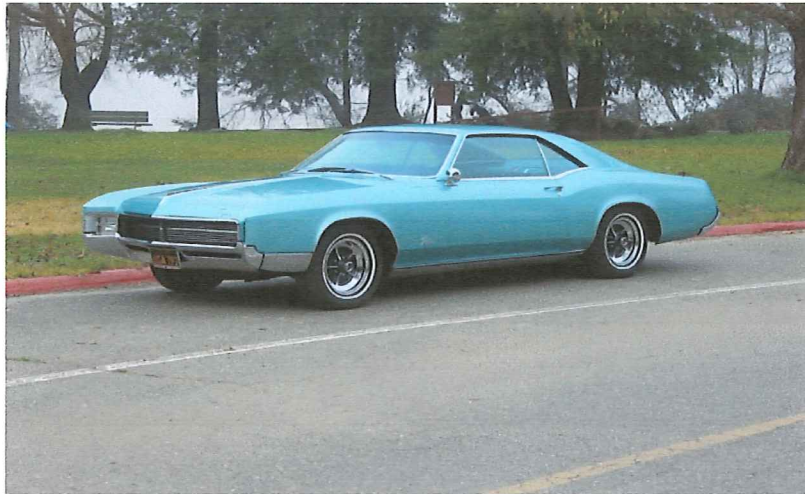




Feb - March 2015

Directors Message



Spring is just around the corner and Rich and I took the '67 Riviera out for a ride a few weekends ago.

We talked about how fortunate we are to live in an area where we may live in a city (growing by leaps and bounds) but only a short drive North or West will get us into rural Sonoma County areas. A few less cars and a few less people.

But then our drive thru Guerneville out to the coast lead us Southbound on hwy 1 on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. Quickly our thoughts of serenity became "where did all these people come from".

Between us and the ocean was this wall of people, cars and dogs. All looking for an energizing afternoon at the coast. We didn't try to stop at a restaurant because if we could find a parking lot, any restaurant in the area would be packed. So we continued our ride South thru the sleepy town of Bodega and Sebastopol where, compared to the coast, was much less traffic.

We ended our ride at Mom's Apple Pie on Hwy 16 for a great slice of Americana - Homemade Apple pie al a mode.

Looking forward to year ahead - we have lots of opportunities to do new shows and meet new people.

With that in mind - I would like to host a POT LUCK Brunch at our home in March (Date - tbd)

With the primary purpose - to plan the rest of this year's events.

Details to follow - hoping all of you can make it. If you can't attend please send me your ideas.

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Founded 1998

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

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(see email address above)**

BUICK CLUB OF THE REDWOODS MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2015 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Director April Kahnberg at 7:00 pm. Those in attendance were Keith Brumbley, Terry Eggleston, Richard Kahnberg, Stan Sollid, Kenny Silvestri, Don and Lois Brooner. Kenny introduced his guest Peter Wion who owns a 1941 Buick. Peter was welcomed by all.

Treasurer Rich Kahnberg reported the bank balance. There are now 18 paid memberships. Kenny S approved the treasurer's report.

Rich talked to Rusty Tucker who is very ill, and would like to be carried on our membership roster until such time as he is able to pay the membership dues. All present agreed and Rich will keep in touch with him.

OLD BUSINESS

April reported that there were not enough orders for the Grille Badges. April moved to set-aside this item to possibly visit again next year. All agreed.

Rich discussed the option of a chapter project that we might explore. Since the BCA is no longer selling grille badges, and there are BCA website requests for them, he will explore the possibility of BCA making them again and letting our club sell them. He will report on his findings. There was also discussion of our club having a decal, what it would look like and what the cost would be.

April reported that she will be sending off the 2015 roster to BCA membership.

There are a few Buick Club of the Redwoods t-shirts and sweatshirts left. It was decided to have a "fire sale" and sell the shirts for \$10.00 each and the sweatshirts for \$20.00 each. April received new catalogs and it was decided we continue the discussion of ordering new shirts, maybe women's also, at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

We discussed where to post the club by-laws and job descriptions on the website. It was decided to put a link behind "about us" for those items.

April proposed a "Ladies Event Tour and Luncheon" to take place at the Octagon House in San Francisco. April said Gail Sollid is a docent there, so she will discuss the details with Gail and report back.

Other monthly outings discussed were:

February Mystery Lunch...2/21/15...Don & Lois Brooner

March...outing to Alexander Valley or Calistoga

April...Winery Tour...Rich Seafelt

May... American Graffiti Car Show...Petaluma

June...Julliard Park Car Show

July...Penngrove Car Show

Kenny mentioned that a possible March outing could be the Auto Museum on Van Ness Ave in San Francisco at the Art Academy of the Arts. April will get more information and get back to the membership.

There was discussion about researching the idea of a scholarship from the club to an automotive student.

Terry visited Hahn Electric recently and was surprised to see the Mark IV that was recently purchased by Jeff. Terry commented how large the Mark IV was.

April won the raffle of \$10.00

Meeting Adjourned 7:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Lois Brooner for Joan Costello



BCR Tee Shirts / Sweatshirts for sale.

We only have a few left of the white sweatshirts and t-shirts.

It was decided in our last meeting - that we would have a FIRE SALE prior to placing next order with a shirt / sweatshirt color change.

Please contact Rich Kahnberg if you would like to buy at a reduced cost any of the following.

Sweatshirts - now selling for \$20.00 each

Sizes available:

- 5 Large
- 4 X Large
- 6 2X large

T-shirts -- Now selling for \$10.00 each

- 2 X large
- 5 2X Large

Feb 21, 2015 - Saturday Mystery Lunch event

(Written by Rich and April Kahnberg)



February 21 Don and Lois hosted the February event - Mystery Lunch tour. The day dawned bright and clear. Great weather for a ride in the old Buicks. (and Stan in his Nomad).

We gathered at the Kmart shopping center parking lot promptly at 11:45.

The caravan left the parking lot at noon, traveling west on Industrial Drive out to Piner Road, led by Don and Lois in their 1957 Buick Roadmaster and bringing up the rear, us in our 67 Riviera with inside knowledge (just received) as to where we were going.

Further west on Piner road to Fulton with a right turn on Old Occidental road. By now I'm guessing there may be a few others who might have an inkling where we were headed.

Taking the picturesque drive thru the hills and vineyards and topping the last hill there was our destination, the quaint town of Occidental and the Union Hotel. The parking lot was quite full, so it was every car for itself to find a parking place.



We all gathered on the sidewalk outside the restaurant when Richard approached the group sheepishly saying "Guess what I locked my keys in the car". After lunch we'll find a coat hanger to quickly took care of that problem as another club member who drives a Maroon and White '54 can attest to.

We had reservations for 12 - already set up when we got there. Good company, great food and great service. Finished off with hot Apple Fritters compliments from Don and Lois our hosts.



After lunch a few of us followed Don and Lois out thru Camp Meeker, Monte Rio and Guerneville on our way home.

We are all very fortunate to live in an area with great country roads and near perfect weather to share a ride on a weekend afternoon.

Don and Lois did an outstanding job and have set the new standard for the rest of us. Our Mystery events have just moved up a notch. Thank you Don and Lois - job well done.



The following article was sent to Bill and Joan as an email from Ken Beatty. With permission we are sharing in this month Newsletter to all members.

Richard Kahnberg

Subject: FW: RVSR Car Show - February 2015

RVSR Car Show - February 2015

Here is the our final outcome from this weekend Rod & Custom Show put on by the Rogue Valley Street Rods Car Club. There were some awesome cars in this show again this year. We were very surprised to be picked for one of the top awards and especially that Logan picked our Buick Caballero as his favorite. We got calls that we were on the News tonight on, I think, three of our local channels in the Rogue Valley. Now I will have to stay up late to see them or just record so we can watch tomorrow.

Here are a few pictures that our friend Ron sent us tonight which show our club also getting the award for the Best Club Display. Just had to send this out and toot our horn a little which will help me settle down some so I can get a good nights sleep. For our first show with the Caballero we were very surprised to get such an award and must thank all those that had a part especially this past year to make it happen. We will also post on our FB page as soon as I figure out just how to do it. I know how to do one picture at a time, but that may take to long. Never to late for an old guy to learn they say.

Ken





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MEMBERSHIP PROFILE...

Ken and Candy Beatty

Candy and I lived in Santa Rosa, California before retiring and relocating to Grants Pass in September of 2006. We belonged to the Redwood Empire Classic Chevy Club as well as the Buick Club of the Redwoods. We found a wonderful property here that accommodates both miniature horses and old cars.

Our classic cars include a 1957 Chevy Bel Air, 1957 Buick Century Caballero Estate Wagon, 1947 Cadillac Sedanette, a 1929 Model A Pickup and a 1960 Rambler American Station Wagon. Several cars are still in the project stage.



The '47 Cadillac Sedanette has been our "Cruiser" car for the past three years. This year, our aim is to be driving and showing the 1957 Buick Caballero while continuing to work on the '57 Chevy and the other cars.

In addition to classic cars, we are also fans of the traditional form of "horse power"—the classic equine variety—that comes in a small package: Miniature horses, also known as VSEs or very small equines. Our favorite equine sport is carriage driving where the horses are trained to pull a vehicle. Our 32-inch buckskin pinto stallion, Baritone, is a Reserve World Champion driving horse and a World Top 10 halter horse. Several years ago, I showed him in Amateur Country Pleasure Driving and placed third in the World so I have bragging rights!



After raising adorable foals for about 15 years at Stepping Stone Miniatures, we are in the process of downsizing and finding good homes for a few more horses. Our plan is to keep six VSEs or so which will enable us to have time to enjoy driving our horses as well as our cars. Pictures and more info at www.stepstoneminis.com.



Senior Trivia

(contributed by Bill Costello)

This test will keep that dreaded disease that affects your memory at bay!
New Senior's Exam, you only need 4 correct out of 10 questions to pass.

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years' War last?
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3) From which animal do we get cat gut?
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
- 7) What was King George VI's first name?
- 8) What color is a purple finch?
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
- 10) What is the color of the black box in a commercial airplane?

Remember, you need only 4 correct answers to pass.

Senior Trivia ANSWERS

- 1) 116 years
- 2) Ecuador
- 3) Sheep and Horses
- 4) November
- 5) Squirrel fur
- 6) Dogs

- 7) Albert
- 8) Crimson
- 9) New Zealand
- 10) Orange (of course)

Pulled from the Internet

Buick concept car - possible future product ???

Cram a lot of horsepower under the hood of a car and strap on some comically large tires, and auto critics will drool over it — even if sales are likely to be limited to Silicon Valley royalty and a few oil sheikhs.

That's why the new [Ford GT](#) and [Acura NSX](#) supercars have dominated media coverage of this year's Detroit auto show. But the most important car at the show may be one that got far less attention: the Buick Avenir sedan.

The Avenir is a "concept car" Buick isn't manufacturing yet, but the concept alone reflects a major shift in the way Buick's parent General Motors (GM), and other big automakers, are bringing car to market. "It was probably most important thing at the auto show," says analyst Dave Sullivan of consulting firm AutoPacific. "General Motors isn't thinking of the U.S. with the Avenir — it's thinking of the Chinese market."



Source: General Motors

That's right — China. GM didn't pitch the Avenir as a Chinese play at the Detroit show, but Buick is one of the most popular brands in China, thanks to the [brand's debut there in 1911](#) and several Chinese leaders, including post-World War II premier Zhou Enlai, who rode proudly in Buicks. Many analysts believe Buick — a sleeper brand in the U.S. market — would have been killed following GM's reorganization following bankruptcy in 2009, if not for one thing: it's GM's best chance to target China's nouveau riche and its booming middle class.

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GM is one of the strongest automakers in China — with about 14% market share — due to its long presence in the country and the shrewd choice of local partners. Of GM's U.S. brands, Buick sells the most in China, followed by Chevrolet and Cadillac (the GMC truck division doesn't operate in China).

China, in fact, has become indispensable to GM. The automaker and its joint-venture partners sold [3.5 million vehicles in China in](#)

2014, the most ever for GM. In the United States, GM sold just [2.9 million vehicles in 2014](#). GM's domestic market is more profitable, partly because the pickup trucks and SUVs popular in the U.S. cost more and have much larger profit margins. But auto sales in China are growing much faster than in the U.S. and other mature markets, which is why automakers are vying bumper-to-bumper for traction in China.



Source: General Motors

The [Avenir](#), if Buick decides to build it, would be the flagship vehicle atop the Buick lineup, perhaps landing in the \$45,000-\$60,000 price range and competing with models such as the Mercedes E Class, the BMW 5 series and the Lexus ES or GS. While it might earn some street cred for Buick among critics, it probably wouldn't be a huge seller in the U.S., since it would be an arriviste in a crowded field taking on some of the most prestigious brands around.

The reception in China could be a lot different, though. "The Avenir would be a type of chauffeured vehicle for Chinese business people, and would probably sell like mad," says Sullivan. "People there have been salivating for a car like this." It helps that GM came up with distinctive styling that evokes the land yachts of yore, with a few exotic curves. In a market like China where Buick is already a hit, buyers seem likely to reward innovative design.

While all the big automakers are focusing on China, Chinese-made vehicles may soon sneak into the U.S. Analysts have been waiting for a Chinese automaker such as BYD or Chery to be the first to export cars to America, but Volvo — owned by a Chinese concern since 2010 — now seems likely to be first, with plans to [export the Chinese-made S60 sedan to U.S.](#) showrooms sometime this year. Made in China, sure. But China is becoming more like the United States every day.



Engineering Contractors Association & Maintenance Superintendents Association



Father's Day • 21st Annual "Show & Shine" Car Show

Sunday, June 21, 2015 • Juilliard Park, Santa Rosa, CA • 9 am—4 pm

Drinks & Food
Music Entertainment
Raffles

Free to Spectators

Dash plaques to first 300 in the park

Sign in: Cars enter from South 'A' Street 7:00 am—9:30 am

TROPHY CLASSES

Stock ⇄ Hot Rod ⇄ Trucks ⇄ Motorcycle
People's Choice ⇄ Best Rat Rod
Best Engine ⇄ Best Flames

Proceeds support the MSA scholarship program & ECA Education Vocational Programs

No personal BBQ's or outside alcohol allowed in the park

To enter a vehicle at this event send the information request below along with checks payable to:
ECA, PO Box 8249, Santa Rosa, CA 95407 / For more information call ECA at 546.5500

Please print legibly

Verification by email only



Enclosed is a payment of \$_____ for the vehicle(s) @ \$30 each before June 1st. \$35 after June 1st.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ email _____

Year & Make of Car(s) name, Entrance Class _____

Cars that wish to show together must arrive together! Personal tents must not block car show area.

_____ Club wishes to exhibit together. Contact: _____ Phone: _____

All Entries and Participants by execution of this Registration Form, release and discharge Engineering Contractors Association and Maintenance Supervisors Association, or any person or group associated with the presentation of the 2015 Father's Day Car Show from any and all known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments or claims whatsoever that may be suffered by any entrant or participant to his/her person or property. By signing below, you accept responsibility for your vehicle and yourself.

Signature of Entrant/Participant _____ Date _____

Indicates Club Planned events					
Pending Ideas					
Poker Run	Bowling	Nicks Cove	Gualala		
Club Pot luck /BBQ	Progressive dinner	Cruisin Calistoga	Rip City Petaluma Motorcycle and car show (Oct ??)	Overniter Fort Bragg - early Spring - Botanical gardens (May to June)	
Armstrong Woods - Kobel rose garden tour	Car Show Yountville	Trip to Acaememy of Art Museum on VANESS in SF (call for private tour)		Sturgis Mill open: 05-16/17 Jun 20/21; Sept 19/20; Oct 10-11	
March 2015	TBD - Directors Brunch for events planning 2015			03-28-29 Good Guys Car Show and Swap meet All American Get together Pleasanton Fairgnds	
April 2015	Alexander Valley drive - to Hwy 29 Lunch in Calistoga Date TBD	04-18 thru 25 Redding Kool Nights koolaprilnights.com 530-226-2894	04-26 thru 26 NSRA Western Street Rod Natls Kern Co Fairgnds Bakersfileld 901-452-4030 nsra-usa.com	04-25 Downtown Grass Valley car show Main street	04-26 Pacific Coat Dream Machines Half Moon Bay Airport 650-726-2328 Classic Car Show and Cruise 1976 and pre 10-4 1005 Gravenstein Hwy N, Sebastapol Benefits Sr Ctr dean@sebastapolseniorcenter.org 707-829-2440
May 2015	MAY 9th Stokes Old Redwood Hwy	May 9 Gold Rush Car Show Downtown Oroville 530-282-4667	May 14,15,16 American Graffiti Petaluma 10 anniversary (reg by Feb 2)	05-16 18th Annual Maxwell Classic Car show and parade 530-438-2376 Pleasanton Summer Get Together 5/30 - 31 (Good guys)	4th and C Petaluma Last Sunday of the month 12 - 3 PM (fourthandsea.com)
Mothers day 05-11	----- May 9th Petaluma fairgds Swap meet				

June 2015	Julliard Park 20th Annual June 21 Sunday 9 - 4 www.nceca.org 546-5500	June 5-6 Thunder Vly Casino, Lincoln/Auburn Area	06-13 Cache Creek Winery Car Show and Concert 707-998-1200	06-20 North Coast Rodders Classic Car & Bike Show Down Town Fort Bragg 707-764-8648	BCA June 30 - July 3 2015 Int'l Meet St Charles IL	4th and C Petaluma Last Sunday of the month 12 - 3 PM (fourthandsea.com)
July 2015	07-8 thru 12 Roseburg, Oregon Graffiti Weekend Aug 1 and 2	07-18 1st Annual Lakeside Car & Boat Show Konocti Vista Casino Lakeport Dave Lakotos 272-6932	July 25,26,27 Fortuna 725-3916 08-21-23	07-25 Fabulous 50's Charity Car Show Riverside Park, Grants Pass, Oregon 541-592-6009	July 26 or 27 Sat OR Sun Penngrove Firemans Fundraiser	4th and C Petaluma Last Sunday of the month 12 - 3 PM (fourthandsea.com)
Aug 2015	Hot August nites Reno NV www.hotaugustnights.com	08-15 Main Street Reunion Car Show Downtown Napa	09-18 Friday night Bash Airport Business Park Ukiah	09-19 Fabulous Flashback Car Show Downtown Ukiah www.earlyironofukiah.org		4th and C Petaluma Last Sunday of the month 12 - 3 PM (fourthandsea.com)
Sept 2015	Lake Sonoma Consani car show				09-21 Poker Run Applebee's Ukiah	4th and C Petaluma Last Sunday of the month 12 - 3 PM (fourthandsea.com)
Oct 2015	Rip City car show Petaluma Autumn Get together 11/14-15 (Good guys) Buick Christmas party 2nd Saturday					4th and C Petaluma Last Sunday of the month 12 - 3 PM (fourthandsea.com)
Nov 2015						
Dec 2015						

