



Nov - Dec 2015



Directors Message

by April Kahnberg

This has been a good year for me as your newly elected Director in December 2014 for 2015. It took me out of my comfort zone and put my organization skills to the test to be ready of each monthly meeting. The support from the rest of the elected officers was great - and look forward to working with many of them should I be "re elected " in Dec.

The Holiday season is here. Thanksgiving is behind us - when we all stuff ourselves with turkey and all the trimmings. Now the shopping starts for Christmas. I for one, have always been months ahead of the game with several gifts already tucked away. Not sure about anyone else, but 2015 seemed to scream by and now it's almost 2016. Needless to say - I have to get moving with my lists and get out there in the crowds to get that perfect gift(s) for those in our family. Never an easy task. Then again there is the internet, but I better get started.

We had a great 2015 year. Venturing off and mixing it up with new car shows some of us had not attended. Peggy Sue changes - will there be another one in 2016 - has anyone heard.

Father's Day - Julliard Park - remains an open issue - 2016 will happen but where in the future as we know it has plans to move out of Julliard Park)

And of course the ongoing Saga of where the BCA will "PLANT" their final plans for the 2018 West Coast Nationals.

Our Club planning efforts left several things on the table - that just didn't fit into the 12 month schedule - so hope to bring those ideas back to the Planning Events Meeting in February 2016. (and any new ideas anyone has).

December meeting on Dec 9th - we elect or re elect officers for the 2016 year. Anyone interested that has not been nominated - please be sure to throw in your hat - and let our Secretary know before the December meeting. (See November meeting notes for current nominations).

Membership renewals are due no later than Jan 31th.. Be sure to send your check to our Membership Officer at your earliest convenience. (see separate message in this newsletter).

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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Secretary: Joan Costello

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Treasurer, Membership, Store keeper:

Rich Kahnberg

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Photographer, Historian, Webmaster:

Terry Eggleston

terenzio@sonic.net

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

Confirmed - Room reserved thru 2016

MINUTES OF THE BUICK CLUB OF THE REDWOODS

NOVEMBER 11, 2015 MEETING

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

Director, April Kahnberg called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. April thanked Kenny and the team for covering for her and Rich in their absence due to a family emergency.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Rich reported the present bank balance which included a deposit made from the October raffle.

Rich informed members that Dave and Sandy Stipp have rejoined the club. The BCR now has 22 current members.

Rich will be sending an email renewal notice for 2016 dues which are due January 1st except for members who joined BCR after June 30th in which case their dues are payed in full through December 2016. Attached to the email reminder will be a new BCR Application Form. As per BCA guidelines, all members are to complete a new application each year. Rich would appreciate if all members would get their dues and application forms in promptly.

OLD BUSINESS

April reported that the club's November Progressive Dinner went very well with everyone having a great time with good food. Thank you to all who contributed to its success.

Bill reopened the discussion regarding contributing to a local high school or the Santa Rosa Junior College's automotive program. This was tabled at the May 13th meeting due to the approaching summer vacation. After some discussion, Rich and Bill volunteered to research the proposal and report back to the membership.

NEW BUSINESS

April reported that there has been lots of chatter regarding the 2018 National Meet that will be held in June or July. There are several areas under consideration in California and April will keep us informed.

The next BCR club event will be the Christmas party on December 12th at the Kahnberg's home in Santa Rosa. April is working on the Evite that will include a sign up for appetizer or dessert. There will be a pirate gift exchange with a \$20.00 gift for either a gal or guy. It was agreed that 4:00 pm would be a good arrival time.

There are plans for a Mystery Breakfast or Lunch in January and a Planning Brunch in February. More details later.

Bill made a motion to increase dues to \$20.00 a year starting January, 1016. The motion passed by majority vote.

Bill made a motion for the 50/50 raffle to be a one pick only raffle for half of the money collected. Members will no longer need to bring items for the raffle beginning January 2016. The motion passed by majority vote. It was decided that we would try this idea for a while to see how we like it.

Nominations for officers for the 2016 year were made as follows:

Webmaster/Historian – Terry Eggleston
Secretary – Joan Costello
Assistant Director – Stan Sollid
Treasurer/Membership/Store Keeper – Rich Kahnberg
Director – April Kahnberg
Newsletter Editors – April Kahnberg and Rich Kahnberg

Nominations were closed but anyone interested in running for office, please call April before the December meeting. Elections will be finalized at the December meeting. New officers will resume their duties in January.

Bill shared with members a Hot Rod Show and Motorcycle Run on November 22nd benefiting Toys for Tots held at Sonoma Chevrolet. There will be a free barbecue lunch and door prizes when you bring a new, unwrapped toy. If you cannot attend the event but would like to donate to Toys for Tots, drop a toy off at the Kahnberg's or call Bill and he will pick it up.

April reported that as Director she gets information regarding cars for sale, individuals wanting advice about their cars, etc. and would like to know if it is okay for her to pass the information to members in the form of an email. All members present said it was alright for her to do so.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. followed by the raffle which was won by Keith.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Costello, Secretary

Time to Renew your Dues for BCR for 2016

We have received a good response to the dues renewal message sent via email on November 16.

This is a reminder your 2016 dues are due Dec 31, 2015.

The website password for the Members Only section will be changed on Feb 1, 2016.

Dues are now \$20.00 per year. *First increase since 1998*

Along with your check, please include a copy of the BCR application. If no changes... write "SAME" after your name and BCA number.

Send payment payable to:

Buick Club of the Redwoods.

and mail application with check to:

Buick Club of the Redwoods

c/o Richard Kahnberg

1185 Carr Ave

Santa Rosa CA 95404

Thank you

Richard Kahnberg

Membership / Treasurer/ Storekeeper, BCR

1955 Buick's in Triple Colors – A Mid-Fifties Popular Phase
By Doug Wight, Co-Editor, Crankshaft Journal
California Capitol Chapter BCA

*This article was published in the Crankshaft / Capitol Chapter of the BCA
With Doug Wight's permission - I am sharing with the BCR*

I've shared with some that my love for Buick's reaches back to my early childhood when our neighbors drove up to date Buick's and I often drooled over them when they were parked in their driveways. One of our neighbors in Walnut Creek, California drove Roadmaster's for several years and the minute I laid my eyes on their 1948 Roadmaster convertible, I was in love with Buicks for the rest of my life. That particular convertible was a light green solid color with a white top. It didn't have the flashy colors that would follow a few years later, but it laid the groundwork for my wanting one of those big old Buicks, but alas, it would be years before I actually had one in my garage many years later.

In 1955, we lived in Pleasant Hill, California and our neighbor across the street from our modest tract home had a 1955 Buick Special two door Riviera hardtop. It was two toned with the main body in grey with the top and lower section below the sweep spear in white. Two toned cars were become popular and in 1954 several GM cars had two different colors on the main body – Olds being one of them. In 1954 Buick continued with mostly the solid color body, and often the roof was in a second color. But in 1955, some sixty plus years ago, they offered, not only two toned cars, but several different combinations of three tones. Buick was not alone in offering three toned cars during the 1955 model year, as some of the Chrysler Corporation cars offered the triple combinations, as well as others in the industry. Even Packard as they were winding down offered three toned combinations.

The neighbor's grey and white Special was nice, but when my family moved to Oakland, California in 1957, our then neighbor had a 1955 Super Riviera two door hardtop in black, red and light tan. It was some car. It was long, wide and a powerful car – and, something to look at. I was fourteen years old at the time and to earn extra money while going to high school, I washed the neighbor's cars for a huge fee of \$2 each. I often washed the tri-color Super and, once again, drooling every time I laid my hands on the car! I was given rides in the beauty a number of times until they moved from the area. I never saw that particular color combination again until surfing the internet when lo and behold, one like it popped up for sale. I copied the photo from the internet ad for this article. The only other time I saw this particular combo was at the 2007 BCA National meet in Bellevue, Washington. There was, I believe, a Century parked near the entrance of the hotel for the duration, probably being a car owned by an organizer of the meet.



Here's the car America has been waiting for—the 4-Door "hardtop" by Buick. It has the openness and swift lines of a Buick Convertible—the weather-tight snugness and easy entry of a 4-door Sedan. The interior is equally high fashion—custom-finished from carpeting to ceiling. With its striking styling—236 horsepower—122-in. wheelbase—and modest price—this 4-Door CENTURY Riviera is the new hit in hardtops in 1955.

Redliner Speedometer and trip mileage indicator, New 4-Barrel Airpower Carburetor, Custom Interiors, Foamtex rubber seat cushions, automatic light in trunk, electric clock, rear license plate frame, and in Convertible leather upholstery, electrically operated windows and horizontal front seat adjustment, plus outside rear-view mirrors.

*Buick's 4-Door CENTURY Riviera, Model 63
... America's newest concept of
Comfort and fashion in "hardtops"*

Along the way, I have seen other tri-colored 1955 Buicks, including that of my uncle back in the late 1950s. He had a Century two door Riviera hardtop with the triple blue combo, but his car was showing some age and needed sprucing up, so I wasn't terribly impressed with it at the time. The above ad is the color combo of my uncle's – not bad looking when new.

Years later I joined our local chapter and during a trip that Diana and I organized to Sierra City and Donner Lake, one of the cars on the tour was a 1955 Century two door Riviera in two tone green on the main body with a white top. We have not seen that car since that earlier trip and wonder if the owners are still around.



Another popular tri-color version of the 1955's is black, grey and white (or lighter grey). I also saw a red, black and white combo during a run to Hot August Nights several years, but don't have a great picture of that model.

There are a bunch of the tri-color 1955's still out there. It was popular enough that the fad continued into 1956. The red, black and light combo was actually used as a pattern for the 1956 Roadmaster four door Riviera Danbury Mint model car that several members purchased when released. Several of our members had a hand in suggesting that color combo to Danbury.



The triple color fad waned some by Buick and others in 1957. By then the Buick body design did not lend itself well to a three toned effect with the top, body and lower section below the sweep spear in three different colors as it was in 1955 and 1956. Rather the 1957's would often sport a solid color top that blended into the main body and the second primary color would be below the sweep spear. The sweep spear would have a third color within the chrome strip, often being red.

The triple tone colors were definitely a fad back in the mid-fifties. It is too bad that the popular paint combos disappeared from the automotive scene. Will we ever see anything like that in the future? Probably not, but we can always look back and remember those earlier years of striking automotive designs and colors.

It is amazing that those cars are sixty plus years old, but still look good as they drive down the roads. Maybe one of our members will show up with one of the triple color combinations and I can drool over them once again!

On the Road with Richard and April Kahnberg

Quick overview of our October 13 - Nov 3 trip from Dallas, Texas and Louisiana.

We flew in to DFW and headed 80 miles south to visit April's brother in Evant. After a two day visit we headed for Shreveport, Louisiana then south to a little town called Natchitoches (pronounced Nack-a-tish). The town is a miniature New Orleans (very miniature!). Enjoyed the local food and visited two plantations. Interesting point - the book CANE RIVER was written by a decedent of the Melrose Plantation - interesting read. Now I need to read again.

Leaving Natchitoches we spotted a 1956 Cadillac limousine supposedly owned by Marilyn Monroe, \$29k. Too much money so back in the car and headed to Lafayette where we stayed overnight before going to New Orleans. There is a lot of sugar cane, rice and, of course cotton grown in central/ south Louisiana.

We spent four nights in New Orleans and thoroughly enjoyed it. Very easy to get around. The trolley was 100 feet from our hotel in the Garden District and you could ride all day for \$3.00. There are literally 100s of places to eat. April never did get to try Crawfish. We visited the WWII museum, unfortunately did not have enough time to tour the entire complex (5 hours is recommended).

In the French Quarter April did get to sample, first hand, the famous Beignets. Drenched in powdered sugar. Do not wear black pants! The place was packed. Probably 200 small tables and most were occupied. April wanted to go back before we left but when we got there, there must have been 100 people waiting for a table. Did I mention the floor was covered in powdered sugar as well.



We did a swamp tour, not too exciting. Picture the Sacramento delta with more trees and a few alligators.

The last day we were there it poured all day. Wasn't too bad, as the air temperature was 75 degrees.

We were going to stop in Galveston but with all the rain we decided to drive directly to Houston.

In Houston, we stopped at the NASA Museum (three hours recommended, which included a 1 1/2 hr tram ride of the Lyndon B Johnson Space Center with three 20-25 minute stops).



The weather in San Antonio was great and we visited the Alamo, Fort Sam Houston (which included visiting the Army Medical Museum and the Army Historical Museum). All were very interesting.



It rained that night and as we are leaving San Antonio and heading north to Austin the freeway was flooded in several spots. At one point it took an hour to go 8 miles. Three lanes of traffic bumper to bumper!



We stopped in Killeen to visit some more of April's relatives before heading to the DFW Area. Since we did not go to Galveston we had an extra day spent at the Fort Worth Stockyards, sounds exciting? Oh well ...it was interesting and time to catch the plane home.

It was good to visit April's relatives in Texas.. but we would like to do New Orleans again now that we are "seasoned tourists". Love to share some of our tidbits and fun little stories with those who might be interested.

What a true collector - won't do to get that illusive find On the ROAD with Wayne and Gail Metz - in very Snowy Weather

In March of this year, friends in Auburn, CA asked me to help sell their beautiful 1960 Metropolitan Convertible complete with a enclosed car trailer. In the meantime another friend from Lincoln, NE called inquiring about a newer Metropolitan than his 1955 Met. The results were Brad purchased John's Met and the enclosed car trailer.

In 1999 I purchased a 1960 Met that had been rear ended and subsequently converted to a Pickup truck. A friend from TX had visited us and stated he wanted to buy my little pickup. Finally, about 2009, I agreed to sell him my PU.

Barry kept it for about a year and decided he wanted to modify the truck. He repainted it and made other changes to, but never reassembled it. So, Brad says he sold the trailer to a guy who has a corvette, problem is, the corvette is too big for the trailer, and so I purchased the trailer. At about the same, Barry calls and he is tired of the PU, so we make a deal.



Now our recent story begins

Gail and I leave for Lincoln, NE on Tuesday, 11/11/2015 ... 1,680 miles one way. Our plans were to arrive in Lincoln Friday evening, load the trailer and PU and head home for Thanksgiving on Saturday. Best of plans.

It started Snowing in Utah. In Laramie, WY, we fueled up and took off. About 15 miles later, Interstate 80 was closed and we were turned back. After two more tries, we decided to spend the night. It was very treacherous going for most of the next day, speeds varying from 20 to 40 mph. We arrived over a day late. Arriving in Lincoln about 8 pm Saturday night. After breakfast with our friends, we loaded up and left about 1:00 pm on Sunday.



If we start early and drive late, we can still make it home for Thanksgiving.

Tuesday morning, our trucks starts vibrating and running rough, then the engine just shuts down. After many attempts, it starts, but we can only drive about 20 mph. Over the next 5 1/2 hours, we make 90 miles to the nearest Ford dealer. They hooked it up to the computer and inform us the fuel pump has gone out and that the low fuel pressure has caused damage to 4 injectors. They start working on the truck and finish up about noon on Thanksgiving Eve.

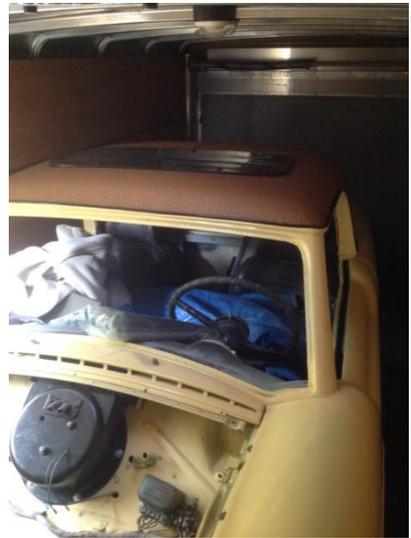
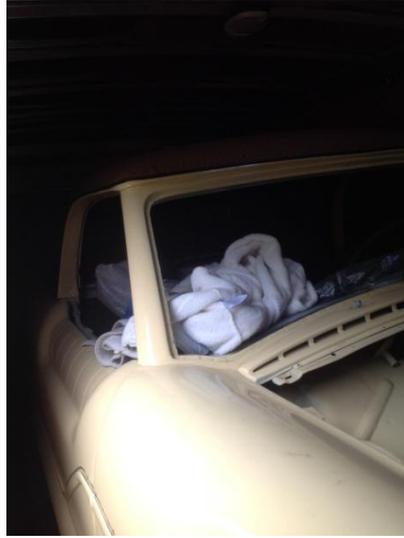
We hit the road again.

The truck runs great for the rest of the trip, but we have about 1,100 miles to go. I had really wanted to be home for Thanksgiving. Due my parents ages, 91 and 93, just didn't want to miss this special day.

Did Gail and I have Thanksgiving on Thursday? You betcha. We were driving along on this desolate Interstate 80 and we discuss our special meal. Gail says, well Wayne, I know we have to keep these wheels turning, so, what do you want for our Thanksgiving lunch. I think for a minute, then says, "How about a Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich ?" So, we had our Special Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwich, complete with Diet Coke, and finally arrive in Brentwood about 11 pm, without further incident.

With the help of my family, Gail and I took this Lemon and made Lemon aid out of it. Our REAL Thanksgiving dinner was on Friday. We had a great time telling our Story to our family. I hope to have finished the restoration of the PU by this coming summer. Gail and I look forward to driving it to one of our Buick get togethers. But first, I have to take the barb wire decals off of the car, then get to work.





Hope all of you have a very Merry Christmas, and the Healthiest, Happiest, and most Prosperous New Year!.,

Wayne

BILL'S TRIVIA

1. What type of car had the distinction of being GM's 100 millionth car built in the U.S.?
2. Where was the first drive-in movie theater opened and when?
3. What car was the first to place the horn button in the center of the steering wheel?
4. What U.S. production car has the quickest 0-60 mph time?
5. What was the lowest priced mass produced American car?
6. What is the fastest internal-combustion American production car?
7. What automaker's first logo incorporated the Star of David?
8. Which of the Chrysler "letter cars" sold the fewest amount?
9. What car was the first production V12, as well as the first production car with aluminum pistons?
10. What was the first car to use power operated seats?

FUN TRIVIA FOR YOU

At 3,020 miles, I-90 is the longest interstate highway. It connects Seattle, Washington with Boston, Massachusetts.

ANSWERS

1. March 16, 1966 saw an Olds Tornado roll out of Lansing, Michigan with that honor.
2. Camden, New Jersey in 1933.
3. The 1915 Scripps-Booth Model C. The car also was the first with electric door latches.
4. The 1962 Chevrolet Impala SS 409. It did it in 4.0 seconds.



5. The 1925 Ford Model T Runabout. Cost \$260, \$5 less than 1924.
6. The 1998 Dodge Viper GETS-R, tested by Motor Trend magazine at 192.6 mph.
7. The Dodge Brothers.
8. Only 400, 1963, 300J's were sold (they skipped "I" because it looked like a number 1)
9. The 1915 Packard Twin-Six. Used during WWI in Italy, these motors inspired Enzi Ferrari to adopt the V12 himself in 1948.
10. They were first used on the 1947 Packard line.



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

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
Dec 2015	Sat	12/12/2015		BCR Christmas Party (Hosted by Kahnberg's)
Jan 2016	TBD	TBD	xxx	Mystery Breakfast / or lunch (TBD)
Feb	2016	TBD		Planning Brunch for Event Planning 2016
Other ideas - to carry over to 2016				
				Bowling
				Nick's Cove
				Gualala
				Octogon 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 ((Maybe fold in a Poker Run))
				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 - Korbelt rose garden tour
	July	2nd weekend		Penngrove Power Museum open to public
2016 May	21-May	Saturday		American Graffiti
2016 July	23-Jul	Saturday		Penngrove
2016 July		Fathers day		Julliard Park
August	Fri, Sat & Sun	12-14		2016 Lakeport Car & Boat Show www.curbside.TV/lakeboatshow-entrylakeport (Clear Lake)
2016 Nov		Veterans day		Anitoch - Details by Wayne Metz
2016 Nov	TBD			Toys for Tots event

