



Carson City Historical Society

March Newsletter

If you have articles or events you would like in our newsletter, please let Sue know. We publish at the beginning of each month. She can be reached at giballew@aol.com.

The Carson City Historical Society is a 501C(3) nonprofit organization.

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Carson City Historical Society—Message from President, Jeff Loflin

Hello CCHS Members and Volunteers,

I'd like to give everyone an update on the Save Adele's project. Unfortunately, we were unable to commit our funds to helping a candidate move the house. The timeline proved to be too short for this type of project. Our next step is to write a letter to Jackson's Foods and ask for permission to enter the house and remove any pertinent historical artifacts/architecture we can before demolition. We will keep you updated as this progresses.

The February Open House for the Foreman-Roberts Museum was a huge success! We had 22 people sign the guest book but that doesn't include those that didn't sign and the families and friends with those that did. The Carriage House was also busy with folks perusing our exhibits. We could use some more volunteers for the next open house. If you are interested, please email us and we will contact you. Don't worry if you don't have all of the facts. We are going to hold a "Docent Day" to train new volunteers on the particulars of the House.

We are also working on some new exhibits for the Carriage House. Stand by for more news on these as they get close to completion!

We will have our next Board meeting on April 13th. Please come and help us navigate through the next few months. We welcome all ideas and comments!

Hope to see you soon!
 Jeff Loflin
 President -
 Carson City Historical Society

CARSON CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY CANCELS MARCH 29TH OPEN HOUSE DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

EVENTS

The next Open Houses will be:

Sunday from 2 to 5 pm on

April 26

May 24

June 28

[Foreman-Roberts House and Carriage House are open at that time.](#)
 We are at 1207 North Carson St.,
 Carson City, NV

If you would like to volunteer to be a docent or attend docent training, please let us know. Email me at giballew@aol.com.

Dues are due if you haven't already paid. The application is attached.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



VELOCIPEDES/ BONESHAKERS



By Sue Ballew

(Reprinted from the Nevada Appeal, 9-8-2008 for Carson City's 150th Birthday)

In the early days of Carson City, the only real transportation you could count on was walking. Not everyone had a horse, a horse and buggy, or wagon. A brisk walk up to Lake Tahoe or Virginia City wasn't unheard of. The roads that Carson travelers used were discussed in the Morning Appeal of December 21, 1869. "Did you ever see better roads than at present? Go where you will in or out of Carson, and you find a thoroughfare that would make a horse laugh to travel upon..."

The motor car didn't come into place until 1908, and then it scared the horses and was expensive. The first mention of the velocipede is in February 27, 1869, printed in the Morning Appeal: "The speed attained by the swifter kind of French velocipedes averages from twelve to thirteen miles an hour; adepts find no difficulty whatever in accomplishing fully fifty miles within five hours without alighting from their vehicles."

If you are wondering what a velocipede is, according to the dictionary it is, "a tricycle, or any of several early bicycles having pedals attached to the front wheel, or an early bicycle propelled by pushing the feet along the ground while straddling the vehicle." Mid-1800 bicycles were made of wood and steel, and were so rough on the riders that they were called "boneshakers."

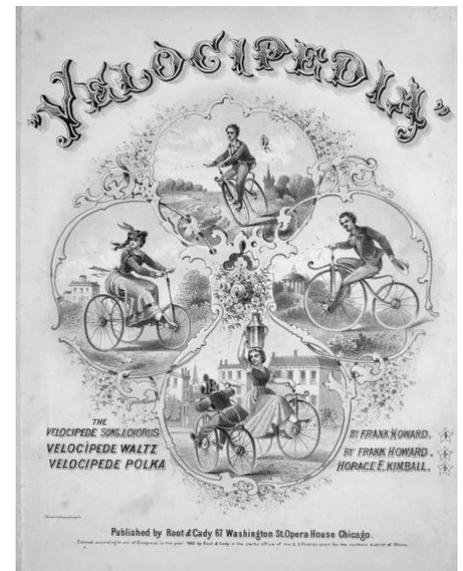
Advertisements for the velocipede didn't arrive in the Carson Morning Appeal until May 11, 1884. "Renowned Columbia Bicycles "Standard" and "Expert," Osborn & Alexander, Sole agents, 626 Market St., San Francisco..." The ad is pictured in the Morning Appeal show what a velocipede might have looked like.

Mark Twain did an essay in 1917 called, "Taming the Bicycle," and he said, "We got up a handsome speed, and presently traversed a brick, and I went out over the top of the tiller and landed, head down, on the instructor's back, and saw the machine fluttering in the air between me and the sun. It was well until it came down on us, for that broke the fall, and it was not injured."

Twain liked to experiment with all things in life and later commented, "Get a bicycle. You will not regret it. If you live." (from the Wit and Wisdom of Mark Twain)

In 1908 the motor car was invented, but it took a while to get to Carson City. The bicycle has always been a mainstay for people, especially children. Today we are faced with high gas costs, and many folks have gone back to the early days of transportation – the bicycle. Carson may not have the same group of Wheelmen that they did in the early days, but we have an organization in Carson that promotes walking and cycling. The Carson City organization now is called, "Muscle Powered." This organization began in 1997 with their mission to make, "Nevada's capital city a better community for walking and bicycling..." Please visit their website at <http://musclepowered.org> for their many featured events. To see a big wheel bicycle (velocipede) visit the Nevada State Museum, 600 North Carson, Carson City. There are two big wheel bicycles and numerous two wheel bicycles on display.

Meanwhile, happy cycling!



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Mailing address: 112 North Curry St., Carson City, NV 89703

APPLICATION TO JOIN — Please print out and mail in:

Standard Annual Dues: \$35.00 for a Family, \$25.00 for an Individual. **Supporting, corporate and benefactor memberships are also available.**

Upon receipt of your check, you will begin receiving our newsletter announcing regular and special meetings, and all Society events.

Membership Check one:

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP LEVELS:

Individual member	\$25	Family (couple) membership	\$35
Golden Anniversary Supporter	\$50	Historian.....	\$100
Curator	\$250	Preservationist.....	\$500
Curry	\$1000	Founder	\$5000

TOTAL ENCLOSED.....

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