



May / June

2015

Directors Message

By April Kahnberg



Well, It happened. I retired last month.

It's all about time. Time to do all the things you had to work into a weekend or plan a vacation day / week for.

It is amazing that as a retired person, I sometimes don't look at the clock for hours and sometimes don't remember what day of the week it is. We just go by the lists that are on the plan this week; i.e. gardening, trimming trees, cleaning house, laundry, sorting thru 'stuff', changing hoses on the old cars, walking a few days a week with a friend, volunteering time the list goes on. And yet at the end of the week - the list still isn't finished and you carry over to the next week. I've only been retired for a few weeks now, and it has become evident how much time can be consumed during the day and without you even knowing it's almost bedtime.

Here it is one week before the next club meeting and I'm still fussing with the newsletter.

My goal is to have it published by the 1st of the Month, however as a newly retired person, I can continue to procrastinate like the best of them.

My first two weeks of retirement were met with 2 car shows, a trip to the coast with friends, a day in San Francisco this Sunday with my daughter. Two more car shows in the Month of June.

Five years ago I would not have imagined attending 4 car shows in 6 weeks - I have Stan (and Franklin) to thanks for that. ~ (:^).

Richard and I will continue to keep working on the TO DO lists, but we continue to look for chances to ride the (a) Riviera out and about for a day at a park and to spend time with friends.

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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BUICK CLUB OF THE REDWOODS
MINUTES OF THE MAY 13, 2015 MEETING

Members in attendance were Don and Lois Brooner, Bill and Joan Costello, Vicki Fertig, April Kahnberg, Wayne and Gail Metz, Kenny Silvestri and Rusty Tucker.

Director, April Kahnberg, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes of the April 8th meeting were approved and have been published on our website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lois gave the treasurer's report in the absence of Rich. Additions to our current bank balance this month were from pin sales and the April raffle.

Rich has finalized the cancellation of our post office box. The keys have been turned in and an address change has been submitted.

The ad for pins and earrings that was in the Buick Bugle has been cancelled.

The professional service for the website will expire in July. The fee for the domain name will be due the end of May. Rich will pay these fees upon receiving a statement from Terry.

OLD BUSINESS

The static cling decals with our club logo and name will be ordered this month.

The club is still in the process of looking for a nonprofit organization to donate to. There needs to be some research before a decision can be made. We will want to know how the money will be spent. With summer vacation rapidly approaching, we will wait for the start of the school year.

April reported on the club event that was held at Deerfield Ranch Winery. It was a very informative tour and a really great event. Thank you to Kenny for scheduling the event.

American Graffiti is May 15th and 16th. Friday is the cruise-in and Saturday the car show in downtown Petaluma. Participating cars are asked to meet at registration at 6:00 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Members of the Metropolitan Club that Wayne and Gail Metz belong to contracted a professional photographer, Phil Toy, to take a group picture of their cars with the Golden Gate Bridge in the background. Wayne had photos to share with members one of which was published in the recent BCR Newsletter. Phil is a professional automobile photographer. If anyone is interested in having professional pictures taken you can

contact him directly –www.philtoyphoto.com, phil@philtoyphoto.com or 415-867-9483.

There will be an Evite sent out for the Father's Day Car Show at Juilliard Park on Sunday, June 21st. We will meet at the Sears parking lot and leave by 6:45 a.m.

Kenny's 1938 Buick will be featured at the Mendocino Film Festival in Willits on May 31st. All members are encouraged to attend the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m. The raffle followed with Don winning the 50/50 prize of \$8.00.

PETALUMA'S SALUTE TO AMERICAN GRAFFITI

By Bill and Joan Costello

WOW!! Another American Graffiti weekend has come and gone. This was the 10th annual event with great weather, friends and beautiful cars. This year's event began on Thursday with their first 50s/60s Sock Hop with 50s diner food, raffle prizes and even a Prom King and Queen.

Friday was the cruise-in at the Plaza North Shopping Center in Petaluma. Fifties music was provided by XERB radio. Rock and Roll filled the parking lot, movie stars from the American Graffiti film were there to sign autographs (Candy Clark, Bo Hopkins and Lynne Stewart) and cars from the film were also present (the yellow 1932 coupe, 1955 Chevy, 1958 Impala, 1955 Thunderbird and the Citroen). We all gathered for the presentation of scholarships and a Merchant's trophy that was awarded to Kenny with his 1938 Buick. Congratulations, Kenny.

Saturday was the big car show in downtown Petaluma. This year organizers asked participants to arrive at staging by 6:00 a.m. Registration went rather quickly and, by golly, the first cars were out by 7:15 a.m. The Buick Club members were put in group 2. We were lining up by 7:00 a.m. and leaving for downtown by 7:25 a.m.

Members present were April & Rich, Bob and Keith who had a friend drive his second Buick. Vicki was registered but could not attend. Kenny was not registered but had the Buick parked at the Fourth and Sea Drive-In. Rich and April did meet former member Bill Marsh who had his Buick entered in the show. They also met several other Buick owners encouraging them to check out our website and to join us at our meetings and/or events.

The two main streets of Petaluma were blocked off for event parking with approximately 400 cars from California and neighboring states on display. The main stage was hopping from 11:00 to 4:30 with three different rotating bands. Elvis even made an appearance at Mi Pueblo gathering a large crowd. Various vendors lined the sidewalks and downtown merchants were open for business offering coffee shops, restaurants, antique stores, boutiques and much more.

The cruise which started at 4:00 was also a fun event. We chose to sit in our chairs to watch and listen as the cars paraded by. Always fun to put the beauty of the car and the sound of the exhaust together. I guess that's a Gear Head thing.

As always, it was a exciting show. Each year registration gets smoother and quicker. It's a FULL day event but worth the time. Hope more of you can join us next year.



Rich and April's 67 Riviera



Bill and Joan's 71 Skylark



Keith's 64 Riviera



Keith's 55 Special



Bob and Marge's 69 Riviera



Mike's Custom Mercury

Other cars of interest at American Graffiti 2015



65 GS from Northridge, CA

That I caught Keith and Richard drooling over.



Great Show, Good Company - Perfect Weather.

BILL'S TRIVIA

1. In the 1940's, where were automobile headlight dimmer switches located? On the floor shift knob, on the floor board to the left of the clutch, next to the horn?
2. The bottle top of a Royal Crown Cola Bottle had holes in it. What was it used for? To capture lightning bugs, to sprinkle clothes before ironing, a large salt shaker?
3. In 1942, this car was equipped with hidden headlights. A switch under the dash lifted the covers and turned on the lights. Was it a Chrysler, Dodge, Desoto or Plymouth?
4. Why was having milk delivered a problem in northern winters? Cows got cold and wouldn't produce milk, ice on highways forced delivery by dog sled, milkmen left deliveries outside of front doors and milk would freeze, expanding and pushing up the cardboard bottle top?
5. What method did women use to look as if they were wearing stockings when none were available due to rationing during World War II? Suntan, leg painting, wearing slacks?
6. Which was a popular candy when you were a kid? Strips of dried peanut butter, chocolate licorice bars, wax coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water inside?
7. This year saw the opening of the first McDonalds and the opening of Disneyland in California. Rock and Roll was in its infancy, Bill Haley and the Comets topped the charts with "Rock Around The Clock". 1954, 1955, 1956 or 1957?
8. What did the Oldsmobile designation 4-4-2 stand for?
9. How was Butch wax used? To stiffen a flat-top haircut so it stood up, to make floors shiny and prevent scuffing, to put on the wheels of roller skates to prevent rust?
10. What automobiles were the first to use a standardized production key-start system?

ANSWERS to Bill's Trivia

1. On the floor board to the left of the clutch
2. To sprinkle clothes before ironing
3. Desoto
4. Milkmen left deliveries outside of front doors and milk would freeze, expanding and pushing up the cardboard bottle top
5. Leg painting
6. Wax coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water inside
7. 1955
8. 4 barrel carburetor, 4 speed transmission and dual exhaust
9. To stiffen a flat-top haircut so it stood up
10. The 1949 Chryslers





Mendocino Coast - May 2015

by Richard and April Kahnberg

During the events planning meeting in April we had a discussion about an overnight event. April and I thought a good destination would be the North Coast and Mendocino/Fort Bragg. We decided to do a "dry run" on May 20-22nd (Wed - Fri) and Don And Lois were able to join us.

We arrived in Mendocino about 12 noon, parked on Main Street and had lunch at the Mendocino Hotel. After lunch we explored the many shops, as April and Lois searched for that elusive pair of earrings.

We then drove the short distance to Fort Bragg to check in at the Glass Beach Inn. We all relaxed while we were getting ready for dinner at Silvers at the Wharf at Noyo Harbor. Good food and service. After dinner we drove north to Mac Kerricher State Park and took a short stroll on the boardwalk, harassed a bunch of ground squirrels and enjoyed the view of the coast. The evening weather was perfect for a walk.

Thursday morning we walked the newly completed 1.5 mile coastal walk at Glass Beach. The weather was beautiful with temps in the high 60's and no wind. After lunch we went back to The B&B and Don and Lois tried to teach us Golf, a card game that is. I think I finally got the hang of it but then someone has to be the loser, right? Oh, it is already time to eat again, game over! Dinner was at a small Italian restaurant in Fort Bragg, again good food and plenty of it.

After breakfast on Friday it was time for our last stop before heading home, the Mendocino Botanical Gardens. The garden has hundreds of roses, rhododendrons and many other plants, many of which were in full bloom.

It was a very relaxing three days, it would have been nice to have done the Skunk Train but that we left for another day.

We will be discussing an overnight event at the planning brunch next February. Are you interested? Any ideas? Let us know.



Pictures from the Gardens



Then there is the Old Garage Find that Rich and Don needed to see



Sebastopol Car Show May 23rd by Richard Kahnberg

On May 23rd April and I, along with Don and Lois Brooner attended a benefit car show for the Sebastopol Senior Center, held at the O'Reilly Media Center in Sebastopol. Also in attendance was Club member Vicki Fertig with her 1965 Skylark convertible and previous member Mike Lightell with his custom Mercury.

Another beautiful day in Sonoma County, 70 degrees with a slight breeze and a few clouds in the sky. The show was well attended with about 195 cars being shown, significantly more than last year. Some very nice custom cars and a number of nicely restored classics, Corvettes, Mustangs, Thunderbirds, etc.

We talked to a couple of Buick owners that were not in the BCR and hopefully they will check out the website and possibly come to one of our meetings. One of the individuals commented, "Well, I did not think my car was good enough to be in the club". Our response was that the condition of one's car is not important, all that is necessary is that they enjoy the old cars.

Very nice car show to attend early in the year before the weather gets hot and not overly crowded.



Contributed by Terry Eggleston

Pictures taken by his Son - Roger while visiting in Cuba recently.

A few American Beauties sightings



Car Shows and Events coming soon

Indicates Club Planned events

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June 2015			
		June TBD	Norcal, San Jose Club doing an overniter at Yosemite
	Fri - Sat	Jun 5 - 6	9 th Annual Thunder Valley Casino Lincoln / Auburn area
	Wed - Sat	Jun 10-13	BCA National Meet Springfield MO
	Sat	13-Jun	Peggy Sue Car Show and Cruise @Graton Casino RP
	Sat	13-Jun	Cache Creek Winery Car Show and Concert 707-998-1200 HWY 20
	2nd Sat	13-Jun	Crusin North Car Club - Stew Hat Pizza Rohnert Park Cruise In 2nd Sat each Month
	Sat	20-Jun	Classic Car Show - Relay for life - American Cancer Society 10 am - 2 PM Sonoma Mtn Vilg, Rohnert Park
	Sat	20-Jun	North Coast Rodders Classic Car & Bike Show, Downtown Fort Bragg 707-764-8648
	Sat	20-Jun	Chester Auto Parts 2nd Annual Show and Shine, Chester CA 258-3151
Father's Day	Sun	21-Jun	Julliard Park 20th annual Fathers day car show www.nceca.org 546-5500
	Tues - Fri	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)
Jul 2015			
		JULY TBD	Norcal SJ Club - planning Vision Quest Wild Animal Ranch in Salinas event
	Sat	4-Jul	Rose, White and Blue Parade San Jose (from Norcal San Jose Club)
	Sun	12-Jul	Cadillac LaSalle Car Show - Portal Park Cupertino, (From norcal San Jose Club)
	Sat	18-Jul	1st Annual Lakeside Car and Boat Show Konocti Vista Casino Lakeport Dave Lakotos 272-6932
	Wed - Sun	07-08 thru 12th	Roseburg Oregon Graffiti Weekend
	2nd Sat	11-Jul	Crusin North Car Club - Straw Hat Pizza Rohnert Park Cruise In 2nd Sat each Month
	Sun	12-Jul	Linguica Run 36th annual Henry Miller Park Gustine CA 209-765-1273

	Thurs	16-Jul	Home Depot Car Show 10 - 4 PM - Ukiah
	Sat	18-Jul	Rods and Rescue Dog Adoption - Sausalito CA www.coupeandroadster.com
	Sat	18-Jul	Annual Lakeside Car and Boart Show Konocti Vista Casino
	Sun	19-Jul	SR Vets Mem Bldg Prkg lot Annual Parts Swap and Car show 6 am to 1 PM
	Sat	25-Jul	Fabulous 50's Charity Car Show, Riverside Park, Grants Pass OR 541-592-6009
	Fri - Sun	July 25,26,27	AutoRama - Fortuna 725-3916
	Sun	26-Jul	Sat or Sun Pengrove Fireman's Fundraiser
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Aug 2015			
	Sat	1-Aug	1st annual JOHN SCHUBERT Tribute - Amer Classic Car, Truck and Bicycle show Reg 7:30 - 9:3 AM Host: Metal 101
	2nd Sat	8-Aug	Cruisin North Car Club - Straw Hat Pizza Rohnert Park Cruise In 2nd Sat each Month
	Tue - Sun	Aug 4 - 9	Hot August Nites Reno NV (www.hotaugustnights.com)
	Sat	15-Aug	Hot August nites Car Show and Concert - Lakeport Library Park Reg by Aug 1, Lakeport Sr Activity Ctr 707263-4218
	Fri / Sat	Aug 14 - 15	3rd Annual Historic Weaverville Car Sow Lee Fong Park Weaverville Larry @ 530-623-3279 www.weavervillecarshow.com
	Fri/Sat	Aug 14/15	Main Street Reunion Car Show Downtown Napa Craig 707-257-0332 www.mainstreetreunion.com
	Sat	15-Aug	Nostalgia Days Rod & Kustom Show, Novato CA 415-897-0583 www.nostalgia daysonline.com
	Mon	17-Aug	Norcal - SJ Club Lunch and Blackhawk Collection Tour
	Sat	22-Aug	Russian River Car Show Monte Rio Community Center Mike Murphy 865-9584 mikemurphy2201@att.net
	Sun	23-Aug	Norcal SJ Club - Picnic at Harris Lass House Museum in Santa Clara
	Fri/Sun	08-21 thru 23	29th West Coast Nationals Pleasanton (Good Guys)
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Sep 2015			
		TBD	Lake Sonoma Consani Car show
		TBD	Norcal SJ Club - Kamphausen Cars and Collectibles Tour, Vallejo

	Fri/Sat	Sep 11-12	Cruz n Eureka Cruise Friday and Show Sunday Old Town 706-440-1030 www.facebook.com/cruzeureka
	Fri/Sat	Sep 11-12	29th Annual Street Rod Extravaganza Chester CA 530-258-2562 or online yourapd.org
	Fri / Sat	Sept 11 - 12	22nd Annual Care and motorcycle Show, Cloverdale 707-894-4470 info@cloverdalechamber.com
	2nd Sat	12-Sep	Cruisin North Car Club - Straw Hat Pizza Rohnert Park Cruise In 2nd Sat each Month
		Sept 12 ??	Booneville Fair Car Show
	Sat	12-Sep	All Am Bad Ass Car Show (4th Annual) Sonoma CA www.badasscarshow.com / Dan 707-938-3543
	Sun	13-Sep	NorCal SJ Club / Antique Autos in history Park, San Jose
	Sun	13-Sep	Fairfax Car Show Downtown Fairfax Phil 415-457-0452
	Fri - Sun	Sep 18 - 19	Fabulous Flashback Car Show and Poker Run Downtown Ukiah Friday Night Bash - Airport Bus Park 4-8 PM (www.earlyironofukiah.org)
	Sat	26-Sep	Festival on the Hill, Petaluma United Church of Christ www.uccpetaluma.org 707-763-2454
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Oct 2015			
		TBD	NorCal SJ Club - Rosie the Riveter Museum & SS Red Oak Victory Ship, Richmond
	Sat	3-Oct	Rip City Riders 10th Hot Rod and Motorcycle Show Fairgrounds Petaluma Honda Larry @ 415-892-2753
	Sun	4-Oct	Alexander Valley drive - to Hwy 29 / Lunch in Calistoga (((Maybe fold in a Poker Run)))
	2nd Sat	10-Oct	Cruisin North Car Club - Straw Hat Pizza Rohnert Park Cruise In 2nd Sat each Month
	Sat	10-Oct	Adobe House in Petaluma www.adobehouseassistedliving.com/
	Sat	10-Oct	Potluck BBQ at Bruce and Jeff's
		TBD	Rip City Car Show and Swap meet
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Nov 2015			
	Sat	7-Nov	Progressive Dinner
	Sat-	Nov 14 - 15	Autumn Get together (Good Guys)

	Sun		
	Sat	21-Nov	Norcal SJ Club- Chevy Club Show and Food/Toy Drive in SJ
Dec 2015			
	Sat	12/12/2015	BCR Christmas Party
	Sat	12/5/2015	NorCal SJ Club - Christmas Party - Florentine Trattoria in Saratoga
Feb	2016	TBD	Planning Brunch for Event Planning 2016

Newsletter Co Editor hard at work



