



August 2013

The Buick Club of the Redwoods

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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.)

Meetings start at 7:00; social time starts at 6:30. Stay after the meeting to socialize too!

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The Nailhead News

Director's Message ~ July 2013

Hard to believe it's already August. It seems the summer has flown by. I hope you have had a chance to show off your Buick at some car shows this year. It seems there are hardly ever any old Buicks at car shows and they always attract a lot of admirers. At the recent Penngrove car show a visitor to our tent was saying how people seem to be divided into either the Chevrolet, Ford or Mopar camp when it comes to old cars but he said that everyone always admires the Buicks for being classy and a little different. I would have to agree.

Keith Brumbley

Director



Minutes 7-10-13

Members present: Keith Brumbley, David Yoast, Rebecca Kisling, Don and Lois Brooner, Rich and April Kahnberg, Mike Lightell, Stan Sollid, Bill Costello, and Terry Eggleston.

Guests: None.

Treasurer: Rich reported on the bank balance.

Minutes: Approved.

Newsletter: The newsletter is now available on our club website under Members Only. Just enter the password and you can read and/or print it.

If anyone has photos of outings, or would like to write an article for the newsletter, please email them to Keith and Rebecca.

Website: Always something new on the website, so take a minute to check it out.

Check out the website for news on upcoming events.

Terry reported he renewed our website for 2 years both with Weebly and our domain.

Merchandise: We have club t-shirts available for \$15 and sweatshirts for \$25.

We sold five pins.

Old Business:

Rich reported a good response so for our 2014 club calendar. Rich, Stan and Terry will work on this project. Rich request members start sending their car pictures to him in high resolution beginning in August. Terry said the best time to take a photo of your car is early evening.

Terry has been researching options for club logo license plate frames and toppers. He will get some estimates and let us know.

Please make sure to RSVP when you receive your evite to club events. If for some reason you can't respond on the evite site, please email your response to Rebecca at girlmetro@msn.com. A lot of effort is put into planning an outing (or two) for every month of the year, and we would appreciate your reply.

New Business:

Don said Brutus, the 1957 Buick, is in the shop. He has new ball joints, but then it was discovered his left hub was not round and pulls to the side. The shop is trying to correct this. Brutus also needs a brake job.

Rich said he has a new exhaust system for Olivia, their 1963 Buick Riviera. It's not on yet, but will be soon.

Terry reported that this Sunday in Montgomery Village there will be a Model T car show from 1-4 pm.

Bill reported he sold his 1930 Model A "Red Hot" and also his motorcycle and trailer. He is on the hunt for another car, possibly a brand new Corvette. He said he would buy a 1980 Buick Grand Sport.

Stan said he got a new door glass for Liz, their 1949 Buick.

Stan said Ollie, his 1950 Plymouth, is having trouble with his overdrive not working well.

Keith got a new radiator for Mabel, his 1955 Buick, at Merv's Radiator. He also got Mabel's muffler fixed at Johnny Franklin's. She is now very quiet!

Terry got disc brakes on Ruby, his 1954 Buick at Tri-Star.

Bill recommended Moose Motors in Petaluma for brakes.

Rebecca reported she saw former club member Dixie Black recently. Rex and Dixie still have their Riviera. They do not belong to a Buick chapter, as

there are none in their Minden, NV area. Instead, they belong to a Jaguar club and a Corvette club and are active in both.

So far several members are planning on driving up to the Portland Buick Show next year. Don and Lois, Rich and April, Jeff and Bruce, Terry, Keith, Stan and Gail are all planning on attending.

Upcoming Events:

Club Outings:

July 13th (Saturday) is a BBQ at Jeff and Bruce's home in Guerneville. Their deck overlooks the river and they will have reserved parking for us.

August 24th (Saturday) is a picnic at Lake Sonoma, followed by a visit to Coppola winery to see a 1948 Tucker.

September 8th (Sunday) is our club progressive dinner. We will visit three members' homes in Santa Rosa for appetizers, main course and dessert.

October 12th (Saturday) is a trip to Sonoma. We will visit Ed and Cynthia at their brand new home; take a trip to the Sonoma Airport to view the vintage aircraft and then lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Car Shows:

July 17th-20th (Wednesday – Saturday) is the BCA National Meet in South Bend, Indiana. www.buickclub.org

July 27th (Saturday) is the 3rd Annual Hot Rods and Bar-B-Que car show at Penngrove Park, Penngrove. 10 am- 6 pm. Open to 1974 and older. Bar-B- Que lunch tickets are \$15 each. For more info, contact John 707-981-7765 or rossiracing@comcast.net

August 3rd (Saturday) is the 5th Annual California Automobile Museum Car Cruise and Show in Sacramento. www.calautomuseum.org

September 21st (Saturday) is the Billetproof Nor-Cal car show at the Contra Costa Fairgrounds in Antioch. 1964 and older. www.billetproof.com

September 22nd (Sunday) is the Pinole Fall Festival and Custom Car Show in Fernandez Park, Pinole. All cars, trucks, motorcycles and imports welcome.

October 13th (Sunday) is the 7th Annual Education Foundation Sonoma Mountain car show at Rogers Plaza in Rohnert Park. www.efcrp.org

July 23rd-26th, **2014** is the 42nd Annual BCA National Meet in Portland, Oregon. www.buickclub.org

Cruise Ins:

Friday nights (May –September) 5-8 PM at Big Boys Buns and Burgers, Larkfield Shopping Center, Santa Rosa.

2nd Saturday of the month (May-October) 2-5 PM at Straw Hat Pizza, 919 Golf Course Dr, Rohnert Park.

Last Sunday of the month (May- October) 12 Noon-3 PM at Fourth and Sea, 4th and C Streets, Petaluma.

Swap Meets:

July 21st (Sunday) is the Corvette Club Swap Meet at the Vet's parking lot, Santa Rosa.

Adjourned: 7:50 PM.

Raffle: 50/50 of \$19 won by Lois.



BCR Outing July 2013

BBQ in Guerneville

by Keith Brumbley

Our club outing for July was a wonderful drive out to Guerneville to Jeff Mounce and Bruce Johnsons' home on the bank of the Russian River. Jeff and Bruce have a condo just outside of the town of Guerneville and they had prepared quite a feast for us and didn't have members bring anything. The meal included about seven different pasta salads, bbq hamburgers, brats, and all kinds of chips and salsa along with beer, wine, soda, and water. The bbq was actually held at the condo complex clubhouse which was situated among towering redwood trees and right next to the river. We had quite a convoy of Buicks rolling through town, I'm sure everyone was wondering where the car show was. Jeff led the way out to his place from our meeting place in Santa Rosa and once we got there they had reserved parking for everyone. We all sat on the deck and enjoyed the shade and the view of the river as people canoed by. Jeff and Bruce really went above and beyond for this outing and it was appreciated by all. Thanks again Jeff and Bruce for all of your hospitality.

Photos by: Stan Sollid, Terry Eggleston, Mac Steiger and Keith Brumbley.





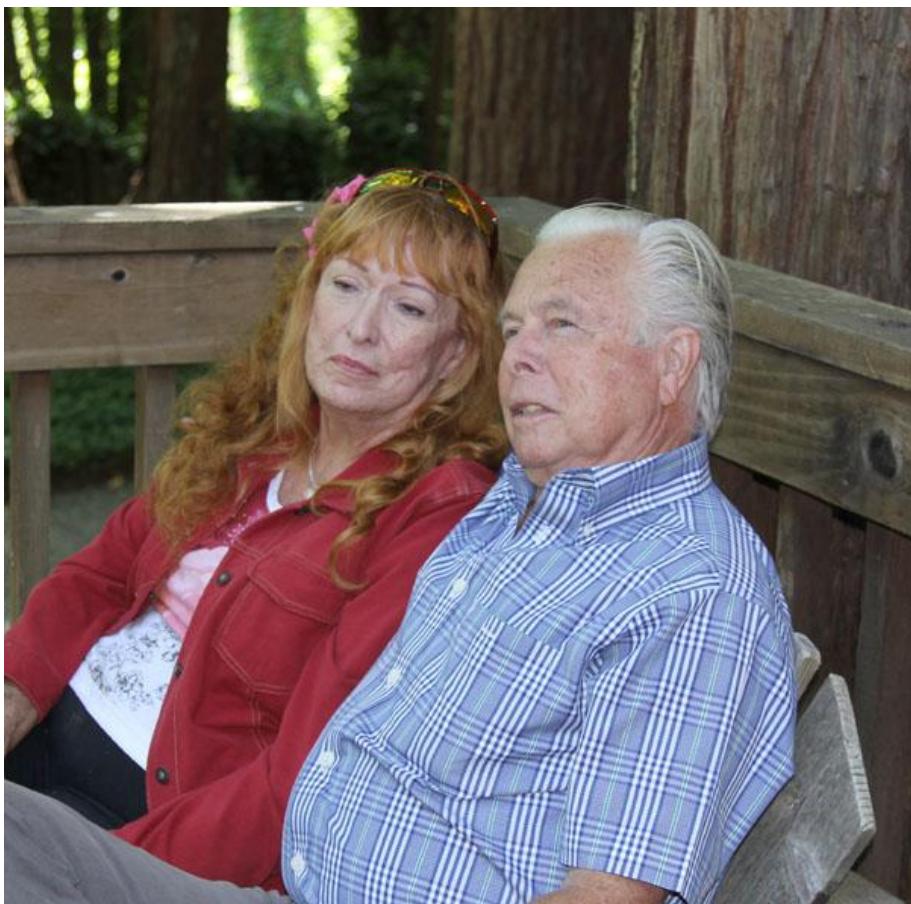








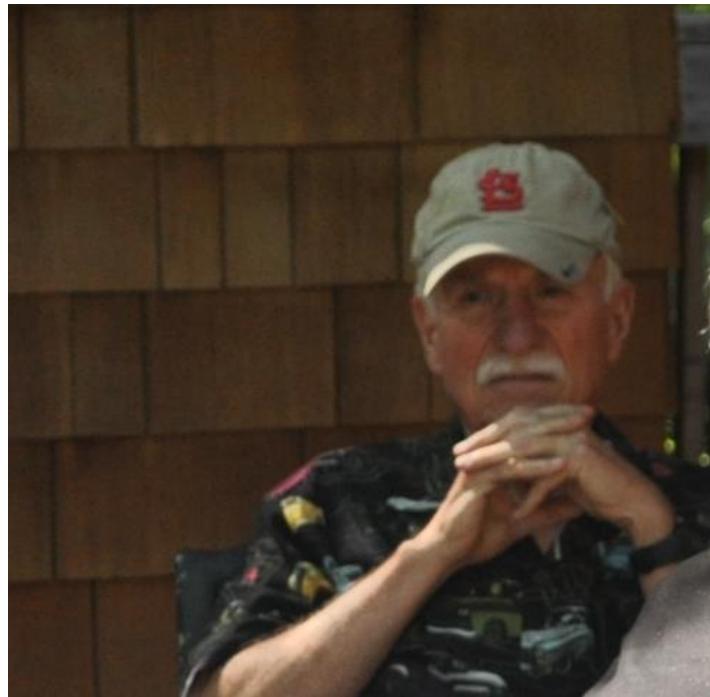














BCR July Bonus Outing

By Keith Brumbley

We had a bonus outing this August month to the little car show in Penngrove put on by the Penngrove Social Firemen. Actually this “little show” seems to get bigger every year and luckily we got there a bit early because the park filled up fast. This show is pretty low key with lots of neat cars that come from all over the Bay Area. We had quite line up of 50’s Buicks along with Ed and Cynthia Petersen who brought their ’33 Buick. The show always raffles off a custom gas pump and the one this year was really neat, unfortunately I didn’t win but the money goes to a good cause. This year they had a couple of drag boats with blown alcohol burning Hemi’s on display and a couple of times during the day they fired one of them up...very LOUD! This is always a fun relaxing day so hopefully next year you can join us if you couldn’t make it this year.

Photos by Terry Eggleston and Keith Brumbley

















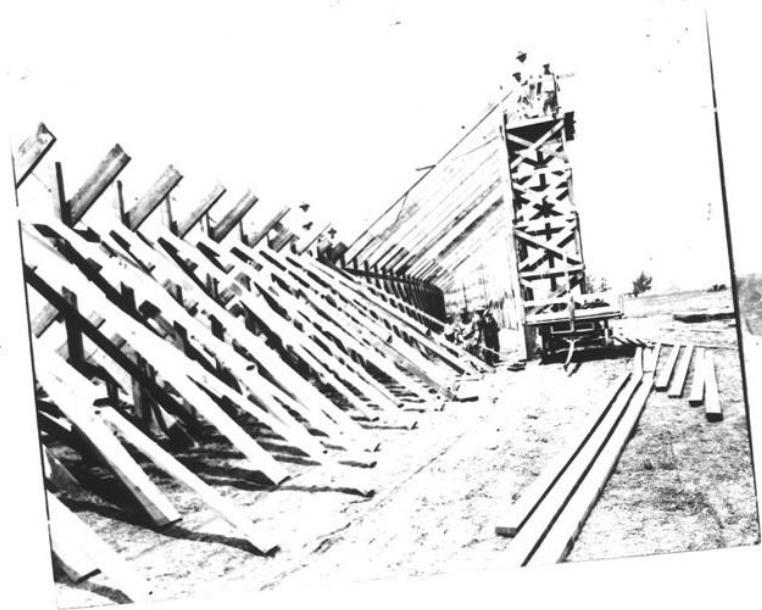


Cotati: A History of Racing

By Keith Brumbley

Did you know that once upon a time the little town of Cotati was a world class center of speed? Its true, way back in the day there was a wooden board track built that only lasted a year. Built in 1921 and closed in 1922. The track was a mile and quarter oval and was made with 2 million feet of lumber! Unfortunately there was no means of getting large amounts of spectators to the track and it closed within a year. I have heard that a lot of the lumber was used for the foundations of the buildings downtown. Because most roads were dirt and paved roads where a rarity to race on a smooth surface they came up with the idea of using 2x4's boards. The wood provided a smooth surface until someone crashed which threw up deadly splinters or became slippery with oil from blown up engines. The racers of that time must have had a lot of courage.

Fast forward about 20 years or so and we come to the old Cotati Drag strip. If you have ever joined us on one of outings where we meet at the Rohnert Park Burlington Coat Factory parking lot you are actually standing on that very drag strip. It was built by the Navy in the forties as a satellite airfield for Alameda Naval Air Station to train pilots during the war. After the war it was used for amateur road racing and as a drag strip. It was quite popular at the time and I believe one of our members, Gene Perrin, actually raced there back in the sixties. When Sears Point opened in 1968, the Cotati drag strip fell into disuse and by the mid 1970's it was sold to a developer who built what is there now.



Cotati Board Track under construction 1921





The Cotati Speedway, a wooden oval track for automobile racing, was built near the depot around 1921. It was about 1.25 mi (2 km) in circumference. World records were set there, but it failed in its first season and was torn down in 1922.



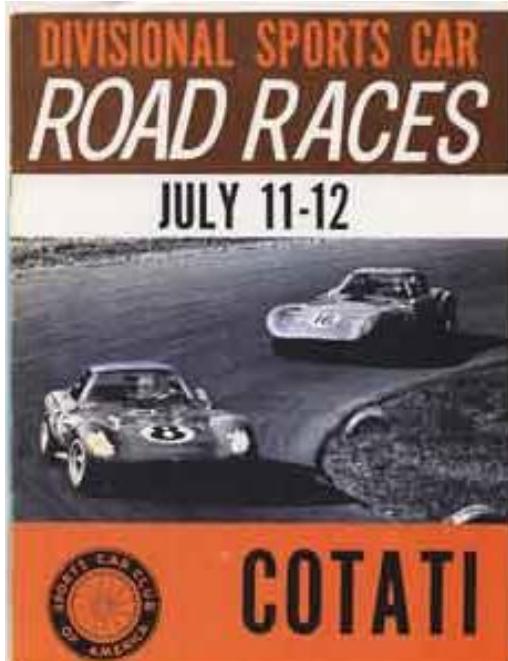


Cotati Race Track 1957





Cotati Control Tower 1961



1969





Some of Gene Perrin's plaques from racing trophies.

Concept Cars of the 1950's

Submitted by Terry Eggleston and Ken Beatty



1951 Buick LeSabre



1951 Buick XP-300



1952 Chrysler D'Elegance



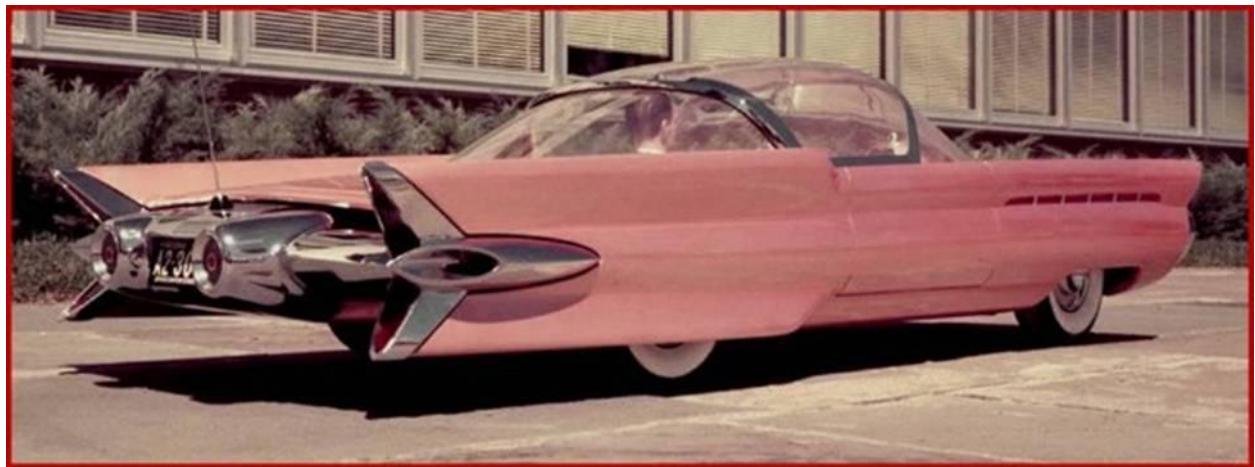
1953 Cadillac Ghia Coupe



1953 Ford X-100



1954 Oldsmobile Rocket F88



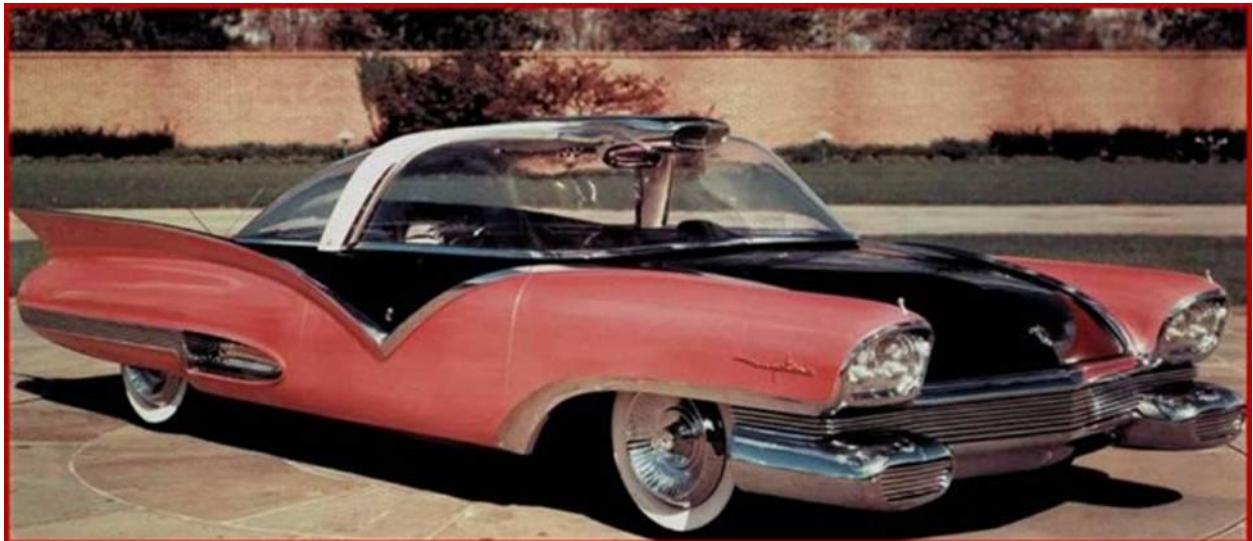
1954 Ford La Tosca



1954 De Soto Adventurer II



1955 Lincoln Futura



1955 Ford Mystere



1955 Lincoln Indianapolis



1955 Mercury D524

Note: This car was never shown to the public



1956 Buick Centurion II



1956 Packard Predictor



1956 Oldsmobile Golden Rocket



1956 Pontiac Club De Mer



1957 Chrysler Diablo



1958 Ford X-2000



1959 GM Firebird III



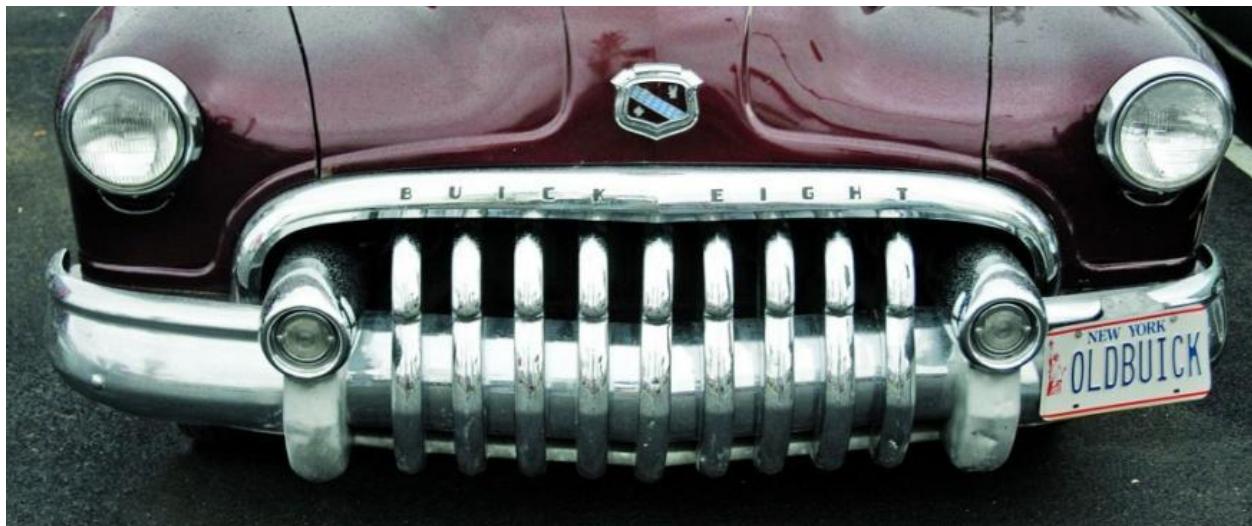
1959 Cadillac Cyclone

Behind the Bucktooth

Buick's monstrous 1950-only grille

Feature Article from Hemmings Motor News

August, 2010 - [Words and Photography by Matthew Litwin](#)



If 1949 was the year that put Buick at the forefront of elegant, modern, post-war design, then 1950 has to be the year that should have seen--if anything--mild facelifts that only improved the new look from Flint. This, in fact, happened to some degree, as is often the case when a complete redesign is a few years into the future. But of all the mechanical advancements and visual updates that appeared, it was the new face of Buick that stole the headlines. Upon introduction, the graceful waterfall grille had morphed into the bucktooth Buick overnight.

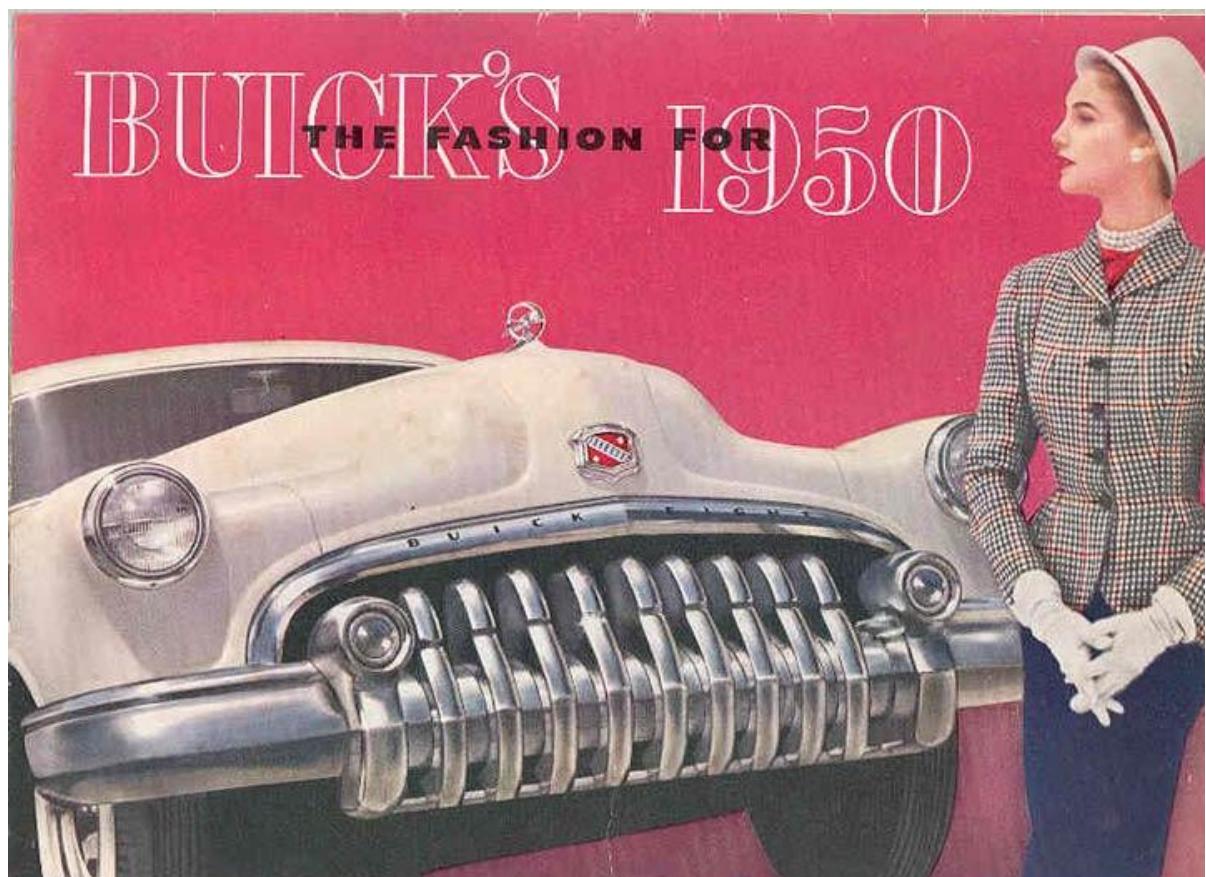
In previous incarnations, the vertical grille bars--significantly slimmer, mind--were positioned behind the upper grille bar, or mustache, and the bumper. For 1950, the grille bars, nine individual pieces, began at the upper grille bar in traditional fashion, and then were extended over and around the bumper. No longer just a static design element, the vertical bars inadvertently (perhaps?) doubled as bumper guards, which

were mounted via bolts through the bumper and the bumper support bar. On paper, the combination bumper-grille was full of positives: the Buick front office claimed that, in the event of a collision or minor impact, damaged bars could be replaced individually--rather than the whole unit of previous years--thus reducing repair costs. But aside from the love-it-or-hate-it response the grille received from buyers, problems arose.

Each of the nine bars is uniquely different from one another (and as a result, all have different part numbers). Due to the contour of the bumper, bars left of the center vertical cannot be repositioned to the right, and vice versa. Additionally, each bar received a second, single digit number, and they were arranged in a descending, center-out configuration beginning with bar number seven in the center. Except that number six was skipped, zero was a factor and the end bars were numbered eight and nine (odd numbers were on the left side of the vehicle, even on the right).

Rather than being mere lightweight trim, the bars were relatively hefty and cumbersome by comparison. Furthermore, they had to be ordered on an individual basis, and they occupied more stock room shelving than the previous grille assemblies. More than anything, the design proved to be more costly than originally thought. Before model year production had ceased, and with the novelty quickly wearing off among buyers, it became apparent that reverting back to an updated recessed waterfall grille would need to be done for the 1951 models. Buick retained that grille until the 1955 model year.







Fortuna AutoXpo 2013

Narrated by Olivia, 1963 Riviera

Written by April Kahnberg, Edited by Richard Kahnberg

Olivia goes to the Fortuna AutoXpo

Hello Club members this is Olivia, the 1963 Red Riviera again.

Just wanted to share my latest adventure. This year I got to go to Fortuna with the Kahnberg's for the 29th annual AutoXpo.

Neo was a bit jealous but he said that every car should be able to go once, and he has already been once.

We met up with Brutus the 1957 Buick Roadmaster at McDonald's in Windsor parking lot. We were there early and could have called Don and Lois Brooner to come sooner because when they arrived they said they were ready much sooner too. Oh well, maybe next time.

We began our ride north on 101, stopping in Hopland at the Bluebird Cafe for a great breakfast before our long stretch to the next stop in Scotia for lunch. Nice ride up through the redwoods, not a lot of traffic, a few oogles here and there. What a great ride north.

We met the Bowermaster's and Isabel the 1939 Buick Special at the Scotia Inn for lunch. The service inside the restaurant must have been slow because everyone sure took a long time to come back to us cars. Isabel asked about Franklin, so I had to tell the story of his move to Fresno with new owner who is enjoying his new ride very much.

The Bowermaster's and Isabel are thinking about moving out of the Eureka area and I heard the Kahnberg's inviting them to a future Buick event(s) if it might fit in their schedule; to meet other members of the Buick Club of Redwoods. They'd love to move to Santa Rosa area, but sounds like Sacramento, where relatives live, may be the area they resettle (if they move).

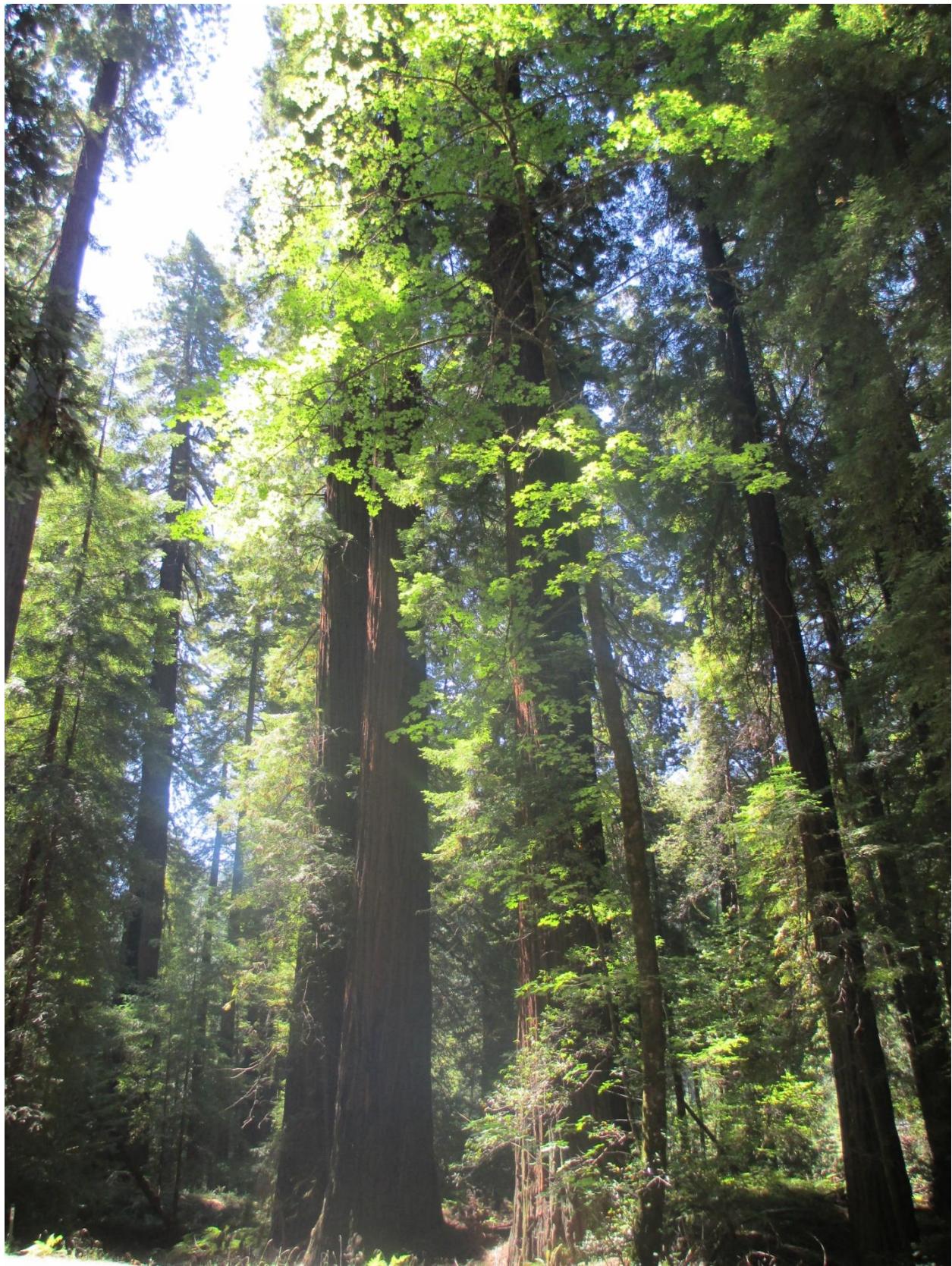
I didn't get out much in Fortuna as the Kahnberg's had another ride out and about when the April's daughter and husband arrived late evening on Friday. But I did get over to the Safeway shopping center and watch the Cruise at 6pm on Friday. Lots of very stylish cars, trucks and tractors. I only saw 4 Buicks (a 1957, 1937, 1954 and of course Brutus).

Saturday evening we got a very excited message from the Brooner's about winning first place prize in the stock category and they seemed pretty excited. I would be too. You know Brutus is so handsome and bittersweet (that's his color); I bet he just loves the attention.

The trip home started early Sunday morning. This trip took "me" for the obligatory tour thru the Drive Thru Tree for a photo opportunity. A short stop for a rest, then back on the road and back to my garage until our next fun event.

I wonder who goes to Fortuna next year, oh yeah I heard that the Kahnberg's won't be going, something about Portland Oregon for a big Buick event. I wonder who will be that ride in July 2014.













Interesting Facts about Cars

Submitted by Mac Steiger



First automobile race held in the U.S. happened in Chicago in 1895 with Frank Dureyea winning with average speed of 71.5 mph.



First car radio was invented by Paul Gavin in 1929.



Car Spotter

Cars seen around Santa Rosa









Membership Profile ~ none

We have no member profile this month. We still have a few members that we haven't had the opportunity to profile yet. If you are on this short list, please consider letting us feature you and your car in this section. It is a great way to let members get to know you a little better.





Buick Club of the Redwoods, a Chapter of the *Buick Club of America*, would like to extend an invitation to you to attend our next monthly meeting. We are a group of Buick owners and lovers, interested in the preservation and enjoyment of Buicks through the ages.

Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 PM.

We meet in one of the private rooms at Round Table Pizza located in the Safeway Shopping Center, 1791 Marlow Road, Santa Rosa, CA. (Corner of Marlow and Guerneville Roads).

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BCA#_____ Exp._____
(Please Print)

Name(s)_____

Address_____

Email address(es) to receive Chapter Newsletter and Chapter event information

Phone: Home_____ Cell(s)_____ Other_____

List any Buicks owned. Include year, model, body style and any nickname.

Other car club affiliations and vehicles

Optional: Birthday(s) or Anniversary _____

Please make your \$15.00 membership check payable to: Buick Club of the Redwoods.
Mail to: Buick Club of the Redwoods, P.O. Box 1027, Rohnert Park, CA 94927-1027

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Classifieds

For Sale: We have a limited number of Buick Club of the Redwoods t-shirts and sweatshirts available for sale. They are white with a full size club logo on the front. T-shirts are \$15 and sweatshirts are \$25. Shop early for best selection.

For Sale: 1933 LaSalle 345C Town Coupe.

Beautiful rare classic matching numbers car. V8. All around good condition. Two tone navy & black paint, good headliner, original upholstery, chrome, & wood trim dash. Tires like new. Spoke wheels, sidemounts. Built-in trunk, luggage rack. Extra parts. Driven weekly. Offered at \$48,500.

Ed Petersen, Sonoma. (707) 935-8979, e-mail: edncyn@att.net for additional photos or information.



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“The average dog is a nicer person than the average person.”

< Andrew A. Rooney >