



Dec 2022

**During Virus and Flu Season Follow
Health Recommendations**

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

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS RETURN
Officer elections at December meeting

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

Room reserved to June 2023

Officers 2022

Director:	Bill Costello	whc2000@sbcglobal.net
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Message From Your Director



I want to wish you all a wonderful holiday with family and friends. Also hoping that 2023 will be a healthy, safe and prosperous year for you.

My last 2½ years as your director has been very enjoyable thanks to all the help and participation from so many. I am pleased that Dave as our incoming director and Terry as webmaster have stepped up to take us through 2023. Rich will be staying on as treasurer, Joan will return as secretary, Leo will continue the magic with the Nailhead News, Andrew will be photographer and raffle master, and I will be taking on the position of assistant director.

We will be having a planning brunch in January so bring your suggestions at that time. You will be notified on time and location.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you for participating in this year's events. The American Graffiti cruise-in, Bees and Blooms, game night, progressive dinner, breakfast at Café Bellini, Schellville Airport, coastal tour and garage tour and then we topped that all off with our Christmas dinner. As Frank Sinatra would sing,

IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR 🎵

MINUTES OF THE BUICK CLUB OF THE REDWOODS

DECEMBER 14th, 2022 MEETING

Director, Bill Costello, called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

Members present were Dave Bergmann, Keith Brumbley, Bill and Joan Costello, Rich and April Kahnberg, Leo Ladner, Jim Liddle, Donna Watt and Andrew Wong.

Director Report. Bill thanked Dave and Leo for the great cruise in West Sonoma County, Ford garage tour and lunch. Bill also thanked Dave and Linda for all the arrangements they made for the annual Christmas dinner. A big thank you for the wine they donated for the evening.

Treasurer/Membership Report. Membership is presently at 21. There has only been 10 members that have currently sent in their dues. Rich will send out another reminder after Christmas. As per our bylaws, "Chapter dues will run on a calendar year basis and are due on January 1st of each year."

There was one deposit made to the checking account of \$210.00. \$20 from the November raffle, \$90.00 from the poker run and \$100 received for dues. A \$75.00 check was written for the prizes for the poker run - \$50.00 for the best hand and \$25.00 for the worst hand.

Rich wrote a \$510.00 check to Dave to reimburse him for payment to La Gare Restaurant. Members sent checks directly to Dave for payment of their share of the dinner. \$480.00 was the \$30.00 per member and spouse that was subsidized by the BCR treasury. \$30.00 was included for coffee. Rich offered for the club treasury to pay for the corking fee for the wine that Dave brought for the evening. Dave declined to accept money for the corking fee. Thank you very much to Dave and Linda for your generosity.

Secretary Report. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. They were approved as published. Joan said she would contact BCA to inform them of the new BCR Director. Joan will also send an updated History of BCR Officers to Julie or Terry to be put on the BCR Website.

Newsletter Editor. Leo apologized for the font on the article on the cruise through Sonoma County and garage tour. The font was not the one that he wanted. April stated that she found that not all font is transferable.

OLD BUSINESS

Elections for officers takes place at the December meeting. Bill asked if one vote was okay with the members present to vote in the entire slate of officers. Everyone approved and the officers were voted into office.

Your new slate of officers is:

- Director – Dave Bergmann
- Assistant Director – Bill Costello
- Treasurer/Membership – Rich Kahnberg
- Secretary – Joan Costello

- Webmaster – Terry Eggleston
- Newsletter Editor – Leo Ladner
- Photographer and Raffle Master – Andrew Wong

Officers will assume their duties in January.

NEW BUSINESS

The Planning Meeting is traditionally held in January. Rich and April volunteered to hold the meeting at their house if Gail is unable to host this year. April will contact Gail and the date and details will be in the next Nailhead News.

Mary's Pizza Shack has been booked through June of 2023 for our monthly meetings. Dave said he would talk to a manager to book through December of 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m. followed by the 50/50 raffle that was won by Dave.

Submitted by
Joan Costello
Secretary



A different take on “Night before Christmas” with apologies to Clement Clark Moore.

Contributed by Richard Kahnberg

‘Twas the night before Christmas and all through the garage not creature was stirring not even the dog.

And I in my PJs and Nana in her gown had just turned in for a long winters nap.

When outside there arose such a clatter I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.

I tore open the curtains and opened the window. The moon shining on the leaves covered with dew, reminded me of a forgotten task.

Then what to my wondering eyes should appear, but a miniature Buick Caballero pulled by eight tiny Buicks.

More rapid than Nascar the ranks they came with a little old driver so lively and quick I knew in a moment it was Old David Buick.

He beeped and shouted and called them by name. On Special and Century, on Super and Roadmaster, on Electra and LeSabre, on Riviera and Reatta, to the top of the fence to the top of the garage. Now dash away, dash away, dash away all.

As I was pulling in my head and turning around thru the garage door David came with a bag full of goodies.

He was a jolly old fella dressed in his best Sunday suit and the stump of a cigar he held tight in his teeth. The smoke...well.....well..... Mom will need to get out the air freshener.

He spoke not a word and went straight to his work filling each empty space and drawer with goodies from Snap-On, MAC, Eastwood and more.

Then after finishing his work he turned with a jerk, opened the door and sprang to his Caballero, to the team of staged Buicks he shouted, “When better cars are built, Buick will build them! Lets Go!” I heard him exclaim as he drove out of site.

“Merry Christmas, Happy New Year & Happy Buicking to all and to all a good night.”



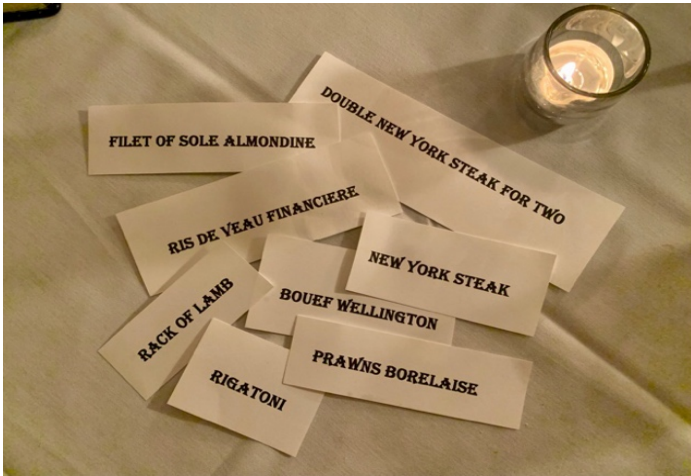
BCR Year End Holiday Dinner

December 4, 2022 - La Gare Restaurant



BCR members closed out the club activities year with our annual holiday dinner. Everyone enjoyed the fine dining and attentive service along with the company of friends and fellow Buick enthusiasts.....

Not shown Dave Bergmann



My 20 year adventure with a 1964 Riviera

Contributed by Keith Brumbley

What makes one restore a car to near showroom condition?



The Riviera on the road to California after picking it up from the prior owner at the Albuquerque New Mexico airport

When I bought my car it was in decent condition but it had spent its life in dry desert conditions first in L.A. and then New Mexico which is good for rust issues but tends to be harsh on the paint and interior.



Home in Cotati all cleaned up and ready to start a new life in California.

My thought was to repaint the car and redo the interior.... The first thing I did was have a local body shop repaint the car...it was okay and definitely looked better but it was a twenty footer at best.

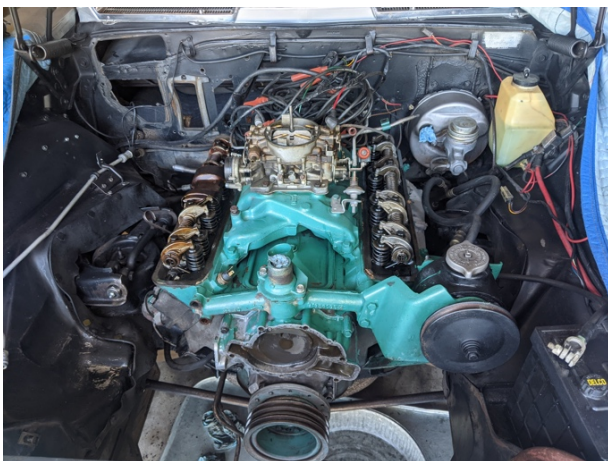
Well when you start a project like this it snowballs quickly! For example, you can't put rusty taillight bezels on a freshly repainted body so now you are looking for chrome shops and the cost for that work is a shock!

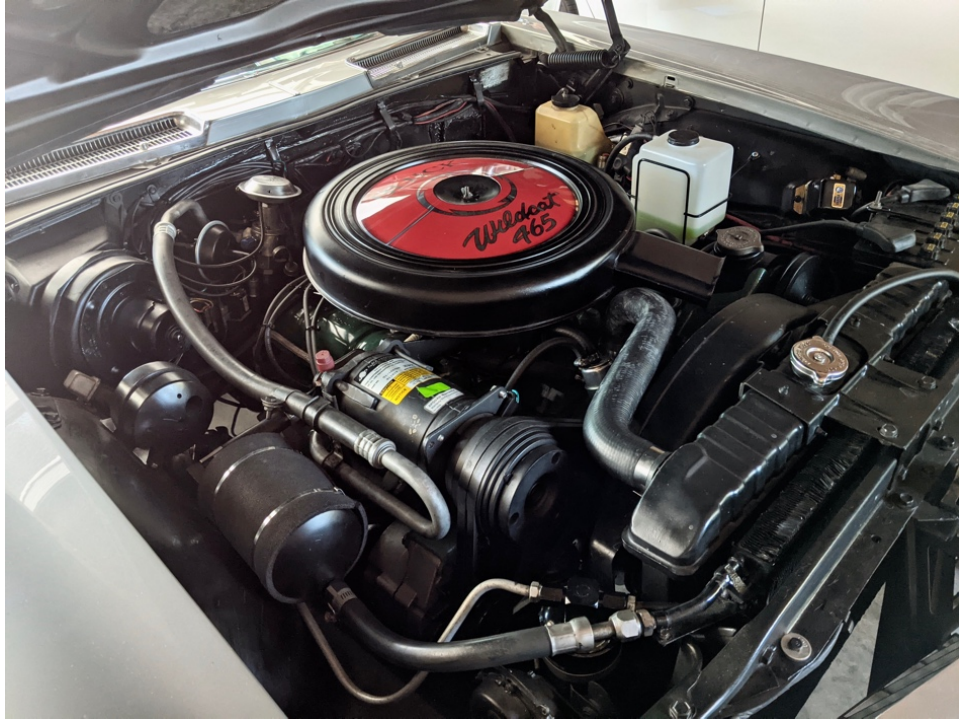
My good friend Vince Vigil was a retired auto body guy and he really wanted to redo the car right. The work was done at his house in Concord for almost a year, he spent a lot of time block sanding the body panels to perfection. We also had a local paint shop mix up the correct color that Buick called "Silver Cloud".





Now that the car looked good cosmetically and drove well, it still had a lot of issues mechanically....For example, the heater and A/C system did not work along with a laundry list of power accessories that did not function as well. One of the best things I did was join the Buick Club of the Redwoods where I met our intrepid newsletter editor Leo Ladner. Leo is a wizard at fixing all these mechanical and electrical issues that the car had.





After nearly twenty years of ownership I can say that my Riviera is as close to showroom condition as I can get. Looking back I defiantly made some mistakes and spent way more than I thought I would, but all those thoughts disappear when you're driving along the California coast in a classic Buick Riviera.



BUICK CLUB OF THE REDWOODS ACTIVITIES – 2022

REVISED July-2022

APRIL – *Planning Brunch – Gail*

MAY 20- *(Friday) – American Graffiti Cruise-In – dinner at Don Pancho’s – Leo*

JUNE 26- *(Sunday) – Bees and Blooms – Julie and Jay*

JULY 17- *(Sunday) – Game Night – April and Rich – potluck dinner*

AUGUST 7 – *(Sunday)- One stop progressive dinner @ Costello’s*

SEPTEMBER 24- *(Saturday) –Pop-up Breakfast at Café Bellini Petaluma-Bill and Joan*

OCTOBER 8- *(Saturday) – Shellville Airport – Keith – lunch at Pub Republic- Petaluma*

NOVEMBER 12- *(Saturday) Coastal Cruise/Poker Run/Garage Tour – Leo and Dave*

DECEMBER 4 - *(Sunday) – Christmas Dinner at La Gare Restaurant – Dave and Linda*

JANUARY 2023 – **January 14 Planning meeting hosted by Kahnbergs**

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.

Interested members can contact Ricky directly at:

ricky.deutsch@gmail.com

On December hiatus – resuming in new year



Save the Date

Saturday January 14th, 2023

Annual Event Planning Meeting

Hosted by The Kahnbergs



REVISED - 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.

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

1st Sunday – **Rollin’ Rosies Cars & Coffee** – 9:00 to 11:00 – at Mocha Madness, 355 Southwest Blvd, Rohnert Park

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

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

4th 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 2ND Sunday – June through December, 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Bear Republic Brewing Co., 5000 Roberts Lake Rd, Rohnert Park. Sponsored by Cruisin’ North Car Club

2023				CAR NUT CALENDAR 2023
	Mo		Date(s)	EVENTS
	<i>JAN</i>		11	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
	<i>JAN</i>		14	Annual Planning Meeting @ Kahnbergs
	<i>FEB</i>			
	<i>MAR</i>			
	<i>APR</i>			
	<i>MAY</i>			
	<i>JUNE</i>			
	<i>JULY</i>		11-15	BCA National Spokane, Washington
	<i>AUG</i>			
	<i>SEP</i>			
	<i>OCT</i>			
	<i>Nov</i>			
	<i>Dec</i>			





Jeff Mounce Dec 19th

Keith Brumbley Jan 18th

Leo Ladner Dec 25th

Linda Bergmann Jan 31st

Bill Costello Dec 27th

Gail Sollid Jan 31st



Linda and Leo Ladner - December 30th



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BCR Anniversary (ash grey) T-Shirts available for sale

Men's XL (1) Front logo location	\$25.00 \$10.00
Men's L (2) Lapel logo location	\$25.00 \$10.00
Ladies L (1) Lapel logo location (discounted/flaw)	\$15.00 \$ 5.00

NOS..... BCR T Shirts / Sweatshirts for sale.

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

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: 2XL (3) XL (1)

T-shirts -- Now selling for \$10.00 ea only *Size available: 2XL (3)*

---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 or 237-1415

