



April / May

2015

# Directors Message



The Month of April started with a great kick off meeting, Brunch, that brought 16 members of our Buick Club together to plan our 2015 events. It was a great turn out and very enthusiastic crowd.

As Director, I would like to personally thank everyone who participated or sent ideas (because they couldn't attend) for helping to make 2015 – Event Planning YOUR ideas and events.

This get together was in addition to 2 other club Events during the month April, which were well attended. The group decided to have this again in Feb next year for 2016 Events.

This allowed the club to consider new events that we may have not attended in the past, as well as, give reconsiderations to events we will attend this year - and may consider in upcoming years. Many members go to car shows that many of us have not been to and shared their enthusiasm and possible date conflict(s) information with the group. There was one car show that we all talked about that looked interesting until Terry spoke up and said there was a bicycle event in on that same day. So for BIG CAR (s) obvious reasons - we didn't give that consideration as a Club event that month. This type of sharing and planning ahead gives us all opportunities to recommend the right event that works well for our club members.

Follow the calendar and look for EVITEs as the events are coming near – from whoever may be taking the lead in that event.

If anyone hears or plans to go to an event that isn't on our list and might like some company - please let other club members know.

PS: Richard and I have registered for Peggy Sue at the Graton Casino, June 13th along with Don and Lois.

Richard forwarded the online application information to all club members recently.

## 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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Newsletter Editors: **Position Open** - Temporary Richard Kahnberg and April Kahnberg (see email address above)

## **BUICK CLUB OF THE REDWOODS MINUTES OF THE APRIL 8, 2015 MEETING**

Members in attendance were Don and Lois Brooner, Keith Brumbley, Bill and Joan Costello, Terry Eggleston, Vicki Fertig, Rich and April Kahnberg, Kenny Silvestri and Stan Sollid.

Director, April Kahnberg, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those members present.

A rough draft of the March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting was sent to all members who attended the meeting. After corrections and additions, the minutes were approved and published on the Website.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Rich reported the current bank balance. Deposits for the month were from the March raffle, one membership renewal and the sale of one sweatshirt. Connie has notified Rich that a gentleman from Utah wanted to buy two pins. Bill also said he will buy a Skylark pin.

Rich is in the process of canceling our P.O. Box which will be finalized later this month. The club's new address will be 1185 Carr Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404. An address change has been requested for the club directory in the Buick Bugle, the BCR application and website has been corrected and the Exchange Bank has been notified. This will be an annual savings of \$128.00. The club address can be changed after future elections if desired.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The static cling decals with our club logo and name from Promoco have not been ordered yet. The minimum order of 100 decals will be placed in a couple of weeks.

There has been previous discussion about a scholarship or donation to a student or school in the automotive field. Bill reported that in past years a cash amount was given to a graduating student at the Santa Rosa Junior College for tools to be used in the trade. Bill stated that another possibility would be to give a donation directly to a school program so all students would benefit or an account can be set up at an automotive store for an individual or instructor.

The Auto Shop Instructor at Analy and Healdsburg High Schools has contacted April. They will be having their 1<sup>st</sup> annual Analy and Healdsburg High School Auto Shop Car Show on April 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 3:00 at Healdsburg High School to support the auto program at both schools. There will be a used tool donation drop off. Let Rich know if you would like to show your car. Meet at K-Mart in Santa Rosa at 8:00. Pre-registration forms are available.

There will be a planning brunch meeting at the Kahnberg's on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Bring your calendars and ideas.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Terry reported that the professional service for the club website will expire on July 12<sup>th</sup>. He suggested we buy the two year service for \$71.80. Also the fee for the domain name (buickcluboftheredwoods.com) will be due on May 28<sup>th</sup> at the rate of \$49.95 for one year.

Kenny has organized a tour of the Deerfield Ranch Winery on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the Grocery Outlet in Santa Rosa at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will follow at the Quail Inn Restaurant in Oakmont. Rich Seefeldt's cousin is the owner of the winery and will personally greet us upon arrival.

Rich reported that there are presently 8 cars going to the American Graffiti Car Show in downtown Petaluma on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Rich has requested that we be allowed to enter the show as a group or possibly two groups of 4. More information will follow.

Kenny reported that on May 31<sup>st</sup> his 1938 Buick will be displayed at the Mendocino Film Festival in Willits featuring the Seabiscuit Legacy Film Series. Keith has read the book and gave us a brief history on Charles Howard, owner of Seabiscuit.

Bill said there is a 1950/1960 movie that will be filmed at Bodega Bay. They will possibly want classic cars to be in the movie. He will get more information.

There is a Swap Meet on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Santa Rosa Veteran's Building 6:00 to 12:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m. The raffle followed with Lois winning the 50/50 prize of \$11.00

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan Costello



## Deerfield Winery Tour and Wine Tasting

Contributed by Richard Kahnberg

One of the Club outings for April was a tour of the **Deerfield Ranch Winery in Kenwood on April 18th.**

Most of us met in the Grocery Outlet parking lot on Fourth Street for the 15 mile caravan down Highway 12 to the winery.

Turning off Highway 12 we were greeted by a family of long necked deer grazing in the field in front of the winery. What a rare treat! See included picture.

Five Buicks made the drive from Santa Rosa, Ed and Cynthia met us at the winery with their '33 La Salle as did Kenny's friend Rich with his '55 Chevy convertible and Rich's sister and brother-in-law with their '57 Chevy convertible. In addition, Bill and Kenny's friend, Pete drove his '36 Ford to the winery. All totaled we had 9 cars and 15 Club members and friends.

Our tour guide was Bill Klein. Bill met us in the parking lot, provided some information about the winery. The winery opened to the public in 2008, current production is about 15,000 cases of wine a year. The aging and tasting room are located in the 23,000 square foot "cave". The main hall in the cave is 400 feet long with the tasting room located about 300 feet from the entrance. There are several caves branching off from the hall forming an underground cavern in the shape of an umbrella. The year round temperature in the cave is 62\* and 80% humidity. The tasting room is about 60 feet below the hillside.



After allowing us time to sample a white and red wines, we continued the tour through cave. Bill explained that for the red's they use mostly wine barrels from France at a cost of \$1100 each (barrels from France can cost up to \$3000 each). Barrels made in the US cost \$700-800. Some wineries only use the barrels once, Deerfield uses the barrels twice.

After the tour we stopped in Oakmont for lunch at the Quail Inn. The menu is varied and I believe everyone found something to their liking. Good choice Kenny.



# BILL'S TRIVIA

1. What was introduced in 1937 that would remain until 1952 on Ford automobiles?  
Two-piece windshield, four-wheel brakes, electric starter or fender skirts.
2. What 1929 automobile was dubbed "the 1 ¼ inch bulge that killed a car"?  
Buick, Model A, Model T or Packard
3. What year were demountable tires introduced"?  
1900, 1915, 1929 or 1934
4. How many taillights did the Stingray have in the song "Dead's Man Curve"?  
2, 4, 6 or 8
5. Which type of plating was used on radiators and lamps in 1921?  
Nickel-plating, brass-plating or chrome-plating
6. Who introduced laminated safety glass in 1926?  
Ford, Packard, Rickenbacker or Duesenberg
7. What was Buick's first car?  
Model A or Model B
8. Where was the first National Automobile show held in 1900?  
Chicago, San Francisco, New York or Denver
9. What automobile did the Red Cross choose for its ambulances in 1915?  
Ford, Buick, Mack or White
10. How many mounted spare tires did the 1916 Hudson have?  
One, two, four or six

## Bills Trivia ... Answers

1. Two-piece windshield
2. Buick
3. 1915
4. 6
5. Nickel-plating
6. Rickenbacker
7. Model B
8. New York
9. Buick
10. Four

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**Contributed by Wayne Metz**



**Metro Club professional Picture taken a few weeks back in San Francisco**

# HEALDSBURG SHOW

April 25, 2015

On the morning of April 25, 2015 it was observed that four Classic Buicks were heading north on 101 at about 8:30. Our monthly Club Event was in full swing as Rich, April, Terry, Don and Lois exited at Dry Creek and proceeded to Healdsburg High School. We were joined there by Bob and Marge in their beautiful 36 Ford.

The automotive departments of Healdsburg and Analy High Schools had teamed up for their first annual (I say annual because it is my hope that this will be an ongoing event) Car Show to benefit their programs. It was their first attempt at a show, and I must say that I was impressed at the organization and overall effort on the part of the organizers. There were seventy-five cars and/or trucks, good music, and reasonable food. A good time was had by all as we sat around and treated each other with embellished tales of our youths!

How many of us have said “Geez, I wish I still had my first car”. I often lament the fact that I let Beulah (my 46 Chevy) go in 1966. Well...Bob Guintoli has done just that: his 1936 Ford was his first car. He found it under some hay at a place in the early fifties and has kept it all these years. Cudos!!!

Here are some pics...thanks for reading. Terry



The usual suspects!





# SCANDINAVIAN DELIGHT

By Terry Eggleston

I have this somewhat zany habit of chasing total solar eclipses around the world. It is my opinion that these eclipses are some of the most beautiful and awe-inspiring events that nature has to offer. The moon passes in front of the sun. There are partial eclipses and total eclipses; the former are cool but not even in the same discussion with Totals. Totals happen about once a year somewhere on Earth; the March eclipse was visible from the island of Svalbard in Norway.

Look at a map, look at Norway. This is the long and slender country in the western part of Scandinavia. Now look at the top of Norway and keep going north. No...farther than that. Pass the Arctic Circle. Longyearbyen, our center of operations, is the northern most continuously inhabited city in the world. No kidding; it really is.

Daytime temperatures were around zero degrees; I spend a lot of time putting on and removing layers and layers of clothes. On eclipse day we rode snowmobiles out to the viewing site. Setting up camera equipment i.e. tripods, telescopes, cameras, etc. is a real experience at those temperatures. But, alas, we were rewarded with very clear skies and a great view...even though the temperature dropped to minus 8 degrees during totality.

In my mind, what makes total eclipses so awe-inspiring is the corona. It is a dazzling, white ring around the sun. The sky darkens, but there is a 360 degree light at the horizon. You can see stars and planets; but it's not a good idea to spend too much time looking for them...the real star (no pun intended) of the show is the sun. This is my sixth eclipse and you take away different memories from each one; this eclipse was notable because you could see solar prominences (flares) with the naked eye.

While in Svalbard we also checked out a couple of museums and went dog sledding. On the fifth day we boarded a plane and flew to Oslo where our tour ended. But I was just getting started; Michelle meant me at the Oslo airport.

We spent a couple of days in Oslo, the capital of Norway. One museum I found particularly fascinating had three preserved Viking ships and lots of other artifacts from that era. We then took a train (actually two of them) to the small town of Flam, in the heart of the Norwegian fjords. We took a boat tour of the fjords (very cold!) followed by a boat trip, a bus, and a train to the town of Bergen on the western shore of Norway.

This is a beautiful city with an eighteenth century charm. We walked all over and saw as much as we could...a truly fascinating place! From there Michelle flew home (it took her three days!) and I went over to Stockholm, the capital of Sweden.

I did a lot of walking in Stockholm as well as making some sense of the bus system. It is a charming and beautiful city, and I was blessed with weather conducive to photography. One place I would like to mention is the Vasa museum. In the early seventeenth century Sweden built a huge warship named the Vasa. It was made of solid oak (the hull was three feet thick) and was heavily armored with cannons and adorned with carvings. Problem: it was too heavy and sunk in the harbor on its maiden voyage (great engineering, right?!). In the 1950's it was raised and is undergoing restoration in the museum. I also visited the Royal Palace and the Nobel Museum, among many other things.

I keep a day-to-day log when I travel. So with your patience, I would like to insert my log from eclipse day (hang in there...pictures to follow!)

## Friday, March 20, 2015:

When my final cards are dealt about thirty years hence, this will be one of the most memorable days of my life. Up at 5:30, breakfast at 6:00. Then putting all those layers, lugging camera, telescope, tripod, etc. to the front of the hotel. They took us in these tiny cars to the snowmobile place. Lug all the stuff upstairs where

we got our 'gear'; i.e. the company provided us with an outersuit (very heavy, wouldn't fit over our regular jackets so we had to leave those), mittens, a bachelava, helmet and goggles. Lug all the stuff down to the snowmobiles. It was about 2 degrees. At this point I seriously questioned what I was doing at the 78<sup>th</sup> parallel, about 800 miles from the North Pole, hands were numb and I was trying to get all my equipment on the sled (there was a trailer on one). They gave us some brief instructions....and off we went. Black dots against the expansive white plateau heading east. I think. At least we were heading straight toward the sun, which made seeing and driving interesting.

After about twenty minutes we arrived at the viewing site. Note that up until now this week it had been mostly cloudy with even a few snow flurries. But on this day the eclipse gods were with us and there wasn't a cloud in the sky.

Let me say something about setting up equipment in zero degree weather. Nothing goes smoothly. To do any fine setting of screws, knobs, and the like you have to take your gloves off. If you don't have a glove on your hands they get very cold very quickly. I had a hand warmer in my gloves so they warmed up fairly fast, but never enough. Note: I am typing this at 5:00 in the evening and the tip of my right index finger is still numb.

We got sat up and waited. Saw a reindeer. There was a hot air balloon going up. There are many tour groups here for this and they dotted the landscape albeit not anywhere near us.

A little eclipse jargon is in order. When the moon first starts to move in front of the sun we call that first contact. Lots of cheers go up. About an hour and a half later the moon totally obliterates the sun; we call that second contact. This totality today lasted about two and a half minutes (this can vary). When the moon starts to move off the sun we call that third contact. And then when there is no more moon on the sun we call that fourth contact.

OK, now you're educated. There is a lot of anticipation between first and second contact...there's time to visit, look at each other's equipment, take pictures, etc. But then when we get within ten minutes of second contact things get serious. Everybody wants to make sure this adjustment is made or you have the right shutter speed..all that stuff. In Australia I put a video camera on the tripod (I have a crossbar so my scope, camera, and video camera can be side by side). You also want to make sure your battery has enough power....they drain really fast at these temperatures. In fact, I had fully charged my video camera before I left home; it went about ten seconds and died....but the battery in my main camera was fine. Ambient temperature around 1-2 degrees; dropped to eight below during totality.

This is my sixth eclipse: each one is different and you notice things. One phenomenon is called shadow bands...these are rapidly moving, parallel shadow bands on the ground before and after totality. It is unclear what causes them. I had never seen them, but they were very prominent today because we were on flat, white snow. During totality today you could see prominences with the naked eye....these are solar flares on the edge of the sun. Stunning. Lots of cheers, hoots and hollers during totality. Damn, I love these things.

Note: in August of 2017 there will be an eclipse across the entire United States...I plan to be in eastern Oregon where they have a lot of clear days.

So, that was my day. Got some decent but not great photos....but it's about the experience, and this one was for the ages.

By the way...we didn't stick around for fourth contact. Too cold. Got out of there!

OK....here's some pics....by the way....no Classic Buicks (or any Buicks)...these people need to adjust their priorities!



**Longyearbyen**



**Eclipse viewing site with snowmobiles**



**Totality with Corona**



**Viking Ship**



**Oslo**



**Fjord Tour---Norway**



**Bergen**



**Stockholm**

For those of you who know me, you are aware that there are many more pictures...I didn't want you to have to wait hours and hours to download the newsletter, so I kept it to a minimum. I am more than happy to bore you with more anytime you want!

Next eclipse is in Indonesia next March (we'll be there) but the big show for the US will be in August of 2017 when totality will be visible from Oregon to Charleston. We're going to rent a place in eastern Oregon (360 clear days a year) north of Bend....wanna join us??

# GM Futurliner bus auctions for millions

**BOLD** **RI****DE** *By Zach Doell January 20, 2015 2:30 PM*

The radical 1950 GM Futurliner is a whole-lot-of bus. It's quite fitting that it also commands an equally ginormous price tag. This pristine example drew a substantial amount of fanfare when it went up for auction at the 2015 [Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale](#) event on Saturday, and even more when the gavel fell for \$4 million.

The story behind the futuristic hauler is no less exciting. In 1936, General Motors created the Parade of Progress – a campaign to exhibit GM's vision of the future to the American public in the form of a traveling exhibition. By 1939 at the New York World's Fair, GM raised its own bar with the introduction of the [Futurliner bus](#), which would become the new packhorse of the traveling show. Imagine seeing one of these cruise through your rural town in the 1940s.



On its flank, a 16-foot side panel opens up to reveal a retractable stage, complete with lights and its own PA system. A scant 12 Futurliners were built under the direction of GM design boss Harley Earl, of which only nine remain and three are said to run. This stellar example is one of that coveted trio.

The Futurliners originally drew power from a four-cylinder diesel engine; however this bus was restored and given a livelier beating heart in the form of a 400ci GM truck engine. This example came up for auction in 2006 and in quite the memorable fashion. The owner had been hoping to get more than \$600,000 for the brute. It hammered for a formidable \$4.1 million.

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## **CHILI RELLENO BREAKFAST CASSEROLE**

*Contributed by Joan Costello*

Spray 9 X 13 baking pan

Arrange 6 slices of bread (I use wheat but I am sure any kind of bread will work) on bottom of pan – you may have to trim one or two to fit into pan if slices are large.

Sprinkle 2 cups shredded cheddar and 2 cups shredded jack cheese\* over bread

Add 1 can of green chilies

Beat together in bowl with whisk:

6 eggs

2 cups milk

1/2 tsp oregano

2 tsp paprika

1 tsp salt

¼ tsp dry mustard

½ tsp pepper

¼ tsp garlic powder

Pour over cheese and bread, cover and chill at least 4 hours (overnight is perfect)

Bake uncovered at 325 about 50 minutes or until browned

\*Pepper jack cheese can be substituted

Indicates Club Planned events

<b>May 2015</b>			((Mothers day 05-10 ))
	<b>Sat</b>	9-May	Stokes Ranch, Old Redwood Hwy
	<b>Sat</b>	9-May	Gold Rush Car Show Downtown Oroville 530-282-4667
	<b>Sun</b>	17-May	Petaluma Fairgrounds swap meet
	<b>Thurs thru Sat</b>	<b>May-14, 15, 16</b>	American Graffiti Petaluma 10 anniversary (Reg by Feb 2)
	<b>Sat</b>	16-May	18th Annual Maxwell Classic Car Show and parade 530-438-2376
(Memorial DAY WKND)	<b>Sat</b>	23-May	<b>May 23rd</b> Classic Car show and Cruise 1976 and pre 10-4 1005 Gravenstein Hwy N, Sebastapol Benefits Sr Ctr dean@sebastapolseniorcenter.org 707-829-2440
(Memorial DAY WKND)	<b>Sun</b>	24-May	Willits Car show - across from the Willits Museum
	<b>Sat</b>	30-May	lone - Eagles Nest Show and Shine car show lone Airport
	<b>Sat - Sun</b>	May 30 - 31	Pleasanton Summer Get Together (Good Guys) (Over 4000 Hot Rods)
		Last Sunday	4th and C Petaluma Last Sunday of the Month 12-3 pm (fourthandsea.com)
<b>June 2015</b>			
	<b>Fri - Sat</b>	Jun 5 - 6	Thunder Vally Casino Lincoln / Auburn area
	<b>Wed - Sat</b>	Jun 10-13	BCA National Meet Springfield MO
	<b>Sat</b>	13-Jun	Peggy Sue Car Show and Cruise @Graton Casino RP
	<b>Sat</b>	13-Jun	Cache Creek Winery Car Show and Concert 707-998-1200 HWY 20
	<b>Sat</b>	20-Jun	North Coast Rodders Classic Car & Bike Show, Downtown Fort Bragg 707-764-8648
Fathers Day	<b>Sun</b>	21-Jun	Julliard Park 20th annual Fathers day car show www.nceca.org 546-5500
	<b>Tues - Fri</b>	June 30 thru July 3	2015 ROA (Riviera) International meet ST Charles, Ill
		Last Sunday	4th and C Petaluma Last Sunday of the Month 12-3 pm (fourthandsea.com)
<b>Jul 2015</b>			
	<b>Wed - Sun</b>	07-08 thru 12th	1st Annual Lakeside Car and Boat Show Konocti Vista Casino Lakeport Dave Lakotos 272-6932
	<b>Wed - Sun</b>	07-08 thru 12th	Roseburg Oregon Graffiti Weekend
	<b>Sat</b>	25-Jul	Fabulous 50's Charity Car Show, Riverside Park, Grants Pass OR 541-592-6009
	<b>Fru - Sun</b>	July 25,26,27	AutoRama - Fortuna 725-3916
	<b>Sun</b>	26-Jul	Sat or Sun Pengrove Fireman's Fundraiser

		Last Sunday	4th and C Petaluma Last Sunday of the Month 12-3 pm (fourthandsea.com)
<b>Aug 2015</b>			
	Tues=Sun	Aug 4 - 9	Hot August Nites Reno NV (www.hotaugustnights.com)
	Sat	15-Aug	Main Street Reunion Car Show Downtown Napa
	Fri=Sun	08-21 thru 23	29th West Coast Nationals Pleasanton (Good Guys)
		Last Sunday	4th and C Petaluma Last Sunday of the Month 12-3 pm (fourthandsea.com)
<b>Sep 2015</b>			
		TBD	Lake Sonoma Consani Car show
		Sept 12 ??	Booneville Fair Car Show
		18-Sep	Friday Night Bash Airport Business Park Ukiah
	Fri - Sun	Sep 18 - 19	Fabulous Flashback Car Show Downtown Ukiah Applebees Friday nite Poker Run *Fri nite Free BASH - 4-8 PM) (www.earlyironofukiah.org)
		Last Sunday	4th and C Petaluma Last Sunday of the Month 12-3 pm (fourthandsea.com)
<b>Oct 2015</b>			
	Sun	4-Oct	Alexander Valley drive - to Hwy 29 / Lunch in Calistoga (((Maybe fold in a Poker Run)))
	Sat	10-Oct	Potluck BBQ at Bruce and Jeff's
		TBD	Rip City Car Show and Swap meet
		Last Sunday	4th and C Petaluma Last Sunday of the Month 12-3 pm (fourthandsea.com)
<b>Nov 2015</b>			
	Sat	7-Nov	Progressive Dinner
	Sat-Sun	Nov 14 - 15	Autumn Get together (Good Guys)
<b>Dec 2015</b>			
	Sat	12/12/2015	BCR Christmas Party

**Feb 2016 TBD Planning Brunch for Event Planning 2016**

### **Other ideas - to carry over to 2016**

Bowling

Nick's Cove

Gualala

Overnight in Fort Bragg - early Spring - Botanical Gardens (May - June)

Car Show Yountville

Day trip to SF Academy of Art Museum on Vanness (call for private tour)

Sturgeon Mill (Open May 16-17; Jun 10-21; Sept 19-20; Oct 10-11)

Armstrong Woods - Korbel rose garden tour

