



**August 2017**

## **Buick Club of the Redwoods.....Founded Aug 1998**

Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at  
**Round Table Pizza**, 1791 Marlow Rd in the Safeway Shopping Ctr,  
Santa Rosa.....

(Corner of Marlow and Guerneville Roads)

Social starts at 6:30

Meeting 7:00 to 8:00

*(((Our room is free for this meeting, however this agreement is based on members planning to have dinner at Round Table.)))*

Confirmed - Room reserved thru Dec 2017

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Annual Elections – Oct, Nov, December

October Nominations – November Elections – December Passing of gaval.

## Directors Message



August is almost over – just a few more events to share this year before 2018.

As a few may notice – the Nailhead Newsletter – may have a bit of a change in the format. Richard and I had our personal computer crash – and hopefully no one out there knows the feeling of ‘o crap’ loss.

But here we are recreating – the “knows” – lessons learned, and new found knowledge of how to back up your data.

It’s been a busy month for us and based on the quiet out there, it would seem many other members have been off on vacation and family visits that always seem to keep us all busy this time of year.

If anyone – went to a car show and would like to share the event – in an article, it’s always welcome.

Just around the corner is our September event – Sturgeon’s Saw Mill. Evite will be in your inbox soon.

Be sure to mark your calendars for what appear to be our most popular events of the year. i.e. Progressive Dinner, Poker Run and Christmas Dinner.

Elections for Officers in 2018 is just around the corner and the planning meeting early next year to kick off 2018 with some new ideas - as well as, the tried and true events.

Happy Buicking

April Kahnberg

BCR Director 2017

**MINUTES OF THE BUICK CLUB OF THE REDWOODS**  
**August 9th, 2017 MEETING**

Director, April Kahnberg, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

April welcomed those present which included Keith Brumbley, Bill and Joan Costello, Terry Eggleston, Michelle LaVoie, Rich and April Kahnberg, Leo Ladner, and Will Norton.

A motion was passed to accept the minutes of the July meeting as published in the Nailhead News.

Rich gave the Treasurer's report. There was a deposit of \$25.00. \$20.00 was from the July raffle and \$5.00 from the sale of Buick ads that Rich brought to the July meeting. Rich is waiting for an invoice from Dave for the patches that were recently ordered.

Membership remains at 24 members.

After receiving the quote from Monograms Plus for 50 4" patches, April contacted the club officers and it was their decision to order 50 instead of the 25 that was voted on at the July meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

April thanked Leo and Terry for bring their 1950 cars to the Luther Burbank volunteer and employee appreciation barbecue.

The Kahnberg's had breakfast with the Henning's. April reported that Alden is doing well.

Rich and April's 1963 Riviera won a Personal Choice award at the Gualala Car Show on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Leo reported on the upcoming tour of the Sturgeon's Mill in Sebastopol on September 16th. He has lined up a two hour tour followed by lunch at the snack shack. After lunch, we will caravan to Mom's Apple Pie bakery for dessert. Meet at Burlington Coat Factory at 9:00 a.m.

Michelle has created four T-shirt designs for preview. Much discussion followed regarding colors, type of cars, and adding the dates 1998 – 2018. Michelle will take the comments and incorporate them in the two most popular designs. If you have a full or ¾ picture of your car, please email to Michelle.

Rich and April will not be at the September meeting. Assistant Director, Stan, will run the meeting.

April received an email for a 1982 2-door convertible Riviera for sale. She will send the email to all members.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. followed by the 50/50 raffle won by Terry.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan Costello  
Secretary

# BBQ AND PICNIC AT THE HOME OF JEFF MOUNCE AND BRUCE JOHNSON

August 13, 2017

Contributed by Terry Eggleston

Jeff and Bruce hosted one of our better-attended events of the year...a BBQ, picnic, and socializing at their home in Sebastopol...currently undergoing a major modification.

The driveway was full of several classics:







Our most gracious hosts

A major remodeling is going on....



Bruce giving Michelle a tour of the addition...



Hanging out with a few friends.....





And, oh yes...the most important part...the Dream Garage!



**Editor/Director Note:**

*What has become an Annual Event – the BCR BBQ – was attended by 18 members and 1 guest.  
Another very well attended and favorite event by members of this club.*

*Many thanks to our gracious hosts.*



**Inmemoriam of long standing BCR Member – Vicki Fertig...**

**Passed away August 22, 2017.**



**She will be remembered fondly by many members of her community and the Buick Club of the Redwoods.**

## Dates to Remember

**SEP 16<sup>th</sup>** – Sturgeon’s Mill / Hosted by Leo Ladner – Details to follow in EVITE – SOON

**OCT 21<sup>st</sup>** – Progressive Dinner

Hosts: Appetizers: Dave and Linda Bergmann

Entrée: Stan and Gail Sollid

Desserts: Terry Eggleston and Michelle LaVoie (note chg)

**NOV 4<sup>th</sup>** Poker Run – Details to follow

**Dec 9<sup>th</sup>** Save the Date – for the BCR Holiday Party - At Cattlemen’s, Petaluma 2:30 – 5:30

Gift Exchange at the Kahnberg’s for the end of year celebration.



## **LOSE THE SUN...AUGUST 21, 2017**

### **Confessions of a hopeless umbraphile**

by Terry Eggleston

Before you spend any more of your valuable time reading this article, you need to know that it has nothing to do with classic cars, Buicks or otherwise. It is reasonable for you to expect an article about classic cars; after all, this is a newsletter for a classic car club. But alas, my love of older cars is only part of my life (albeit a very large one)....I also love baseball and astronomy. This article is about the latter...so be forewarned.

It would also be reasonable if you asked...."Just what in the world is an umbraphile, anyway"? Well...umbra means a shadow...simple as that. In this context we are talking about the shadow of the moon as it crosses the earth during a total solar eclipse. We umbraphiles love this shadow. I heard the term originally from an astronomer on one of my earlier eclipse treks, and I liked the sound of it.

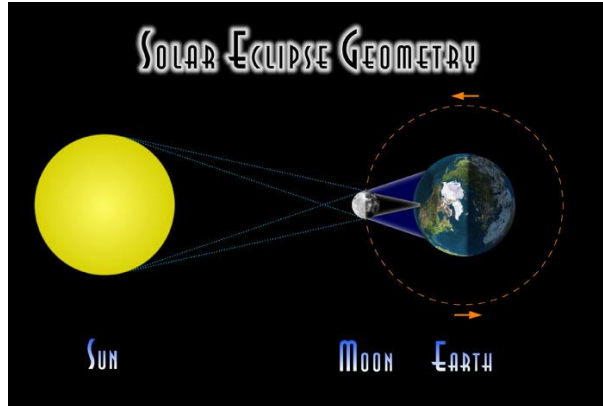
And that is why Michelle and I ended up in Madras, Oregon over the weekend of August 18-21. The Great American Eclipse, as it has come to be known, was visible from Oregon to the Carolinas. It is the first time a total eclipse has crossed the lower 48 since 1918. Even the Red Sox didn't go that long without winning, but the Cubs did!.

Ah, Madras. This small enclave on the east side of the Cascades in the Oregon desert. Desolate, hot, windy. Not your ideal spot to spend a weekend...but...they have about 350 clear days a year there...that is why I picked it over two years ago to view this eclipse. Astronomy magazine recently vindicated my decision in naming Madras the best place in these here United States to view the eclipse. So there!

There are many, many people; scientists and non-scientists alike that believe that a total solar eclipse is the most spectacular event in nature. I am one of these people. I have chased the shadow of the moon to eight different locations (Michelle has seen four) all over the world: the Caribbean in 1998, Turkey in 2006, China in 2009, Polynesia in 2010, Australia in 2012, Svalbard (Norway) in 2015, Indonesia in 2016, and Madras. We usually do these as part of a tour so we get to see the fascinating places and people. We also keep linking up with the same people (Umbraphiles United!), many of whom we stay in contact with.

We stayed at the Jefferson County fairgrounds in Madras (rented a RV). My daughter and son-in-law from Washington and my son and granddaughter from Eureka joined us. I've heard estimates of 50,000 people descending on Madras for this event (the population of the town is only 6000). At the fairgrounds they had an event called SolarFest with bands (not very good!), booths, and NASA lectures. The city of Madras put their best face forward for this event, and I must give kudos to the organizers, volunteers, and law-enforcement for how things were handled.

I know you're just in a dither in anticipation, so let's start by telling you what an eclipse is. The moon goes between the earth and sun. The sun is 400 times farther away than the moon and is 400 times bigger so its apparent size is just about the same as the sun. This cosmic coincidence is our lucky break.....this is the only place in the solar system where this occurs. It happens about once every eighteen months somewhere in the world.....a good excuse to travel!



So, you can see from this diagram that only a small area (about 70 miles wide) sits in the path of totality. Santa Rosa, which was clouded over, got about 70% of the sun covered by the moon.

The moon first crossed the surface of the sun at about 9:08 AM on the 21<sup>st</sup> in Madras. During the 'partial phases' one must use eye protection to view the sun....you can watch totality with the naked eye.



The Eggleston clan viewing the partial phases



Getting my 'geek on' as my son-in-law was fond of saying...

Okay...now the moment you have been anxiously waiting for...pictures of the eclipse:

First, the partial phases:





And then, the sun is totally blacked out and totality begins. The star (no pun intended) of this show is the dazzling silver corona. This is actually the photosphere of the sun...always there, but visible only during an eclipse. The corona is what most of us think makes a total solar eclipse so awesome.



Those red spots (look closely!) at the 12:00 and 3:00 positions are solar flares



This is the famous 'diamond ring' which heralds both the beginning and end of totality. It is the sun's light going through the mountains and valleys on surface of the moon.

These photos by a novice photographer do not do this spectacle justice. I've never seen a photo that does. Maybe I've got your attention and you may want to see one? The eastern US in 2024 is the next total solar eclipse in the US. But wait! July 2019 Michelle and I will be in Chile for the next one....wanna join us?

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## CARS and COFFEE

Want something a little different on Sunday mornings? Try **Cars and Coffee**. They are rain or shine and year round. It is a very casual kind of Car Show – arrive when you want, park where you can, leave when you want.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – **Cars and Coffee Novato** – 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. – Vintage Oakes Shopping Center by Starbucks.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – **Cars and Coffee Santa Rosa** – Coddington Mall by Starbucks – 8:00 to 10:00.

Also the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – **Cars and Coffee Sonoma** – 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. – 19632 8<sup>th</sup> Street E – 9:00 to 12:00.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – **Cars and Coffee Petaluma** – Washington Square Shopping Center (South East corner of Washington and McDowell) between Pete’s Coffee and Noah’s Bagels – 8:00 to 10:00.

**NEW** The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – **Cars and Coffee Rohnert Park** by Target and Juice Shack – 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

## OTHER CRUISE INS

Fourth and Sea Fish and Chips, Petaluma (corner of 4<sup>th</sup> & C Streets). Last Sunday of the month – 11:00 to 2:00 – May to October.

**NEW** Fourth and Sea – every Thursday from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. – April through October

Straw Hat Pizza, Rohnert Park. 2nd Sunday of the month 1:00 to 5:00 – May to October -Sponsored by Cruisin North Car Club.

Buns and Burgers, 406 Larkfield Center, Santa Rosa. Every Friday – 3:30 to 8:00 – weather permitting May through September.

