



February 2018

Buick Club of the Redwoods.....Founded Aug 1998

Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at
Round Table Pizza, 1791 Marlow Rd in the Safeway Shopping Ctr,
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.)))

Confirmed - Room reserved thru Dec 2018

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Directors Message



Nicks Cove Feb 27, 2018

February 27th, what a beautiful day for a drive to Tomales Bay for BBQ oysters. Not windy, but but warm and sunny. We even took a walk out the pier and enjoyed the sunshine and quiet.

Great drive, lush green hills, no traffic (until we got back into Sebastapol).

Just another great day in Sonoma County.

Hope everyone's spring is starting to pick up your activities. Getting everyone out to do a bit yard clean up, planting the early stuff, filling your garbage cans with yard waste, etc.

Filling our yard waste cans in recent weeks has been an ongoing challenge. Richard methodically calculates which 32 gallon cans will fit for next week's pick up....and how many we have ready to refill for a future haul away. I'm sure everyone (who doesn't have a gardener) can relate.

Sorry for the cancellation of the February Event – I would love to get feedback as to why it was not on your “must do” list with the club. Cost? Time of Day? Just not interesting ... or did you really have a conflict 😊..... Please be sure to feedback, so for future planning so we will give consideration.

Looking forward to our event this month. It should be a nice drive (on a Sunday) to see someone else's toys and know that we are not in this alone.

Hope everyone can join us. (If you can't go to Alameda with us, try to join us for “Breakfast only” that would be great too.)

MINUTES OF THE BUICK CLUB OF THE REDWOODS

FEBRUARY 14th, 2018 MEETING

Director, April Kahnberg, called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Members present were Leo Ladner, Keith Brumbley, Lois and Don Brooner, and April Kahnberg.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the January meeting as published in the Nailhead News.

April gave the treasurer's report in Rich's absence.

With the passing of Stan Sollid, I (Lois Brooner) volunteered to become a BCR checking account authorized signer when requested. This was accepted by all members present.

The club membership is at 22. Ben Karnes, Ken Beatty and Dave Stipp have not renewed their memberships.

There was discussion about the passing of Stan Sollid. A "private" service was held in early February for Stan. April reported that plans are under way for a public service for Stan on June 24th at Armstrong Woods in Guerneville. The Chevy Club is planning a procession on the 24th to Armstrong Woods. Terry (also a member of The Chevy Club) will be helping with plans with the Chevy Club to include BCR members who would like to participate in the procession. More information will be forthcoming.

At the March meeting (with more members available) discussions regarding a donation in Stan's name will be discussed and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

The mystery dinner/show at Charley's at the Windsor Golf Course scheduled for February 24th was discussed. It was decided to cancel the event due to lack of interest.

The 50/50 raffle was not held as the raffle tickets did not make it to the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois Brooner for

Joan Costello, Secretary

Many roads to travel



GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats..**
- 2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.**
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back.. They always Catch the second person.**
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.**
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food..**
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair..**
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.**
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.**
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.**
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.**

This is a tale of an “urban barn find”

Contributed by Leo Ladner.....(Part 2)

Once home the car was parked outdoors for a couple of weeks until I had the time to get it running.

In the meantime, the process of getting the Special registered with the DMV was started. Because the car had been off the road for fourteen years there was no record of it in the state system. The building owner had sold me the car with a bill of sale. Also, there were no old registration forms in the car so the DMV could not tie the license plates to the vin number. I had to surrender the black plates. Additional forms later, the title documents and white plates were issued. It was a good day as my ownership was now secured.

What followed was a period of exploration and discovery. The car was washed and scrubbed. Then with the grime removed the old car looked almost presentable and really not bad for a thirty two year old car. The interior showed only minor wear in the driver's position. Like so many cars from that era; this Buick had been smoked in a lot. A few hours of elbow grease and the inside was also looking pretty decent. A lube sticker on the door jam from McAllister Buick, 1200 Van Ness Ave at Post in the “City”, indicated the Dynaflo had been serviced in the late fifties at around 25,000 miles. They also must have been the selling dealer because of the license plate frames on the car.

The next step was to get the car running. First order of business was to remove the valve covers to lube the valves. I found a huge amount of built up sludge in there. This was not entirely un-expected. The crankcase oil came out with lumps and the oil filter hadn't been on the job for a while. Many cars that were not serviced regularly and saw a lot of short trips in the cool and damp San Francisco climate suffered the same conditions. A good battery was installed. The radiator was filled and a temporary fuel line routed to the fuel pump. In short order and without much hesitation the old Nailhead was running. By the time the cooling system was warm the engine was hitting on all eight. The Dynaflo engaged in all ranges properly. Filling the master cylinder, got the brakes working well enough to allow me to move the car around in the yard without fear of running into something. It was another good day!

What followed was a period of benign neglect. 1986 was also the year we were building our new house in the country. Needless to say, my time and resources were drawn elsewhere. The old car would have to wait for more attention stored outdoors under tarps. Years would pass, and from time to time, I would relocate the car to a more convenient storage spot in the yard. Every time I ran the car it was allowed to warm up. I had done this a few times and it never occurred to me the valve train might need to be re-lubricated. Well it did! A valve had stuck and now the Nailhead was running on seven cylinders. I wasn't able to free the valve. I knew then any future restoration now had to include an engine rebuild. That wasn't a good day.

The outdoor storage continued until 1990, when I finally finished the conversion of a old poultry barn into a five car garage and office. By that time the car had deteriorated some, but it was only cosmetic stuff that could be addressed later.

Years would pass before any serious rehabilitation would start. In the meantime, I was able to locate a radio and find replacements for trim pieces that were collision damaged plus a multitude of mechanical parts from donor cars that had been acquired and parted out.

The restoration didn't start until I had finished working. This all occurred at the time of the economic downturn of 2007. Like so many Americans, I too had lost my job and given my age I decided to formally retire. The old Buick was to be the perfect project to fill in all the "spare time" that was now available to me.

Engine rebuild, brake work, Dynaflo rear seal, and a host of smaller repair or rebuild tasks took the next two or so years to complete. Over time the car began to run and drive quite nicely. Only the cosmetic work remained. A decision was made to tackle the broken windshield and cracked side glass. Body and paint work would follow and lastly a trip to the upholstery shop.

This next phase was carefully considered. The notion that a car is "only original once" and that once begun a cosmetic restoration can often have an awkward finish point informed our thinking. We planned a light touch. In our view, the somewhat dulled stainless and pitted chrome spoke to the cars history and added to its charm. Body work to fix the dents and dings was needed and the paint was just too far gone to be retained. The factory two tone paint colors would be flipped to provide a gull grey body with a white top. This color combination was on a '54 Special HT that had been featured in a past issue of the *Buick Bugle* and more pleasing to our tastes. The local Maaco shop did a good job considering the final cost of the job. Importantly, I was asked what I wanted, and I said that the goal was to avoid a bad paint job. The process repaired the left front fender and stripping the old paint disclosed old body repairs that were reworked. Thankfully, no other damage was discovered beyond the obvious surface rust.

Seeking to do spot repairs of the interior black and red reproduction upholstery material was ordered through SMS. A local upholstery shop did the repairs retaining the original factory colors and sewing patterns. We opted to do nothing with the nearly pristine trunk. The original rubber floor mat in the front, the carpet used in the rear and the vinyl headliner and visors were in excellent condition and cleaned up nicely.

Pleased with the finished product, the next few years were focused on keeping the car running well and touring about on the local back roads. Always well received at shows the old Buick was a head turner on the road and in parking lots.



With little to do on the Special; a restoration of our '54 Buick Super sedan was started and ultimately completed. The sedan became our preferred ride as the rear seat is much more comfortable for our guests than the two-door Special. Over time the Special was to see less and less use. This reality brought us to point where the car fell into “more than we need” status..

We would welcome an opportunity to have the car leave our care. However, it was important that it be placed in the care of person who could properly store the car and appreciate its unique character and background.

Selling a collector car after thirty two years can be much more than just a financial transaction. Emotions and sentimental attachments make the process more of an adoption than a sale.

This strict requirement is not a good recipe for a quick sale.

More years pass. Then one day, Keith Brumbley, a fellow member of our local chapter of the Buick Club of the Redwoods (BCR) came over to do some electrical work on his 1955 Special. Once the '55 was repaired, the conversation turned to our Special and would we consider parting with the car. One thing led to another and deal was made with the best of outcomes for all concerned.

At age sixty four, the car was happily consigned to its third owner.



This too, was a good day.

***Stay tune – for March’s Newsletter – with Keith’s continuing story – about his It won’t fit in my 20th century built garage – so what do I do article.

Dates to remember

March 18th - Road trip to Alameda – to visit a private residence who’s home was designed by famous Architect Julia Morgan. Explore this home with a ballroom (of the day) that is the home to a train display, and during the tour, check out the 1920’s silent home theatre.
(POC lead for this event: Dave & Linda Bergmann)

April 10th - Tuesday Late afternoon Dinner Family style with friends. Coppula Winery Family Dinner
(POC lead for this event – Bob & Marge Guintoli)

May 18-19 - Friday evening and Saturday – American Graffiti, Petaluma CA
(POC lead for this event – Leo Ladner)

June 2018 – BCR 20 year Anniversary (Planning to celebrate August 19) Think of ideas to make this event special for the marking of our 20th year as the Buick Club of the Redwoods.
(POC Lead – TBA.. Looking for members who want to help. Location is Jeff and Bruce’s home))



Avis Marsh	6-Mar
Ed Peterson	7-Mar
Adela Hennings	20-Mar
Rich Kahnberg	24-Mar



Jay Emery	3/3/2012
Dave and Lori Hoogendoorn	3/11/1992

For Sale by BCR member Bill Jones



Bill Jones is selling his 1959 Buick Electra 225 4 door hardtop (see pictures above).

Asking price is \$32k. Contact Bill directly if you would like more information.

**415-305-3581
billwjones@aol.com**



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: 2XL (3)

XL (2)

Lg (1)

T-shirts -- Now selling for \$10.00 ea

Sizes 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)



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.

The 1st Sunday – **Cars and Coffee Novato** – 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. – Vintage Oakes Shopping Center by Starbucks.

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

Also the 2nd Sunday – **Cars and Coffee Sonoma** – 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. – 19632 8th Street E – 9:00 to 12:00.

The 3rd Sunday – **Cars and Coffee Petaluma** – Washington Square Shopping Center (South East corner of Washington and McDowell) between Pete’s Coffee and Noah’s Bagels – 8:00 to 10:00.

NEW The 4th Sunday – **Cars and Coffee Rohnert Park** by Target and Juice Shack – 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

OTHER CRUISE INS

(2018 dates to be established)

Fourth and Sea Fish and Chips, Petaluma (corner of 4th & C Streets). Last Sunday of the month – 11:00 to 2:00 – May to October.

NEW Fourth and Sea – every Thursday from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. – April through October

Straw Hat Pizza, Rohnert Park. 2nd Sunday of the month 1:00 to 5:00 – May to October -Sponsored by Cruisin North Car Club.

Buns and Burgers, 406 Larkfield Center, Santa Rosa. Every Friday – 3:30 to 8:00 – weather permitting May through September.

			CAR NUT CALENDAR 2018
Mo	Date(s)		EVENTS
Mar	Sun	18	Alameda trip - to Turn of the Century Home designed by Architect Julie Morgan - complete with model train set up and 1920's Silent movie theatre
Apr	Tues late afternoon	10	Coppula Winery Family Style Dinner
Apr	Fri-Sun	27-29	42nd Western Street Rod Nations, Kern Cty Fairgrounds Bakersfield 901-452-4030
May	Sat	5	18th Annual Hot Copper Car Show, Copperopolis 9 - 3 PM deadline April 15 Bob Toynbee 209-785-0682
May	Fri-Sun	18-19	American Graffiti Petaluma CA
May	Sun	27	Community Festival Car & motorcycle Show, Willits Call Willits Chamber of Commerce 707-459-7910 or www.willits.org
Jun			Anniversary MONTH : BCR Celebrates 20 years / Celebration - Details TBD / See AUGUST Celebration plans.
Jun	Sun	17th	Father's Day - Juilliard Park
Jun	Fri-Sat	9-Aug	17th Annual Peggy Sue Sonoma Cty Fairgrounds Registration closes 5/31/2018
Jun	Sat	16	Fort Bragg Car Show, Downtown Fort Bragg
June		19-23	BCA National Meet, Denver Colorado
June	Sun	24	Armstrong Woods - Celebration of Life for Stan Sollid (1 - 4 PM)
June		25-28	ROA National Meet Kansas City
July	Sat	14	Ukiah Cruise and Bash Orchard Shopping Center Ukiah (Late afternoon 4:30 pm)
July	Sat	14	Petaluma Cheese Factory, Olema earthquake museum, Stroll Point Reyes Station, CA
July	Fri-Sun	13-15	Hillsborough Concours, Featuring Buicks this year Pre-registration required www.hillsboroughconcors.org
July	Sun	15	Monte Rio Car Show
July	Fri-Sun	27-29	Fortuna AutoXpo Fortuna 707-572-7855 www.redwoodautoxpo.com
July	Sat	21st	Gualala Car Show, Gualala CA sponsored by Gualala Arts Center
Aug	Thurs - Mon	9-13	Hot August Nites, Reno NV
Aug	Fri-Sat	17-18	Main Street Reunion, Napa Car Show (Show and Shine - Friday..5 - 8:30 PM) Car Show Sat 10 - 3 PM Downtown Napa Reg: 707-257-322 or donapa.com/event/main-street-reunion-2018
Aug	Sun Afternoon	19	BCR Celebration 20 years - BCR Potluck, BBQ at Jeff and Bruce's home
Sep	Fri-Sat	7-8	Almanor Recreation and Park District - 32nd Annual Street Rod Extravaganza Chester, CA (Pre register Sep 7 4-7 pm) Sat Reg 7-9 AM 530-258-252 or yourarpd.org

Sep	Sun	9	Poker Run
Sep	Sat	15	Ukiah Car Show, Downtown Ukiah
Sep	Sun	16	Boonville Fair and Car Show, Fairgrounds, Boonville
Oct	Sun Afternoon	14	Progressive Dinner
Nov	Sat	17	San Francisco Zoo - late lunch at the Beach Chalet restaurant
Nov	Sun	18	Toys for Tots Run to Sonoma Chevrolet
Dec	Sat	8th	BCR Holiday Party / Cattlemen's Petaluma

