Sept 9th-12th	Bay Area Tour - Santa Cruz by Tour Chair Sam Gurnee & Lundquist <u>CANCELED due to road closures</u>	Santa Cruz, CA
Wed, Sept 16th	Board Meeting	Location TBD
Wed, October 7th	General Meeting With Speaker TBD (Socializing at meeting hall at 7:00 pm, with meeting starting at 7:30 pm)	Piedmont Community Center
October 7 - 10	Hershey Swap Meet	
October 2015	Field Meet TBA	Ed Archer, Don Azevedo
Wed, October 21st	Board Meeting	Location TBD
October 2015	Halloween Tour	TBD
Wed, Nov 4th	General Meeting With Potluck at 6:30 pm	Piedmont Community Center
Wed Nov 18th	Board Meeting	Location TBD
Wed, Dec 9th	Holiday Party - Catered Dinner & Dance (cocktails at 6:30 pm, dinner at 7:30 pm)	Piedmont Community Center
Wed. Dec 16th	Board Meeting	Location TBD

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Minutes: The minutes to the May Board meeting were approved with the request of adding the last names to individuals. Last names will be added to the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Tours and Activities:

The Cars and Coffee Car Show at Blackhawk was a success with over 800 cars attending. Ed Harley as tour leader did a great job. The question of an honorarium for the one room school house was brought up and will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

The Piedmont 4th of July Parade and BBQ hosted by the Morrisons and Sowell's will be on the 4th.

The tour to the Masonic Home in Union City is planned for August 8th.

The Bay Area Tour will be September 9 – 11 and will be held in Scotts Valley.

Our tour for October is still up in the air.

Nuts and Bolts: Due to the 4th of July Parade, we will not have a Nuts and Bolts in July.

Health and Welfare: Bill Nelson, an long time member recently passed away. Bill Schrambling has had the shingles and is doing much better.

Web Site:

Jon Alff discussed the current situation with the web site. The upgrading is looking great; however, there are some glitches with certain web site pages or communication with some computers. The Board agrees we need someone, perhaps outside of the Club, to perform maintenance of the web site. The web site must be reliable for correct information on Club functions and for mailings. Jon hard work on the web site is greatly appreciated. Jon will solicit proposals from individuals for the maintenance of the web site and hopes to have something for the Board to consider at the next meeting.

Gaslight Gazette: Muriel reported we will not have a newsletter in July. Eric and Muriel will be gone for the 4th of July and asks for photos and a write up for the newsletter.

Membership Report: No report.

Authenticity Report: No report.

Old Business:

A copy of the revised by-laws was presented to the Board along with the current by-laws. Fred Bly moved and Don Azevedo seconded acceptance of the revisions proposed by the Bylaw Committee. Motion passed unanimously. The Committee was thanked for their diligence on this task.

New Business

The next Board meeting will be held on August 12th, the second Wednesday of the month to not conflict with Pebble Beach Concours. Fred Byl will host the next meeting at his home at 7:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

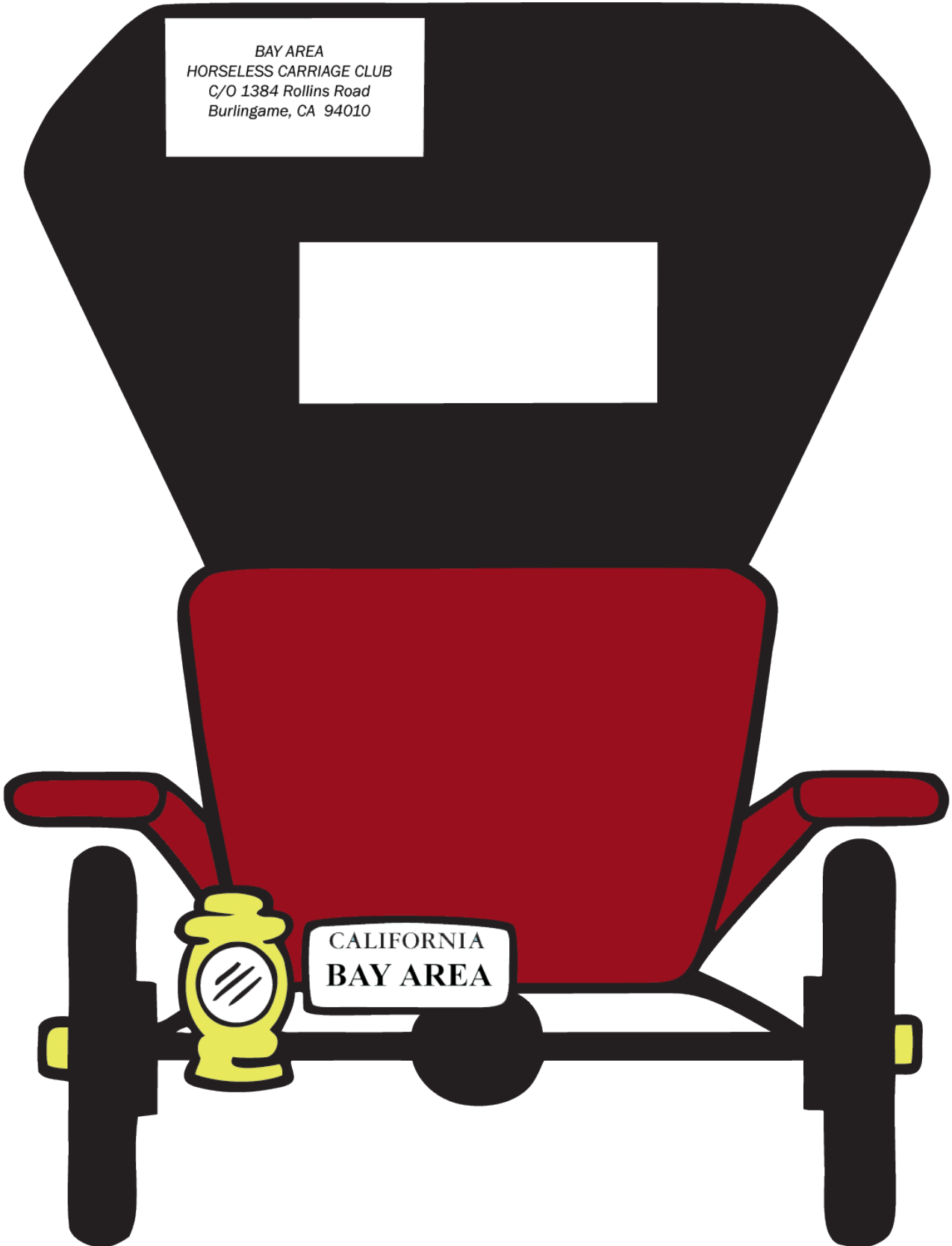
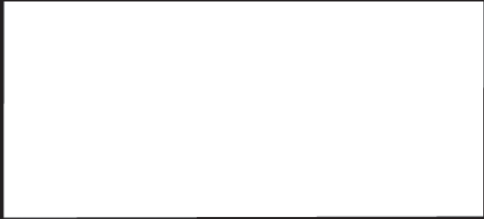
Respectfully submitted by

Secretary, Don Azevedo

BAHCC Welcomes new Member Vince O'Brien

Donna Jones knows Vince through the Redwood Empire Model T group. He has a 1910 Model T touring car and a 1903 Curved Dash Olds. Donna recommended him to the club thinking he could get information about restoring the Olds. Vince lives in Greenbrae and can be reached at vob.low@comcast.net .

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