



**JUNE 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 solstice is just a few days away, which will herald the official beginning of summer. However, with last week's record temperatures it's hard to believe it isn't already here. Fortunately, things cooled off a little before our annual Juilliard Park Father's Day Show and Shine. More on that forthwith.

On July 20 we will be traveling out west to Duncan's Mills for the annual Civil War Days.....period clothes, widgeits, and authentic fake battles. Please mark your calendars and look for the Evite (hopefully it's already in your inbox).

On August we will be graced by the our hosts Jeff and Bruce for the annual BBQ in Sebastopol...always a well-attended event....good times for all.

Michelle and I will be traveling to Chile and Argentina in late June until mid-July. We'll be taking in a total solar eclipse (and yes, you will have to endure an article on that), as well as taking in the sights of Santiago, La Serena, northern Patagonia, and Buenos Aires. The July meeting will be headed by our assistant director, Jay Emery.

So, let's a good turnout for Civil War Days on July 20<sup>th</sup>!

Director  
Terry Eggleston

# MINUTES OF THE BUICK CLUB OF THE REDWOODS

## JUNE 12th, 2019 MEETING

Director, Terry Eggleston, called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. Members present were Dave Bergmann, Keith Brumbley, Bill and Joan Costello, Terry Eggleston, Jay Emery, Rich and April Kahnberg, Leo Ladner, Jim Liddle, Donna Watts and Andrew Wong.

Terry welcomed and introduced our newest member, Andrew Wong, who owns a 1970 Skylark Gran Sport.

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

Rich gave the treasurer's report. There was one deposit of \$50.00 from dues and the May raffle. There is one outstanding check for \$50.00 which was sent to Jack London State Park as a donation.

Membership is presently 28 members. Rich sent another email to the member who has not yet paid his 2019 dues due to a family situation. If Rich has not received the dues by the end of June, he will be dropped from the roster.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Terry reviewed our May event which was the American Graffiti car show in downtown Petaluma. Rain put a real damper on the Saturday car show but the Friday night Cruise-In Social was a good event and well attended.

Leo reported that in the American Graffiti goody-bag was an advertisement for Jakes Makes who makes 3D plastic trim pieces. For more information, contact Leo.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Details for the upcoming Juilliard Park Father's Day Show and Shine were reviewed.

The July social is Duncan Mills Civil War Days Reenactment on July 20th. Meet at Terry's at 10:00 a.m. It will take approximately 40 minutes to get to Duncan Mills. A battle is scheduled at 1:00 p.m. and another at 4:00 p.m. There are hot dogs for sale or you can bring a picnic lunch. Entry fee is \$12.00 per person plus \$5.00 parking per vehicle. Terry will send out an Evite soon.

Terry reported that he received a bill for \$87.90 for another two years for our domain name for the BCR website. The Weebly Pro renewal for two years will be in July. April made a motion to reimburse Terry the \$87.90. The motion was seconded by Bill and passed by unanimous vote.

Terry brought up the question of whether the meeting room we presently meet in is large enough for our growing membership. Members present felt the room was adequate for the time being.

Leo asked if it would be appropriate to post pictures of member's Buicks to the website that were not considered classics or as Leo called them "drivers". Discussion followed but it was suggested to have members give it some thought and vote next month.

Jim reviewed several upcoming local car shows. Please refer to the Car Nut Calendar in your Nailhead News for a complete listing of local car shows and events.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m. followed by the 50/50 raffle that was won by Keith.

Respectfully Submitted

Joan Costello

Secretary

# Juilliard Park Father's Day Show and Shine

Sunday, June 16, 2019

On Father's Day we had one of our annual events, the Juilliard Park Show and Shine in Santa Rosa. Cool temperatures in the morning gave way to a very pleasant late morning and afternoon. We had four cars entered: Jay Emery with his '59, Bill and Joan with their '71 Skylark, and Keith and I with our '54's. new member Andrew Wong also joined us at the start. As the day passed we had visits from other club members Julie Emery (who rode in on a really cool bicycle), Ed and Cynthia Petersen, and Dave and Lori Hoogendoorn. Jim Liddle and Donna Watts also were there with their '39 Nash. Here's pictures of our entered cars and attendees:





Here's Jim Liddle's '39 Nash:



We had a visit from yesteryear, sort of. Some of you might remember Joe Rosenthal and his '40 Roadmaster. We lost Joe a while back, but the very same Roadmaster surfaced Sunday in the custody of its new owner, who we promptly gave one of our business cards:



There were other Buick sightings



63 Skylark



65 Riviera

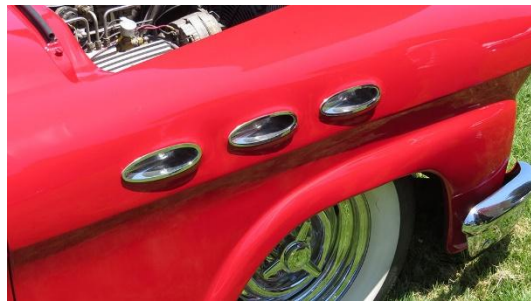


65 Skylark

Here's some general pictures I took of cars I thought were cool.....







On a Chevy pick-up, no less!



See you all next month at Civil War Days!  
Terry

## MY FIRST CAR

By Bill Costello

My first car was a 1947 2-door Chevy coupe that I purchased in 1957. It took many years (about three) working paper routes, mowing lawns and yes even baby sitting in order to afford the car. It had a radio, heater, 3-speed transmission (that's all they had back then) with vacuum shift. The vacuum shift was the first thing I modified. It was removed and the shifting was much improved. I also cleaned the inside and outside as if it was a show car which it wasn't but you know how it goes. It was my first car and it was all mine. My Dad was the Auto Shop Instructor at San Rafael High School so I was able to paint the car in the auto shop spray booth after many hours of sanding, removing all bright work and then of course putting it all back together again. A lot of work but I drove that car with a smile and a great deal of pride. I went to Grand Auto in San Rafael and bought some cat whiskers so I wouldn't scrape my white walls (port-a-walls) on the curbs. That car got me through high school on many double dates and a few drag races on the road to San Quintin. It was slow but all the cars back then were slow.

When I joined the Coast Guard in November of 1958, I sold the car and landed on a 311 foot cutter but I have always had a soft spot for '47 Chevy coupes. Below is a picture of a 1947 Chevy coupe but this was not my exact car – but close.



## A Studebaker like few others (My First Car)

Contributed by Leo Ladner

This story begins in the mid 1950s, when the house across the street from where my family lived was sold to couple in their 40s. Bob had two teenaged daughters that did not live with them. Claudia had no children and worked in corporate accounting. Both were friendly engaging folks that quickly became part of the neighborhood scene. Their car was a blue 1952 Studebaker Commander 4 door sedan.



Bob was a man of many interests. He was a Hi Fi enthusiast building from kits first monoral and later stereo equipment. He was always seeking greater performance. From time to time The Dukes of Dixieland could be heard inside the neighbor's home.

Bob's quest for better performance extended to their "Stude. The car had a V-8 with a Borg-Warner automatic that featured a locking torque converter. He had installed a dual exhaust with "glasspacks". Next were added Edmunds 2x2 manifold and a "racing" cam. A Mallory dual point distributor mated with a Mallory "Mag-Spark" coil boosted the 6 volt ignition. It would start with a muffled roar and move away from the curb with authority.

A new '57 Ford Fairlane 500 2 door hardtop was soon added. A handsome car equipped with the biggest available "Thunderbird" V-8, Fordomatic, power steering and brakes. From this point the Studebaker could be observed to sit idle for a week or more between uses. Before long the sitting out in the Daly City fog began to take its toll on its finish.

The Ford was traded in on a new 1960 Oldsmobile Super 88 4 door "Flat Top".



That Olds was a big upgrade over the Ford and by now the old Studebaker was known to need a battery charge between runs. Before long the car needed more than TLC. As the car sat motionless and silent I often thought that it would be really neat to own that car. It was so different from the other old cars that kids were parking in the student parking lot at school.

Sadly, in the Spring of 1963 Claudia suddenly became a widow.

At that time I was a Junior in High School. My major was in auto mechanics. Youngsters could do that then. Like most of my buddies from school I was interested in all things cars.

Before long Claudia determined that the Studebaker needed to be sold. She asked if I could get the car started for her. I quickly agreed and started work immediately. Turned out the old car had deteriorated badly. It needed tires and brakes. The radiator and water pump leaked. The carbs were gummed up. The list kept getting longer with things that needed attention.

I asked if she would sell me the car. To my delight she said she would if my father and mother agreed. As a newly licensed driver my folks were concerned that the Studebaker was perhaps not the best choice for my first car. I pleaded my case and Claudia told by dad that Van Ness Olds would have only allowed them \$85 in trade in when they bought their "88". She would ask only \$35 for the car. I would have to pay for the car and insurance with my own money that had been saved from doing odd jobs and working in a gas station on the weekends.

At long last I had my own car. I was over the moon!

That Monday I approached the Auto Shop teacher for permission to bring the car into the shop for the needed work. During the two week stay the car was made road safe and tuned to run strong. Our teacher helped with diagnosis of vacuum leaks and some of the finer points of tuning the dual carburetors, while there, the car was a constant point of interest and soon the word got around that I had this sleeper of a car.

That summer went by quickly. Almost as fast as that Studebaker, I would occasionally be challenged to a race over on Brotherhood Way. The old beast could do well up against most "stockers" that kids drove. It didn't have much of a chance if somebody was driving a later model with a larger displacement engine with a stick shift. Quick enough off the line the car would really pull strong from about 15 MPH up and through the automatic up shifts. The converter would lock up at about 65 or so. From there on up it was all about go. Bob had told me years before that it could do 100 no sweat. I took it to almost 90 a couple of times driving up to Rio Nido or back to the City.

The problem with the car was that the rest of the car couldn't keep up with the engine. The brakes and suspension were not good at high speeds. Drive faster than 75 or so and the windshield wipers would lift off the cowl, the body raddled and the car wandered all over the road. I seldom went past 65-70 and even that did not feel as controlled as it did at 55-60. Even with those shortcomings it was a blast to drive. The exhaust note and carb roar was worth it. One big down side was the appetite for gasoline. No doubt my desire to push hard on the throttle at nearly every stop light change did not help. Even by buddies would complain about the frequent "gas money" assessments I would have to make.

Fortunately, I never got a ticket in the car. I was busted none the less by reports to my parents from their friends who had observed me streaking here or there or how I had passed them at some breakneck speed. My father was particularly displeased and my mother disappointed that I had broken my promise to her to always "be careful". I was compelled to sell the car. An ad was placed in the Chronicle that generated few calls. I was almost grounded with my Dad doing odometer checks to make sure that I was only going to school during the week.



Later in the early autumn of 1963 the situation changed. As things worked out; Claudia came back into the story. She was in the process of settling Bob's estate with his daughters. One of them asked about "daddy's car" and expressed disapproval that the car had been sold. Claudia wanting to do right by her step daughter offered to buy the car back. She offered to pay me the \$35 I had paid her plus all of my out of pocket expenses to restore the car. \$300 was the agreed amount.

My father was more than pleased to see the Studebaker go away. Mother expressed great relief that her source of so much worry would soon be gone for good.

Reluctantly, I found myself with no car of my own; a condition that would not last long. As I immediately started my search for car #2.

**There is a sad epilogue to this tale.**

Several months later the Studebaker was in a fairly significant fender bender on 19th Ave. Hit hard in the back and pushed into the car ahead. It was totaled by the insurance company and sent off to a auto wreckers. A tragic end for such a unique vehicle. Fortunately, no one was hurt in the event. I like to think that the seat belts that were installed in my Auto Shop class contributed to that outcome.





## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – **Cars and Coffee Novato** – 7:30 to 10:00 a.m. – Vintage Oaks Shopping Center by Starbucks.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – **Cars and Coffee Santa Rosa** – Coddington Mall by Starbucks – 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – **Cars and Coffee Petaluma** – Washington Square Shopping Center between Pete’s Coffee and Noah’s Bagels – 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – **Cars and Coffee Penngrove** – Penngrove Market – 9:00 a.m.

The last Sunday of the month – **Cars and Coffee Rohnert Park** – Starbucks by Target and Juice Shack – 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

## NEW CRUISE-INS

**Cruisin’ Bear Republic** – 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – June through November. 1979 and older classics, raffle and plaque for Best of Show at Bear Republic Brewing Co., 5000 Roberts Lake Rd., Rohnert Park. For information – [cruisinnorth.com](http://cruisinnorth.com).

**Fourth and Sea Sunday Cruise-In** – 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The last Sunday of each month – June through September. Cars, food, music, free raffle and the presentation of the Sunday Sundae Cup. 101 4<sup>th</sup> St., Petaluma. For information – [sundaycruisein.com](http://sundaycruisein.com)

## **Dates to remember 2019**

**July 20 (Sat) Civil War Days, Duncan Mills m (EVITE out – be sure to RSVP)**

**Aug 18 (Sun) Annual BCR BBQ at Jeff and Bruce's home in Sebastapol**

**Sept 21 (Sat) Annual Poker Run – hosts and planners – Kahnbergs**

**Oct 6 (Sun) Progressive Dinner – details to follow**



**June correction**

**Julie Emery                      June 9**

**Lois Brooner    July 9**

**Jay Emery        July 19**



**Bill and Joan Costello        July 22, 1967**

**Dave and Linda Bergmann    July 4, 1969**



	*	Added		CAR NUT CALENDAR 2019
	Mo		Date(s)	EVENTS
	2019	Sat	19-Jan	BCR EVENTS Planning BRUNCH Potluck meeting - At Gail Sollids Home
	Feb	Sun	17	Bowling - Epicenter, Coffey / Piner Rd, SR lead: Bergmanns
	Mar	Sat	16	Mystery (Bkft / maybe lunch) lead Kahnbergs
	Apr		27	Jack London Park / Terry E - Lead
	May	Thurs-Sat	16-17	American Graffiti, Petaluma CA (Leo Ladner lead)
	Jun	Sunday	16	Fathers Day, Juilliard Park, Santa Rosa, CA (Lead ??)
	June	Sunday	23	Cars and Coffee at the Fair, Near Java Hut in Petaluma Fairgrounds, one time event (Not reoccurring this year) 8-10 AM
*	June		23	Cars and coffee at the Fair 8-10 am Sonoma Marin Fairgrounds Info 707-283-3247 sonoma-marinfair.org
*	June	Sat	29	Graton Classic Car Show and Chicken BBQ 8877 Donald St, Graton 707-829-5799
		Every Friday	May 3 - Sept	Cruise in Classics and Hot Rods, 5-8 PM Fiori Buns & Burgers, Larkfield Shopping Center 546-6835
	July	Sat	13	CARe Show, 7th Annual, Salvation Army Casa Grande High School, Petaluma 707-769-0716 Mitham.clement@usw.salvationarmy.org
	July	Sat	20	11th Annual Car show and Derby, Gualala, CA at the Arts Center
	July		20	Civil War Days , Duncan Mills, (Terry E lead)
	July		20	Petaluma Elk Lodge 901, Car Show 10 AM call: Jim Atwood 333-3385 Purple Pig
*	July	Sat	20	Wheels and Wings (8 - 3 PM) Pacific Coast Air Museum pacificcoastairmuseum.org/event/wheel-wings-car-show
	July		20	Sebastapol VFW 3919 - 3rd Annual Car Show 10 - 2 Veterans Memorial Hall, Sebastapol mossholder123@gmail.com
	July	Sun	21	32nd Devils Darlins Car Club, Car Show Sonoma Veterans Building Rollin in 7 AM
*	July	Sun	21	Corvette Club of Sonoma Swap Meet and Car Show Santa Rosa Vets bldg, info yeah_baby@comcast.net
	July		21	Hillsborough Concours
*	Aug		2	Hot Rod Friday Night Cruise Downtown Novato infor 415-599-6880
*	Aug		3	Nostalgia Days Novato, 10-5 pm Downtown Novato
*	Aug		3	The Rollin Rosie Revved Up Review, Car show at the Washoe House, Petaluma 12p
	Aug		8-11	Hot August Nites, Reno, NV
*	Aug		17	2nd Annual Alumni Car Show Fundraiser, Montgomery High School 10:30 - 2:30 pm Info: 707-546-6764
	Aug	Sat	17	Napa Vly Cruisers Downtown Napa Main Street Car Show 10-3 pm Reg by Aug 11 donapa.com/event/main-street-reunion-2018 (2019 ?)
	Aug	Sun	18	BBQ at Jeff and Bruces home (Hosts ) <b>DATE CHANGED</b>
	Aug		23	Good Guys, Pleasanton
	Aug		24	21st Annual Russian River Car Show 8a - 3 pm Monte Rio Community Ctr info jbarry@surrisnriverhistory.org 707-865-1234

*	Sep	Sat	7	All American Car Show - Sonoma Vets Bldg, Sonoma CA VFWPOST1943.org 707 509-3609
*	Sep	Sat-Sun	7-8	26th Annual Coloverdale Motorcycle & Car Cruise cloverdalecarshow.com
*	Sep		7	Annual All American Bad Ass Car Show 9a-3p Sonoma Vets Bldg, Sonoma 707-938-8441 vfwpost1943@hotmail.com
	Sep	Sat	14	35rd Annual Street Rod Extravaganza, Chester CA, Chester Community Park Reg online: Eventbrite.com or www.yourarpd.org 530-258-2562
	Sep	Sat	21	Poker Run - Kahnbergs - Lead
	Sep		12	Cruisin North Benefits Alzheimers, Petaluma Plaza N shopping Ctr 707-843-2930 67chevellebud@gmail.com; cruisinnorth.com
	Oct	Sat	5	Rip City Riders, Chilly Billy Fun Run, 14th Annual Sonoma Marin Fairgrounds, Petaluma (Benefits: Polly Klaas Foundation) Honda Larry 415-892-2753; John Tennyson 470-0991
*	Oct		12	Cruisin' North Car Show for a Cause to Benefit Alzheimer's Plaza north Shopping Center, Petaluma cruisinnorth.com
	Oct	Sun	6	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 & Michelle's
	<b>2020</b>		Jul 15-19	BCA National Strongsville, Ohio (Suburb of Cleveland)



**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)*

*To purchase: Contact Rich Kahnberg or for any information about availability.*

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