



January 2019

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 2019

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Director's Message

The first and most important goal I want to accomplish with my first Director's Message is to pay homage to my predecessor, April Kahnberg.

April took over the job of Director in what one may call a bit of a difficult juncture for our Club. She was willing to step up, right the ship, and set us on a steady course (that's the way Navy folks talk, by the way). For four years she has had the helm, and I'm sure we can all agree that she transformed the Buick Club of the Redwoods from a good club to one that is great and dynamic

April has an incredible sense of organization, is very detailed orientated, and kept us all on task without being overbearing. This is a sign of an exceptional leader, and I have been honored to serve as one of her officers.

Oftentimes we hear of incoming leaders saying things like 'It's time for a change', or 'Let's make us great again'. These things do not apply here; I intend to continue with business as usual as we head into another year. April has laid a very nice blueprint.....I will do my best to not to screw it up!

Thanks and kudos to my fellow officers Rich Kahnberg and Joan Costello for remaining in their positions of Treasurer/Membership and Secretary/Historian. And further, my eternal thanks to Jay Emery for filling the role of Assistant Director...your insights will be invaluable. And, once again, kudos to April for continuing as the Editor of the Nailhead, our nationally recognized Newsletter!

Our Annual Planning meeting was held at the home of Gail Sollid on January 19th. Many members attended and great ideas were kicked around...here is the schedule for 2019:

Date:	Event:	Member Lead:
February 17	Trip to Local Bowling Alley	Dave/Linda Bergmann
March 26:	Mystery Tour	Rich/April Kahnberg
April 27:	Jack London State Park	Terry Eggleston
May 17-18:	American Graffiti	Leo Ladner
June 16th:	Father's Day Show and Shine in Julliard Park	
July 20:	Civil War Days in Duncan Mills	Terry Eggleston
August 17:	BBQ at Jeff and Bruce's home	
September 21:	Annual Poker Run	Rich/April Kahnberg
October 5:	Annual Progressive Dinner	
	Appetizers at home of Dave Uhlig/Cindy Omoth	
	Main course at home of Gail Sollid	
	Dessert at home of Terry Eggleston/Michelle LaVoie	
November 3:	Golden State Railroad Museum	Terry Eggleston
November 24:	Toys for Tots in Sonoma	
December 7th:	Annual Christmas Dinner at Cattlemen's Petaluma	
	Dessert and Gift Exchange at home of Terry/Michelle	

One more item before I close: I have sent out an email to Club members inviting them to write a story for our Newsletter about their first car. I just wrote one and had a lot of fun doing it....nice to relive those memories. So, if the mood moves you, please send an article, at any time, to April.

Let's Have a Great Year in our Classics!

Terry Eggleston
2019 Director

Editor note: I can't take all the credit. Our Club needed a shift in course; and it's everyone in the membership that rallied to bring us back to center. By adding the Planning meeting as our first event each year, it simply provided the pathway – to ... “this is your club – what do you want to do in the coming year (s).”

.....and here we are today.

MINUTES OF THE BUICK CLUB OF THE REDWOODS

JANUARY 9th, 2019 MEETING

Director, Terry Eggleston, called the meeting to order at 6:53 p.m. Members present were Dave Bergmann, Don and Lois Brooner, Keith Brumbley, Bill and Joan Costello, Terry Eggleston, Jay Emery, Rich and April Kahnberg, Bill Marsh, Leo Ladner, Jim Liddle and Donna Watts.

Terry opened the meeting by thanking all who were present. Terry also thanked our outgoing Director, April, for her years of service and her commitment to keeping everyone on task. Terry also thanked all those members who took on the responsibility of holding an office for the next year.

Terry asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the December meeting as published in the Nailhead News. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Rich gave the Treasurer's report. There was a deposit of \$418.00 made from the Christmas dinner, dues and miscellaneous. Another deposit of \$120.00 was made from the December raffle and T-shirts. Jeff Mounce and John Wilson sent a donation with their dues. Rich did an accounting of 2018 and reported there was a \$162.00 positive cash flow for the year. Our major deposits come from dues and raffle.

Our membership stands at 22 paid members. One previous member will not be rejoining the club and there are two pending memberships. Rich will send a note about BCR to the 1959 Buick owner in Mill Valley that recently joined BCA.

OLD BUSINESS

Our annual Planning Brunch will be held on Saturday, January 19th at Gail Sollid's home. There are 18 members who have indicated they will be attending and the menu looks wonderful.

Terry went to Jack London State Park and obtained information that he will share at the Planning meeting. Terry will also research the Civil War Days held each summer in Duncan Mills.

April read a Christmas card directed to club members from John Wilson and also a thank you card from Alden and Adela Hennings. April thanked members for the picture of members at the 20 year Anniversary Celebration that was presented to her in appreciation for her years of service to the club.

NEW BUSINESS

Dave was asked by Cattleman's to give a \$250.00 deposit while making the reservation for the club's Christmas dinner for next December. A motion was made, seconded and passed by unanimous vote to reimburse Dave for the \$250.00.

Terry has information for anyone interested in the Laguna Seca Cars and Coffee held at the Laguna Seca Raceway one Saturday every other month starting on January 12th.

Gail will have an assortment of Stan's cleaning and detailing products at the Planning Meeting inviting members to take and use on their cars.

Terry received an email from Gary Kowinisky regarding dash plaques and key chains if our club is interested.

Terry will be submitting an article to the Nailhead News entitled *My First Car* and has encouraged other members to write an article on their first car.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Dave. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Costello
Secretary

MY FIRST CAR...1946 CHEVY FLEETMASTER

by Terry Eggleston

For me, my first car holds a special memory and place in my life. First cars oftentimes represent our first real true venture into independence and the premier stop on a long odyssey of ownership of these bastions of American culture. I've owned 22 and counting.

I grew up in Anaheim, California. In the mid-sixties in Orange County it seemed that a preponderance of kids that owned cars had mid-50's Chevys. Many were painted 'competition orange', had mag wheels (remember those?) and souped-up engines. I never quite understood where these guys (sorry ladies, these cars were owned by guys) afforded these beauties, but nonetheless the parking lot at my high school sported several. They even out-numbered the famed and iconic 'Woodies' of surfing fame.....we were only a half-hour from Huntington Beach and the lure of surfing. Not for this klutz, but for many of my friends and classmates.

OK, back to the car. Try to imagine my excitement in the fall of 1965 when I learned that my grandmother had a friend who had a '56 Chevy for sale for \$100.00! My lovable grandma could be a bit daffy even on a good day, but this was worth looking into. She lived in what we call the Inland Empire: San Bernardino, Rialto, Riverside.....about an hour drive from Anaheim. So my Dad, my best friend Johnny and I ventured out there (the fella also had a '54 Ford that my Dad wanted). I had a part time job sweeping floors at Sears, was a fair (not great) student so I was allowed to pursue this dream. Note that I said 'not great' student...that's why I finally attained my educational goal at age 33 instead of the customary 26.....go figure.

After some searching (pre-GPS) we found the fellow's house. As advertised, there was a '54 Ford sitting there. But a '56 Chevy.....nooooooo! Instead there was a much older car, with a rusted top, almost flat tires, and seats that showed their age. I was devastated! Not cool! However, we had come quite a distance, so I decided to give it a second look. The owner let Johnny and I take it out to put air in the tires and get some gas. Somewhere in that 20 minutes we fell in love with that car....that became known around the neighborhood as 'Black Beauty'.



And thus began my life-long love affair with older cars. She was a 1946 Chevy Fleetmaster. She had a very quiet 216 engine with 'three on the tree'. With all that money I had (ahem!) I had the seats covered in black and white, bought some retreads and put Baby Moon hubcaps on them. I had a nice transistor radio (bought with my Sears employee discount, no less). I wrapped some elastic around it and screwed that down to the windshield center post.....my first auto sound system. Sounded pretty good, actually. And the crowning addition was an Ooga horn I got from Pep Boys...we hard-wired it directly onto the battery.

So Johnny, several other friends, and I blissfully cruised through our senior year. She was a bit of a laughing stock at first, but each morning as I pulled into the school parking lot and sounded that horn, she became adored. Oh, and another nice feature...the rear windows were quite high and this partially blocked the view from outside. A nice feature for double dating!

One night we were cruising a semi-country road in our area (yes, there were some country roads in Orange County in 1966). We decided to 'see what she could do'. Testosterone is an interesting chemical. Anyway, I wound her up to 85mph and then I heard a boom and in the rear view mirror I saw sparks and flames heading down the road. With my heart racing I pulled over, and Beauty sounded like she had a supercharged Hemi. I investigated the area behind the car and discovered that the entire exhaust system had blown completely off the engine! The exhaust and tailpipes were shot, but the muffler seemed to be in good condition. It was very hot....we waited for it to cool down and tossed it in the trunk. The next day I took her into Midas Muffler on Lincoln Blvd (Anaheim's main drag). They actually had the pipes that would fit....the muffler was good....so one hour and \$20.00 later I drove away realizing that I had dodged a bullet.

Yes, that was just one of many adventures in the Beauty...she was actually my first love. After graduation I was going out of state for college, and of course, I just *had* to have a car, right? My well-meaning folks had doubts about her making it to the Midwest. So I sold the Beauty and my folks helped me buy my second car....you guessed it...a Buick! It was a '62 Special with a V-6 aluminum block engine that was forever overheating, but it got me to Oklahoma University and back. An OK car....but I longed for Black Beauty!

My first Buick.....a '62 Special



MY 1936 CHEVY

Contributed by Alden Hennings

As a young kid growing up I always wanted to drive a car of my own when I got older. I learned my dad started driving when he was 12 years old. He used to deliver groceries for his father small grocery store.

As I grew older I kept pestering him to teach me to drive. He said I would have to learn how to shift (no automatics) before I could drive a car.

At the age of 15 I got to drive his 1948 DeSoto from Pleasanton to San Leandro home from playing golf on Sunday. No problem.

In 1956 when I turned 16, he found an ad in the Oakland Tribune paper for a 1936 Chevrolet for \$60 dollars. As I was only making .75 cents an hour as a baggier at Lucky Stores by our home; this was a dream come true.

In 1936 was the first year that General Motors came out with hydraulic brakes along with knee action front suspension. Wow. When you hit a bump the front end would bounce up and down for a few seconds until it leveled out. I had the early model which had no trunk and the spare was mounted on the back of the car. The later models came with a trunk. It was black with yellow spoke rims. No sealed beam headlights in those days but a light bulb for a head light. That was interesting.

The person I bought it from was a older man who drove it about 3 days a week for about 2 miles each time to get groceries and go out to dinner. After a week or so the car overheated because the radiator was plugged for lack of driving. Over the year and a half of my owning this car I replaced the 3 on the floor transmission 7 times due to a faulty shift plate. It took me 2 hours the first time replacing it and by the 7th time I could do it in 45 minutes.

The girls at school loved this car and I ended up taking the bowling team to the bowling alley once a week for about a year.

Had a great time. The car did not have a radio but who cared back then. I ended selling it to a friend when I ended up buying a 1950 Studebaker convertible and that is another story.

**The Cattle drive story continues (by Dave Bergmann, featuring Dave and Bill Costello)
Here is the 3rd installment of the cattle drive.
Day 3 On The Trail**



Backing up to the evening of Trail Day 2. We were entertained by a married couple of which she is one of the main wranglers and about the nicest cowgirl I have ever met. They were quite entertaining.



Bill and I are up at 4:45 AM, we try to roll out of the bunk 1/2 hour early just to be safe. A lot of gear to slap on. One thing you don't want to be is late! Morning line up of the horses before we mount up to move the cattle. It is cold. 20 F when the sun comes up ...but it will get much worse!



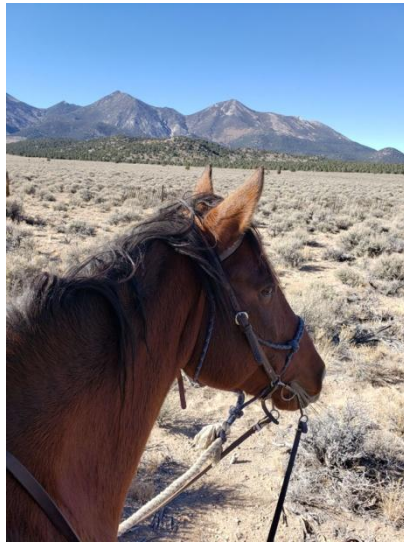
Mounted up and we are preparing to push the cattle up on to the road. That is Wild Bill extreme left.



On the Trail. This here is the same view but from the hill behind us. Dave first right and Bill second from right.



This view is the terrain we are headen' for. We will stay just right of the mountains of course



Big Al contemplating the trail we will take. Every day I'm a liken' this mustang more and more. Both of our mustangs loved to stop over a bush (if they could manage it without us catching it in time) and rock back and forth to scratch their bellies. That is using your environment! We will talk of Bill's horse Smokey in the Trail Day 4 narrative.



Mostly drovers and wrangler or two. You can see the 5th rider back on the road is no longer a rider. His body sent some dire signals to the brain for the drover to take a stretch and lead his pony. We can relate to that but neither one of us succumbed to surrendering to our aching bodies and dismounting for a stroll. Maybe Wild Bill didn't even have an ache, I did! I want to be like you Wild Bill when I grow up!

More to come – Next newsletter – for Day 4.

Dates to remember 2019

Feb 17, Sunday - Bowling - EVITE is out - be sure to RSVP asap. Bergmanns lead.

Mar 16, Saturday - It's a Mystery (Details to follow) - Kahnbergs are planning

April 27, Saturday - Jack London Park - Terry E - will lead



- 2 Feb -- Terry Eggleston
- 12 Feb – Alden Hennings
- 14 Feb – Bill Marsh
- 17 Feb – Dave Devlin
- 24 Feb – Bob Giuntoli
- 27 Feb – Lori Hoogendoorn



No February Anniversaries



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

- Men's XL (3) Front logo location \$25.00
- Men's L (2) Lapel logo location \$ 25.00
- Ladies L (1) Lapel logo location (discounted) \$ 15.00

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

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

Pending updates for 2019

Details to be published when information becomes available.

Anyone can provide details for this ongoing list.

CAR NUT CALENDAR 2019

EVENTS

Mo	Date(s)	
2019	Sat	19-Jan
		BCR EVENTS Planning BRUNCH Potluck meeting - At Gail Sollids Home
Jan	Sat-Sun	26-27
		Modesto Area A's 53d Annual SWAP MEET, Stanislaus Cty Fairgrounds, Turlock www.Turlockswapmeet.com
Feb	Sun	17
		RP Decker Lanes - Bowling - lead: Bergmanns
Mar		16
		Mystery (Bkft / maybe lunch) lead Kahnbergs
Apr		27
		Jack London Park / Terry E - Lead
May		16-17
		American Graffiti, Petaluma CA (Leo Ladner lead)
		June
		Peggy Sue's Car Show, Santa Rosa Fairgrounds, CA
		Jun 12-15
		BCA National Midwest City, OK (Suburb of Oklahoma City)
Jun	Sunday	16-Jan
		Fathers Day, Juilliard Park, Santa Rosa, CA (Lead ??)
July		
		Car show and Derby, Gualala, CA at the Arts Center
July		20
		Civil War Days , Duncan Mills, (Terry E lead)
Aug		17
		BBQ at Jeff and Bruces home (Hosts)
Sep	Sat	21
		Poker Run - Kahnbergs - Lead
Oct		5
		Progressive Dinner (Appetizers- Dave U and Cindy O; Entrée - Gail Sollid; dessert - Terry and Michelle
Nov		3
		Train Museum Point Richmond (Details to follow) Lead Terry E
Nov		23
		Toys for Tots, Schelleville, CA
Dec	Sat	7
		Holiday BCR Party at Cattlemen's /// Dessert & Gift Exchange - At Terry and Michelle's

2020		Jul 15-19	BCA National Strongsville, Ohio (Suburb of Cleveland)
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