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# April 2024

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

**Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at**

**Mary's Pizza Shack**  
**Piner & Marlow**  
**Santa Rosa CA.**

Dinner Social starts at 6:00

Meeting 7:00 to 8:00

*Our room is free for this meeting,  
attending members are encouraged to have dinner while at Mary's.*

**Room reserved through June 2024**

# Officers 2024

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## Directors Message for May

**OH my, is May 2024 already.**

We are happy our April event with the Model A club was a great success.

I even got a few ideas for monthly (or quarterly) events that are simple and present quick opportunities to socialize casually with members of the club. (Sort of like a cars and coffee – but cars, coffee (or lunch or ice cream) and BCR Members.

The Really Cheesy event with the Model A's was a great tour. Weather was perfect. The hosts at each of the stops were welcoming with great service.

We were hoping for more of a formal tasting at the Petaluma Creamery, but only one staff member available...making sandwiches as well as serving ice cream.

The Valley Ford Creamery gets all my accolades. They were set up for us; no waiting and very informative. Very sweet staff and knowledgeable. The owner Karen is 4<sup>th</sup> Generation Farmers in the Valley Ford area and her son is bringing up the 5<sup>th</sup> Generation.

We have a couple of gentlemen who have reached out to us to join our club.

With the events calendar current on the website – it allows any potential member to plan accordingly, as well as, come to a monthly meeting. (Unfortunately, we failed to change the MAY 4<sup>th</sup> event to April 27<sup>th</sup> and one person was planning to join us in May.)

So anyone – in the club who sees an incorrect date on the events page... please reach out to our friendly distant Webperson, Terry and he will always be happy to make the updates.

Looking forward to the next event... See you all on MAY 8<sup>th</sup> for our monthly meeting.

Happy Spring Buicking ... keep rolling along

April Kahnberg,

BCR Director 2024



# MINUTES OF THE BUICK CLUB OF THE REDWOODS

## APRIL 10th, 2024 MEETING

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

Members present were Dave Bergmann, Keith Brumbley, Bill and Joan Costello, Jay Emery, Craig Janakos, Rich and April Kahnberg, Leo Ladner, Jim Liddle and Donna Watts, Gail Sollid, and Andrew Wong.

April welcomed all those present.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as published in the Nailhead News.

**Treasury/Membership.** Rich reported that membership is holding at 21. Two potential new members reached out to BCR. Rich replied and sent membership applications but there has been no response back. Discussion followed as to whether members of BCR need also be a member of BCA and if that could possibly deter some potential members from joining BCR. April stated that in the April Buick Bugle, it says that all chapter members must be BCA members for insurance requirements. Rich did not feel it was a negative effect on potential members to BCR.

There was one deposit made in March for \$23.00 from the raffle.

**Newsletter Editor.** Leo stated that the April newsletter will be published a little later this month because of the April 27<sup>th</sup> event with the Model A Club.

Dave reported that he responded to Charlie Brown's email asking for assistance with his older Buick.

Upcoming events:

- Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> is the Cars and Coffee event at Coddington but there is a possible chance of showers. It was decided not to postpone the event.
- April 21<sup>st</sup> – Swap Meet sponsored by Cruisin' North at the Santa Rosa Veterans Building – 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> is a tour and picnic scheduled with the Model A Club. Details were sent out through an email. Please be sure to R.S.V.P. to the event.
- Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> is the American Graffiti Cruise-In at the Plaza North Shopping Center. Leo will make 5:30 p.m. dinner reservations at Don Pancho's Mexican Restaurant.

- Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> is the Salute to American Graffiti Car Show in Downtown Petaluma. Keith and Leo will be parked in the block between Washington St. and Western Ave. Stop by to say hello.
- Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> is the Progressive Dinner. Dave brought attention to the fact that the distance from the hors d'oeuvres to the main course is considerable. Discussion followed but no decision was made.
- October 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> is the Velocity Invitational at the Sonoma Raceway. An email was sent out to members with details.

An email was sent out earlier to all BCR members from Jeff Schadt who will be shipping his 1964 Riviera from Texas and was asking if any of our members could store his car until he arrives on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Craig and Maureen have reached out to Jeff and have made arrangements to store the car at their antique store in Fulton. April will contact Jeff to see if he would like us to set up a tour of Sonoma County on Sunday. Wheels and Wings Car Show is the same weekend.

It has been brought to April's attention that scammers are contacting members of BCR through email asking for gift cards. If you receive any such request, please delete it and let April know.

Donna said Bobby and Lauren's wedding is April 20<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. followed by the 50/50 that was won by Craig.

Submitted by Joan Costello  
Secretary





# April 27<sup>th</sup> joint tour with the Sonoma 'A's Club

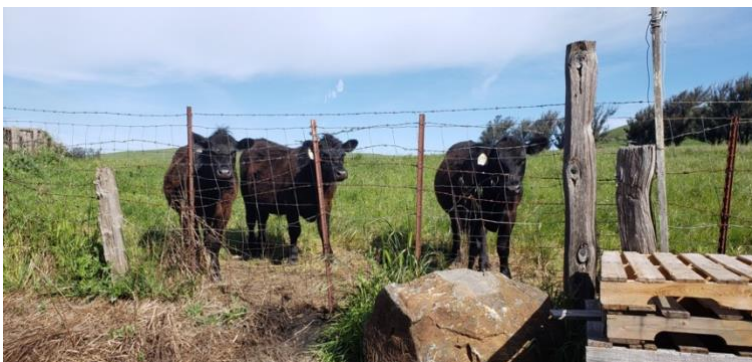
Photos by Andrew Wong







Our first stop was the Valley Ford creamery and cheese works. Operated for generations by a local dairy family they have developed a popular stop for visitors to western Sonoma County. We were offered a tasting of a selection of their cheeses presented by a member of the family who is very knowledgeable in the craft of cheese making and local history.





Leaving Valley Ford we traveled to the Petaluma Creamery via Tomales and the lush green Chileno Valley. Our next leg took us west over RedHill to the Marin French Cheese Co. With lunches in hand the tour pressed on to Stafford Lake Park in Novato to complete the day with a picnic.



# Who was Ned Nickles?

*By Keith Brumbley*

If you're a Buick fan like I am you might have wondered who came up with the idea of Venti-ports or maybe the "Bombsight" hood emblem on post war Buicks...

I think many are familiar with Bill Mitchell the head of GM design. He was the "boss" and had many designers working for him who came up with the actual designs that went from concept to reality.

One of the designers that came up with many iconic ideas that today we associate with classic Buicks was Ned Nickles.

Nickles was a self-taught designer who liked to modify his own cars. He was inspired to send sketches to Bill Mitchell who immediately hired him.

Here are some of the designs credited to him...

- The Venti-ports found on post war Buicks. He actually cut holes in his own '48 Buick fenders and wired lights to the distributor so they would flash to look like airplane exhausts.
- The iconic Bombsight hood emblem...another nod to airplanes that was very popular in the post war period.



- The two door hardtop bodystyle for the 1949 Buick that eliminated the B pillar. Buick called this the “Riviera Hardtop”
- The “sweep spear” design so famously associated with classic Buicks from the fifties.

Probably he is best known for designing the iconic ‘63-‘65 Buick Riviera. In the late fifties Ford redesigned their Thunderbird into a four seat sports car. General Motors didn’t have a car to compete with it; so it was left to Ned Nickles to come up with a new design. Bill Mitchell ordered something like a cross between a Rolls Royce and a Ferrari. What we now know as the Buick Riviera was the end result.

The design was a huge success. Battista Pininfarina the famous Italian designer who built the most famous Ferraris said it was” the most beautiful American car ever”. High praise indeed!

So the next time you hop in your classic Buick let’s give a nod to the designers and particularly to Ned Nickles who came up with many of these great designs!



Here we see Ned working at the GM studio in the mid 1950s. Looks like a future '54 Buick 'C' body hardtop.





DETAILS & REGISTRATION

**WHEN:**  
 May 27, 2024  
 10am-2pm  
 \*\*\*Gates open to entries @7am for pre-registered\*\*\*

**WHERE:**  
 Newsong Church  
 67 Arata Lane  
 Windsor, Ca 95492

**REGISTRATION INFO:**  
 No entry fee!



SHADELANDS RANCH CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Shadelands Ranch Museum  
 Car Registration Form  
 Sunday, June 9, 2024  
 10:00am to 3:00pm

- This is an outdoor event.
- Participants can arrive no earlier than 8:30 AM.
- Participants must comply with current County/State Covid-19 regulations.
- Restrooms available on site.
- Car Show will be canceled in the event of rain.
- The Walnut Creek Historical Society is a non profit 501(c)(3) Tax ID # 68-0016431
- Registration Fee \$25.00 before June 2th or \$30.00 day of event
- Additional Meal Deal \$5.00 ( Includes Hamburger, Cheeseburger or Hot Dog, Chips and Drink)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Make/Model/Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Meal Deal: Hamburger  Cheeseburger  Hot Dog  Chips and Drink  
 Additional Meal \$5.00 Hamburger  Cheeseburger  Hot Dog

The undersigned ("Releasor") hereby agrees to comply with all Car Show rules. Releasor acknowledges that the Car Show is held on property owned by the City of Walnut Creek ("City") managed by WCHS and an adjoining property owned by an adjoining property owner ("Licensor") under license to WCHS. Releasor hereby releases, indemnifies and agrees to defend with counsel of the Walnut Creek Historical Society's choice, the Walnut Creek Historical Society, the City, Licensor and their respective, officers, directors, employees and agents (hereinafter "Releasees" or "WCHS"), from any and all claims, obligations, costs, losses, damages, injuries, attorney's fees, penalties, fines, liabilities, causes of actions, and all other legal responsibilities of any form whatsoever, in law or in equity, arising from or connected with Releasor's participation as a vendor or exhibitor at WCHS' Car Show. Releasor agrees that the above release provisions are reasonable and that WCHS would not have permitted Releasor's participation absent the provisions. This Agreement does not waive rights or claims under federal or state law that cannot be waived by private agreement.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit Applications:

MAIL:  
 Walnut Creek Historical Society  
 2660 Ygnacio Valley Road  
 Walnut Creek, CA 94598

SCAN: [wchs@wchistory.org](mailto:wchs@wchistory.org)



If you have any questions please call Andrea Baldacci (925) 683-5844 OR Teresa Wenzel (510) 508-8306

For Office Use Only:  
 Check/CC #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## **BUICK CLUB OF THE REDWOODS ACTIVITIES – 2024**

*Rev. 4 2-24*

**JANUARY 21** (Sunday) – Planning Brunch 10:00 – Kahnberg’s

**MARCH 9** (Saturday) – Tour of Packard Museum with lunch at Tubby’s– Sponsored by Jim

**APRIL 14** (Sunday) – Cars and Coffee, Coddington and breakfast/lunch – Sponsored by Keith

**APRIL 27** (Saturday) – Tour and picnic with Model A Club – Sponsored by Gail and Model A Club

**MAY 17 (Friday) – American Graffiti Cruise-In with dinner at Don Pancho’s– Sponsored by Leo**

**MAY 25** (Saturday) – Oakmont Car Show – Sponsored by Jim

**JUNE 16** (Sunday) – Father’s Day Show and Shine, Juilliard Park

**JUNE 23** (Sunday) - Cruise and lunch at Zini’s Diner, Cloverdale – Sponsored by Rich and Bill

**JULY 21** (Sunday) – Progressive Dinner – Sponsored by Costello’s, Janakos’ and Bergmann’s

**AUGUST 17** (Saturday) - Summer Barbeque – Sponsored by Jeff and Bruce

**SEPTEMBER 21** (Saturday) – Wheels and Wings Car Show – Sponsored by Rich

**OCTOBER 19** (Saturday) – Poker Run Sponsored by Leo and Gail

**NOVEMBER 16** (Saturday) – Surprise event – Sponsored by Dave and Linda

### **NorCal Buick Club Tech Talks**

Our friends down in the South Bay host a TechTalk on auto topics **every 3th Tuesday at 12:30** via Zoom. Sometimes the date moves due to conflicts. If you'd like to be kept aware and want the link to the Zoom session, let me know, and I will reply. It might be a few days prior.

Next session May 21st 2024 "tell us about your car"

**Interested members can contact Ricky directly at:**  
**[ricky.deutsch@gmail.com](mailto:ricky.deutsch@gmail.com)**

Looking for something to do? Consider hosting a "pop-up" event at Sturgeon's Mill ,2024 run dates :May 4 &5 -June 15&16 -Aug. 3&4 -  
Sept. 14&15

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## **Save the Dates**

**May 17<sup>th</sup> American Graffiti Cruise in- Petaluma**

**Watch for e-mail/evite details**





## **CARS and COFFEE** Rev. 5-23

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.

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – **Cars and Coffee Novato** – 6:30 to 10:00 a.m. – Vintage Oaks Shopping Center by Starbucks.

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – **Rollin’ Rosies Cars & Coffee** – 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. – at Mocha Madness, 355 Southwest Blvd, Rohnert Park

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – **Cars and Coffee Petaluma** – Washington Square Shopping Center between Pete’s Coffee and Noah’s Bagels – 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – **Cars and Coffee Penngrove** – Penngrove Market – 9:00 a.m.

Last Sunday of the month – **Cars and Coffee Rohnert Park** – Starbucks by Target and Juice Shack – 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

### CRUISE-IN

Monday’s- Carr’s Drive-In – Forestville 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Friday’s – Machado Burgers - Santa Rosa 4:00 – 6:00

<b>2024</b>			<b>CAR NUT CALENDAR 2024</b>
	Mo	Date(s)	<b>EVENTS</b>
	<b>JAN</b>	9	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
	<b>FEB</b>	14	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
	<b>MAR</b>	13	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
	<b>APR</b>	10	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
	<b>APR</b>	21	Crusin North swap meet- Santa Rosa Vets
	<b>MAY</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING</b>
	<b>MAY</b>	16-18	Salute to American Graffiti show Petaluma-Leo
	<b>MAY</b>	19	Early Ford V8 swap meet - Petaluma
	<b>JUNE</b>	19-22	2024 ROA National Meet - Lexington KY.
	<b>JUNE</b>	9	Shadelands Classic Ranch Show -Walnut Creek
	<b>JULY</b>	10-13	BCA National Meet – Strongsville Ohio
	<b>AUG</b>		
	<b>SEP</b>		
	<b>OCT</b>		
	<b>NOV</b>		
	<b>DEC</b>		



**Donna Watts Apr 17<sup>th</sup>    April Kahnberg Apr 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Dave Bergmann Apr 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Craig Janakos Apr 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Craig Haskell May 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Dave Hoogendoorn May 15<sup>th</sup>**



*Greg Morgan and Dan Joseph April 18<sup>th</sup>*

*Bobby Olivieri and Lauren Mc Naughton April 20<sup>th</sup>*

*Bob Kaliski and Linda Nelson May 29<sup>th</sup>*





10-23

**NOS..... BCR T Shirts / Sweatshirts for sale.  
Limited availability / only one size 2XL**

We only have a few sweatshirts and t-shirts left. (WHITE ONES large front logo)

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

**Sweatshirts - now selling for \$10.00 each**

*Sizes available: qty 3..... 2XL*

**T-shirts -- Now selling for \$7.00 ea**

*Sizes available: Qty 3 .....2XL*

-----**BCR - Window Decals Available**-----

*\$2.00 each + .50 postage (any qty)*

-----**BCR Embroidered Patches (4")**-----

*\$10.00 each+ .50 postage (any qty)*

*To purchase: Contact Rich Kahnberg or for any information about availability.*

*[1185home@att.net](mailto:1185home@att.net) or 237-1415*



BCA adopted the above alternative logo in May 2023 that is available exclusively on various branded clothing items.

The BCA continues to use the original logo, shown below, for all other official purposes.

