



Oct - Nov 2015

# Directors Message

By April Kahnberg



**As 2015 comes to a close - the** BCR membership roster has increased with 4 new members (and their families) Please see roster for the new additions - and reach out to these new members to make sure they are in the know - on upcoming events - and other stuff of interest. Thank you everyone in the Club who continue to promote our club. With 4 new memberships added 2015 - it is evident that everyone is reaching out to potential opportunities to bring other Buick enthusiasts into our club.

October's Progressive Dinner event proved once again to be a fun event. Thank you to our hosts for a job well done and the weather was perfect for the event. Members who had never participated in an Progressive Dinner event, thought it was great and they had lots of fun.

I would like to once again - extend my thanks to our Assistant Director and his supporting team for October's meeting and keeping the Club Members current on events and activities during Richard's and my absence during our vacation.

**SOON** we round out the year with our **Election of new officers in Early December, for the 2016 BCR Year.**

Anyone interested in holding an office for 2016, please let other members know to allow them to nominate you during the December meeting.

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**Membership renewals are coming up soon.** Our Membership officer will be sending out notices soon for your renewal dollars, due in January 2016. (Any new members who joined after June 2015, your current membership dues are good thru 2016.) Password to the Website - Members only section will change Jan 31.

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**Finally - Sat Dec 12 (Mark your calendars) is our BCR Holiday Party,** hosted by Richard and I at our home.

## **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.)))*

### **OFFICERS:**

**Director: April Kahnberg**

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**Asst Director: Kenny Silvestri**

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**Secretary: Joan Costello**

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**Treasurer, Membership, Store keeper:**

**Rich Kahnberg**

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**Photographer, Historian, Webmaster:**

**Terry Eggleston**

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**Newsletter Editors: - Richard Kahnberg and April Kahnberg (see email address above)**

## **BUICK CLUB OF THE REDWOODS MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 14, 2015 MEETING**

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

Assistant Director, Kenny Silvestri, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all members.

Bill gave the treasurer's report in Rich's absence. Two deposits were made last month, one from the September raffle and one for membership dues for a total of \$30.00.

Terry informed members that under the Events tab on the BCR website he posted pictures of our recent social event and some of the pictures included members. Terry would like feedback from members about the posting. In the past member's pictures were not put on the website.

Kenny reported that we have a new member from San Rafael named Bill Jones.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Bill reported on our upcoming social event on November 7<sup>th</sup>. It is a progressive dinner starting at Alden and Adela's home in Petaluma at 3:00 p.m. At 5:00 p.m., members will caravan to Bill and Joan's home in Santa Rosa for dinner. At 7:30 p.m., the caravan will go to Terry and Michelle's house also in Santa Rosa. Please R.S.V.P. to the Evite. Members were encouraged to come for dinner and dessert if they cannot make it to appetizers or just come for dessert. We will try hard to stick to the time frame. Joan will call our three newest members and personally invite them.

Nominations for officers will be held at the November business meeting with elections taking place at the December meeting. Please ask the individual before nominating them to check that they are willing to run for office. Call or e-mail April, Rich or Joan if you will not be able to attend the November meeting but would like to nominate someone.

Bill reminded members that dues will be due on January 1st.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Lois reported on the barbecue that was held the previous weekend at Jeff and Bruce's home in Sebastopol. There were 18 people in attendance with great food, good weather and the perfect place for an afternoon social. Thank you to Jeff and Bruce for being such great hosts.

Kenny reported that last weekend he participated in the Bon Air Invitational Car Show in Greenbrae with his 1934 Ford and took the 1<sup>st</sup> place merchant's award. The previous weekend he showed his Aston Martin at the Sausalito Classic Car Show.

Bill and Stan reported on more shows happening next weekend in Golden Gate Park and the Elks Club in Petaluma.

Lois opened a discussion about the 2018 BCA National Meet that will possibly be held in California in the Buellton-Solvang area. An e-mail previously went out asking for members to commit to helping with parking, hospitality, the swap meet and other areas.

The raffle of \$9.00 was won by Don.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan Costello,  
Secretary

## **Bean Bash - at Armstrong Grove Redwoods**

**contributed by Craig Olson and Ken Beatty**



The Bean Bash, a car gathering out at Armstrong Grove Redwoods, Guerneville, Oct 4, 2015

The Bean Bash was today out at Armstrong Grove Redwoods. It was a great excuse to get the old car out, go for a short drive, and enjoy a picnic lunch with car nut buds. The Bean Bash started many years ago when Mike B's dad and his car buddies would drive their hot rods and gather out at Armstrong Grove. Everyone would bring a can of beans, throw 'em in a pot and that would be lunch. Mike's kept the tradition going, and the bean pot has gotten considerably larger. Last night, he went out and bought a hand crank can opener, and then modified it so he could spin it with a cordless drill. Seems un-necessary sort of like those gas engine-powered blenders we used to see several years ago at car outings where people used 'em to mix up Margaritas, but with about a hundred cans to open, this thing paid for itself. You had to see it to believe how slick it worked...it'd zip a can open in about 1 second. Cool. You know you want one. And now that I think about it, that gas-powered blender was actually pretty neat, too. Noise, smoke, a high-revving engine, and Margaritas...yeah, that really was a good idea.

The Bean Bash was a good time. With perfect weather, a setting amongst the redwoods, and a bunch of old cars it was a recipe for fun. Take a look...

Craig



## BBQ AT JEFF AND BRUCE'S HOUSE

October 10, 2015

Indian Summer weather and beautiful colors on the vines heralded the beginning of autumn as the our club, en masse, descended upon the new home of Jeff and Bruce for our October outing.

This event was well attended (always seems to be when good food is involved). Don and Lois Brooner, Keith Brumbley, Bill and Joan Costello, Bob and Marge and Guintoli, Alden and Adela Hennings, Rich and April Kahnberg, Ed and Cynthia Petersen, Terry Eggleston and Michelle LaVoie joined our gracious hosts for a fantastic BBQ with all the trimmings, along with great conversation.

Their home is absolutely stunning, with vistas to the south of vineyards and the scenery that makes our area one of the most beautiful in the country. A large poolside patio accommodated our group.

The driveway was full of classic Buicks (oh yeah, we are a Buick Club!). I hope the pictures below do the event justice.

Everybody had a great time, and by all accounts, Don behaved himself. Kudos to Jeff...chef extraordinaire! Also, thanks to everybody for all the tasty dishes....what a feast!











## VACATIONING IN OHIO AND MICHIGAN

By Bill and Joan Costello

Upon leaving our family reunion in Ohio, we drove to Hictory Corners, Michigan (midway between Detroit and Chicago) to take in the Gilmore Auto Museum which is located on 90 acres of beautiful farm country.

The museum displays over 300 classic and antique cars, mostly domestic, ranging from the birth of the automobile through the mid-60s to early 70s. Seven of the many buildings were built by money donated by specific car groups such as the Model A Club of America, Classic Car Club of America, Cadillac-LaSalle Club, etc. There are more than just cars on display. There is a collection of pedal cars, hood ornaments (both original and specially made) and vintage motorcycles.

They even have a cruise-in every Wednesday night from May through September. These are just a few of the cars we enjoyed.

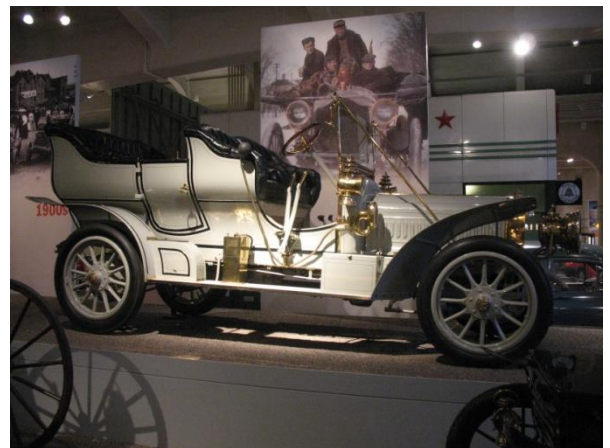


Leaving Hictory Corners, we drove to Dearborn so we could have a fresh start at the Henry Ford Museum the following day.

The museum is all contained in a single floor building with 40 foot ceilings that covers 9 acres and is jammed packed with all types and makes of cars, hot rods, race cars, trains, airplanes, a hydro-electric power plant, steam engines, antique furniture, guns, old electric appliances, and the list goes on and on. Also available in the area is the Greenfield Village, the Ford Rouge Factory Tour and the IMAX theatre.







A must see if you are in the area but definitely plan to spend two days to see it all. Pictures included represent some of the displays.

# BRASS IN THE GRASS 2015

By Bob Giuntoli

On Sunday, October 11, Marge and I fired up the '36 Coupe and headed for Lake Sonoma to “Brass in the Grass”. This car show was different than the rest of the car shows we usually go to. It was limited to pre-1954 cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats and vintage trailers. Modern changes in running gear were okay, such as disc brakes, power steering, and air-conditioning as long as the body appeared to be stock. There were about 70 cars total.

The cars were parked by decade. Model Ts, '20s, '30s, '40s and '50s all had their own sections. So did trucks and pick-ups. There was a World War II section with about 20 Jeeps and military vehicles. There was also a very nice 1951 Holiday Rambler vintage trailer. We were parked in the '30s row with a '31 Chrysler Roadster and a '33 Packard on each side. A lot of the cars looked like they just drove up from Pebble Beach. Period dress was encouraged, with some great '30s dresses and suits.

There was a free breakfast put on by Hagerty Insurance which was excellent with a lot of choices. They had a shaded area with tables we could sit at and enjoy great entertainment. In the afternoon The Moonlighters, a big band group, played '30s and '40s music. When they took a break there was Dan the Piano Man from Petaluma entertaining us. They also had a group of dancers in a “Dancing With The Cars” ball room dance competition. A belly dancing group offered a different dance experience.

A highlight we especially enjoyed was a 94 year old WW II veteran fighter pilot who was crystal clear in his experiences in the war and about being shot down over Germany. After the show he got in his own personal vintage army jeep and drove away waving to the crowd to a round of applause.

The show purposely didn't give out any awards, but everyone got a first place Blue ribbon on their windshield display card, so in effect we were all winners.

Oh yes, there was also a homemade pie vendor. Marge says we must do this again next year!







## BUICK CLUB PROGRESSIVE DINNER

November 7, 2015 by Terry Eggleston

Our November event required the logistical planning of your average military operation, but it all went off well. Our Progressive Dinner was in keeping with our club's tradition of forward thinking (get it...progressive...oh, never mind) as well as enjoyment of our beautiful county.

We started off in Petaluma at 3:00 PM where Alden and Adela Hennings hosted the appetizer portion of our evening. Meatballs, brie with fruit, and drinks. A wonderful kick-off to our event.



"I've got five bucks that says this car will beat Ollie 0-60!"





Our second stop was at Bill and Joan Costello's place up on Sonoma Mountain. This beautiful setting with its great views to the north was a treat indeed. And don't even get me started on Bill's garage....off the charts!...I think that a garage like that will be only a dream for this reporter!

Joan regaled us with her wonderful lasagnas...there was also Jello and salads.....great conversation and camaraderie....







Our third and final stop was for dessert down in the flatlands at Terry and Michelle's place in northwest Santa Rosa. Two cakes, a peanut butter goodie that Gail brought, and tons of ice cream provided by Keith. It was Stan's birthday so we were able to embarrass him with a song; he did a number on the single candle on his cake...he hasn't lost a step! Terry's Elgin bicycle (his Dad's from 1930) greeted the masses as they entered. Again....lots of great company and fun times....a nice launching point into the holiday season!







I have three questions regarding this event: (Terry's there are 4 questions... :^) )

- 1-There were several possible routes to Bill and Joan's place...could anyone have honestly found it without GPS?
- 2-Was that really the Himalayas we could see from the Costello's deck?
- 3-Did anyone count the number of times Don went back to the dessert table?
- 4-On Sunday morning I noticed a fish hook and broken line in my aquarium...c'mon folks...fess up!!!

## **Update on 2018 - BCA National Meet.**

Submitted by April Kahnberg, Director

There has been considerable chatter on emails with the National Meet BCA Team and where they are exploring areas in California for the 2018 event.

Several proposals have been submitted and returned for review, as well as, areas suggested by Southern California chapters for other venues.

**This is only a recap of what we have heard so far. As of this date, no venue has been confirmed.**

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The following would be in June 2018 if any one of these areas are finalized.

Doubletree, San Diego, Mission Valley

Doubletree Hilton at the Ontario Airport, Greater Ontario Convention Center

Warner Center Marriott, Woodland Hills

Crown Plaza Ventura Beach Hotel, Ventura CA

NO Date mentioned in the proposal: Fresno Doubletree Hilton Convention Center

July 17 - 21 was noted for the Queen Mary, Long Beach

Other suggestions pending, but I have not see any proposal results.

Solvang, CA

Tahoe, CA

Burbank Airport Marriott, Burbank CA

## BILL'S TRIVIA

1. What city was the first to use parking meters?
2. Where was the first drive-in restaurant?
3. What was Ford's answer to the Chevy Corvette and other legal street racers of the 1960's?
4. What was the first car fitted with an alternator, rather than a direct current dynamo?
5. What was the first car fitted with a replaceable cartridge oil filter?
6. What was the first car to be offered with a "perpetual guarantee"?
7. What car first referred to itself as a convertible?
8. What car was the first to have the radio antenna embedded in the windshield?
9. What car used the first successful series-production hydraulic valve lifters?
10. Where was the World's first three-color traffic lights installed?

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## A FUN TRIVIA FOR YOU

Woodward Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, carries the designation M-1.  
So named because it was the first paved road anywhere.

## Bill's TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Oklahoma City on July 16, 1935.
2. Royce Hailey's Pig Stand opened in Dallas in 1921.
3. Carroll Shelby's Mustang GT350.
4. The 1960 Plymouth Valiant
5. The 1924 Chrysler.
6. The 1904 Acme from Reading, PA. Perpetuity was disturbing in this case, as Acme closed down in 1911.
7. The 1904 Thomas Flyer, which had a removable hard top.



8. The 1969 Pontiac Grand Prix.
9. The 1930 Cadillac 452, the first production V16
10. Detroit, Michigan in 1919. Two years later they experimented with synchronized lights.





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

We only have a few sweatshirts and t-shirts left.

FIRE SALE - to move current residual stock of white T-shirts and Sweatshirts.

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:

4 Large

4 X Large

6 2X large

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**T-shirts -- Now selling for \$10.00 each**

4 2X Large

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

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



**Sent Request to Richard Kahnberg, Storekeeper.**

**Check to: Buick Club of the Redwoods.**

# CAR NUT CALENDAR

			Added or modified	Indicates Club Planned events
Nov 2015	Sat	7-Nov		Progressive Dinner
	Sat	7-Nov	New	VA Car Show _ Livermore, CA (Wayne Metz)
	Sat-Sun	Nov 14 - 15		Autumn Get together (Good Guys)
	Sat	11-7 (date chg)	**	Norcal SJ Club- Chevy Club Show and Food/Toy Drive in SJ
Dec 2015	Sat	12/12/2015		BCR Christmas Party (Hosted by Kahnberg's)
	Sat	12/5/2015		NorCal SJ Club - Christmas Party - Florentine Trattoria in Saratoga
Jan 2016	TBD	TBD	xxx	Mystery Breakfast / or lunch (TBD)
Feb	2016	TBD		Planning Brunch for Event Planning 2016
<b>Other ideas - to carry over to 2016</b>				
				Bowling
				Nick's Cove
				Gualala
				Octagon House in SF
	Aug	Novato Car Show	xx	Consider Novato Car show as month event for club 2016
				Overnight in Fort Bragg - early Spring - Botanical Gardens (May - June)
	Nov	Vet day or weekend		VA Car Show _ Livermore, CA (Wayne Metz)
		Plan to reschedule to Spring 2016		Alexander Valley drive - to Hwy 29 / Lunch in Calistoga <b>((Maybe fold in a Poker Run))</b>
				Day trip to SF Academy of Art Museum on Van Ness (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
	July	2nd weekend		Penngrove Power Museum open to public
<b>Starting Events in 2016 - for Information to members</b>				
2016 May	21-May	Saturday		American Graffiti
2016 July	23-Jul	Saturday		Penngrove
2016 July		Father's day		Julliard Park

