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The Buick Club of the Redwoods

PO Box 1027

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www.buickcluboftheredwoods.com

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.)

Meetings start at 7:00; social time starts at 6:30. Stay after the meeting to socialize too!

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The Nailhead News

Director's Message ~ January 2013

What's my car worth? I get asked that question a lot by people and I never know what to say. I usually tell them its worth whatever someone is willing to pay. I think that saving an old car and putting it back on the road is always going to be a money loser, but that's not why we do it. For me it's the thrill of driving a piece of history from another time and sharing it with fellow motorists. The thought of how much you spent to get your car to the point of driving is something I don't even want to know because I am sure it would be shocking! I take comfort in knowing that I saved something that will go on to someone else some day, someone who will cherish like I did, and money has nothing to do with it. To me that is what classic cars are all about.

It's hard to believe it's already 2013 and hopefully we will all have a great year. I think we are all looking forward to spring and summer and some warm weather. I can't wait to see your classic Buick on the road.

Keith Brumbley

Director



Minutes 12-12-12

Members present: Keith Brumbley, David Yoast, Rebecca Kisling, Don and Lois Brooner, Rich and April Kahnberg, Mike Lightell, Bill Costello, Stan Sollid and Terry Eggleston.

Guests: None.

Treasurer: Rich reported on the bank balance;

Minutes: Approved.

Newsletter: The newsletter is now available on our club website under Members Only. Just enter the password and you can read and/or print it.

If anyone has photos of outings, or would like to write an article for the newsletter, please email them to Keith and Rebecca.

We have received several positive feedbacks on our newsletter from the various clubs and officers that we email it to.

Website: Always something new on the website, so take a minute to check it out.

Merchandise: We have club t-shirts available for \$15 and sweatshirts for \$25.

Stan has submitted a new ad for pins to The Bugle. We will no longer be selling earrings, as we cannot get the materials to convert the pins to earrings.

Old Business:

Many thanks to Stan and Gail for hosting our annual Christmas party at their home. The party was great and included a slide show by Terry of his trip to Australia, along with our traditional pirate gift exchange.

Please make sure to RSVP when you receive your evite to club events. If for some reason you can't respond on the evite site, please email your

response to Rebecca at girlnetro@msn.com A lot of effort is put into planning an outing for every month of the year, and we would appreciate your reply.

New Business:

The Capitol Chapter swap meet will be held at a new location, Cosumnes River College in Sacramento. It was moved to provide better parking. The date is Sunday, February 3rd.

Rich said the Capitol Chapter is planning a drive to the Ryde Hotel on the Sacramento Delta and brunch or lunch there early in 2012, possibly in January. Rich will give us more info when it becomes available if anyone wishes to join them.

Keith brought two of the latest model cars he made to share, a 1935 Mercedes and a 1932 Chrysler Le Baron. Both are very detailed. He does amazing work.

Rich and April recently ate at San Rafael Joe's and said they recommend it.

Don and Lois went to a dinner at the Freeman Toyota dealership. It was put on for customers who had recently purchased vehicles there. There were about 100 people there and they had a raffle (Don won a t-shirt) and demonstrations such as an air bag explosion.

Lucky Don recently won \$10,000 at River Rock Casino! He said he put it in the bank, so he's not giving out any loans. We know that his secret is his lucky charm, Lois.

There was a discussion about Buick hats or hats with our club patch on them.

Our club outing for January will be a trip to the Hamilton Field History Museum in Novato, followed by a meal somewhere. Details will follow via evite.

Terry said he will be in Lincoln, Oregon on August 21, 2017 for an eclipse. He said we are welcome to join him.

Club dues of \$15 are due at the January meeting. Please bring your check to the meeting or mail it to our club at PO Box 1027, Rohnert Park, CA 94927.

Upcoming Events:

Club Outings:

January 26th (Saturday) is our club outing to the Hamilton Field History Museum in Novato. Check your evite for details.

Car Shows:

July 17th-20th, **2013** is the BCA National Meet in South Bend, Indiana. www.buickclub.org

July 23rd-26th, **2014** is the 42nd Annual BCA National Meet in Portland, Oregon. www.buickclub.org

Cruise Ins:

Swap Meets:

January 26th & 27th (Saturday-Sunday) is the Turlock Swap Meet at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds in Turlock. Saturday 7 am – 5 pm, Sunday 7 am – 3 pm.

February 3rd (Sunday) is the Capitol Chapter Swap Meet at Cosumnes River College in Sacramento. Note the new location.

Adjourned: 7:40 PM.

Raffle: 50/50 of \$18 won by Stan.



Reminder:

Your club dues of \$15 are due by the January meeting. Please bring your dues to the meeting, or mail them to our club PO Box. We will be changing our password for the website soon, and only those who are current on their dues will get the new password. You don't want to miss out on anything!

BCR Outing December 2012

by Keith Brumbley

Our annual Christmas party was hosted by Stan and Gail Sollid, and a great time was had by all. Several members took advantage of the sunny weather and drove their classic Buicks. Gail, April and Lois got together to plan this year's event and they did a great job. We had a complete turkey dinner from Willie Bird's Turkey, along with a veggie lasagna, and members brought appetizers, side dishes or desserts. Another fun thing we do is the pirate gift exchange and there were some really nice gifts. After the gift exchange, Terry set up his slide show presentation on his recent trip to Australia where he went scuba diving and saw a total solar eclipse. Terry always has interesting pictures and stories about his travels around the world. Thanks again to everyone for coming and bringing something. Special thanks to Gail and Stan for having the party at their house, and also to April and Lois for all their work in making for a wonderful day.

Photos by Terry Eggleston and Stan Sollid

















Kurtis Buick Special

From www.rmauctions.com

Frank Kurtis was an extremely talented fabricator and metal shaper who honed his skills at the Don Lee Coachworks. He also worked in Howard "Dutch" Darrin's Hollywood Shop and was personally invited by Harley Earl to work in the latter's Art and Color Studio at General Motors. Kurtis was to post war American racing what Harry Miller was to the Board Track Era only on a more prolific scale. Building race cars was akin to a cottage industry that Frank turned into a production line. There is scarcely a form of specialty automobile built postwar thru the early 1960's in which Frank wasn't involved.

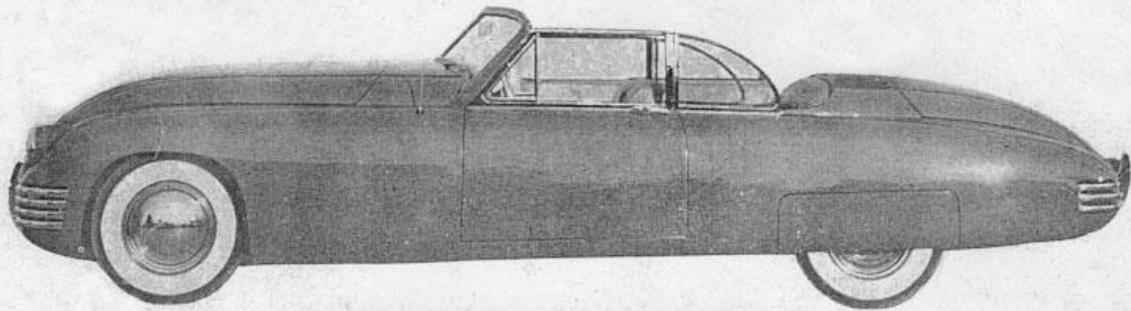
Starting life as a 1941 Buick Century, Frank purchased this example which had been wrecked as a nearly new car with 500 miles on the odometer. He discarded the complete Buick body and kept only the chassis. The inner body structure was formed from steel tubing welded to the frame and the body itself is hand formed aluminum panels that were attached to the steel structure. The cowl and windshield frame is a custom aluminum casting and it is important to note that with the exception of items like instruments, latches, window regulators, and lights etc., the entire body, instrument panel, hood, doors, deck lid, floor and inner structure is completely hand fabricated and unique to this one of a kind car.

Frank designed and built this car for himself and it became his personal driver. Even though it was not completed until 1948 because of WWII, the initial slab-sided envelope body shape that was conceived in 1941 was very advanced and foretold of postwar styling. Frank drove the car regularly including a trip to Indianapolis in 1948 and he kept the car until 1949 when Earl "Madman" Muntz purchased it after seeing an ad in Motor Trend magazine offering it for sale.

This unique example was a singular craftsman's vision and design and was not the result of a well-funded and staffed professional styling studio which is even more amazing when one learns that Frank had no formal engineering or design training.

Editor's Note: This car went up for auction on September 3, 2011 at RM Auctions. It expected a winning bid of \$240,000 to \$280,000, but the reserve was not met and the car did not sell at that time.





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Highway Patrol (1955-1959)

From www.imdb.com

Although not given specific screen credit, the California Highway Patrol was pleased to give technical advice on the production, even as far as providing all the patrol vehicles used in the series, and uniforms, too (modified to remove all references to California).

The 1955 Buick Century two-door sedan models used by the Highway Patrol were not made available for sale to the general public.

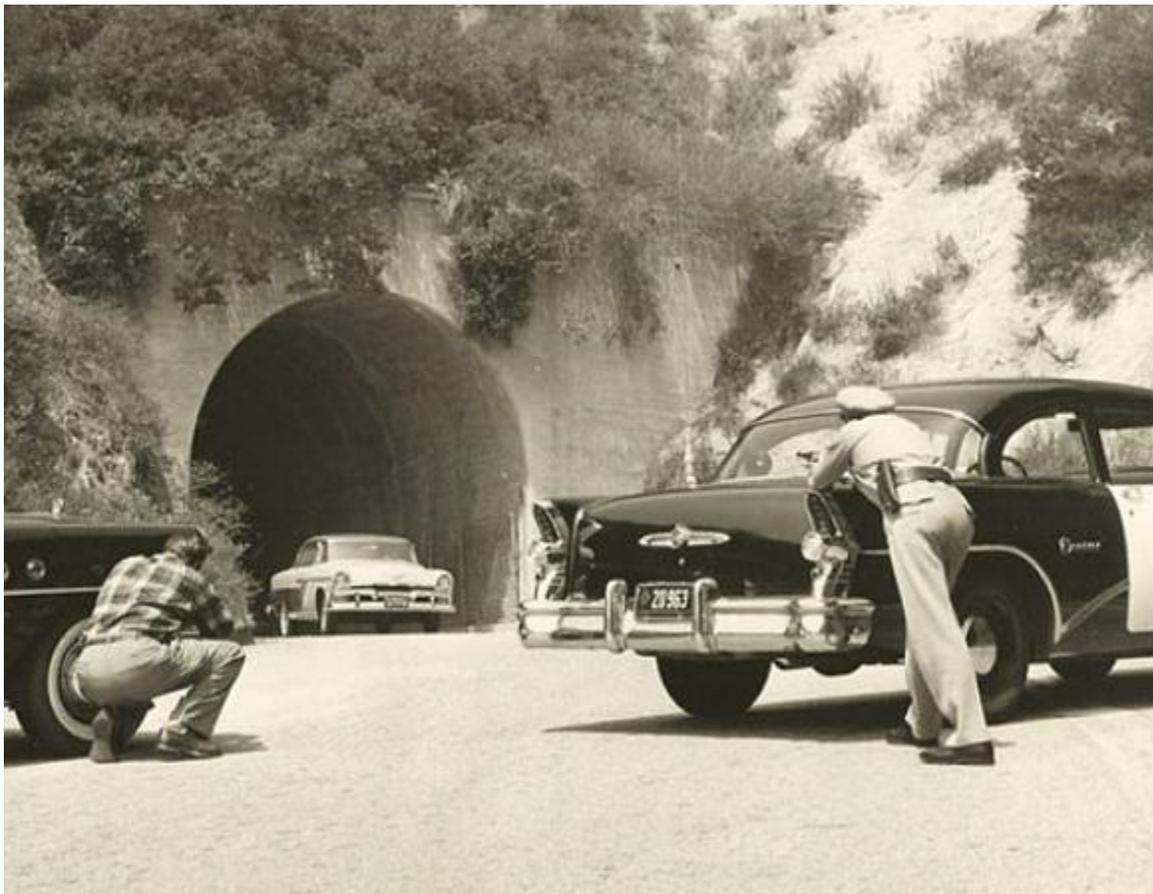
The California Highway Patrol strongly supported the program in its first two seasons, and the production company was able to rent actual CHP squad cars. Generic "Highway Patrol" logos were placed over the real CHP emblems and studio license plates were taped over the genuine "E" (exempt) plates. The 1955 Buick Century two-door sedans seen were built especially for the CHP and were never offered for sale to the public. Two-door sedans were adequate because the real CHP rarely arrested anyone at that time, being involved more with accident investigations, enforcement and auto thefts. Major police powers were not invested in the CHP until 1964. The show's uniforms were copies of the khakis worn by the CHP including the state seal and the slogan "Eureka", except that the word "California" was removed. Authenticity was a major goal, and Dan Matthews' call sign - 21-50 - was the actual unit number of then-CHP Commissioner Bernard Caldwell. In mid-1956 the CHP dropped its support of the program over differences in story lines and presentation, and refused to supply any more squad cars. The producers quickly acquired an incorrect Buick Super four-door hardtop to complete that season. Accurate squad replicas were ordered for the 1957 season, but the 1958-season cars differed from reality. The trailer hitches seen on the squad cars were for towing the film company's equipment trailers to shooting locations. Brand names of suspect vehicles were never scripted; they were always described as "a green coupe", "a tan station wagon" or "a dark-blue sedan". Broderick Crawford played himself on an early CHiPs episode, being pulled over for running a stop sign and explaining to Officer John Baker "You know, I was making those Highway Patrol shows long before you were born". (Baker responded with, "Yeah, they don't make TV programs like that anymore.")

The series' opening credits originally expressed appreciation to Bernard R. Caldwell (the head of the California Highway Patrol during the mid-1950s) for technical advice and assistance, much of which was provided on-site by CHP Officer Frank Runyon. After the

initial seasons, Mr. Runyon continued to serve as a technical advisor but the CHP reduced its official support for the program. The opening expression of gratitude thus became more "generic". It read: "This program is dedicated to the Highway Patrols throughout the nation and their contribution to the safeguarding of public welfare. We are deeply grateful for the technical advice and assistance which made the authentic production of this program possible."

The production company (ZIV Television Programs, Inc.) made a determined effort to avoid any perception that children or minors were being exploited. The official ZIV writer's guide for "Highway Patrol" specifically stated that juvenile delinquents were forbidden and that it had to be obvious that any delinquent was an adult. The guide also stated that the show did not do kidnapping stories unless the person kidnapped was obviously an adult.

At the end of the show each week, Broderick Crawford would make a safety announcement. One of his famous ones was "Leave your blood at the Red Cross, not on the highway". He always ended by saying "This is Broderick Crawford saying see you next week".









Dogs and their Buicks











Old Gas Stations

Thanks to Terry Eggleston and David Yoast for submitting these photos.













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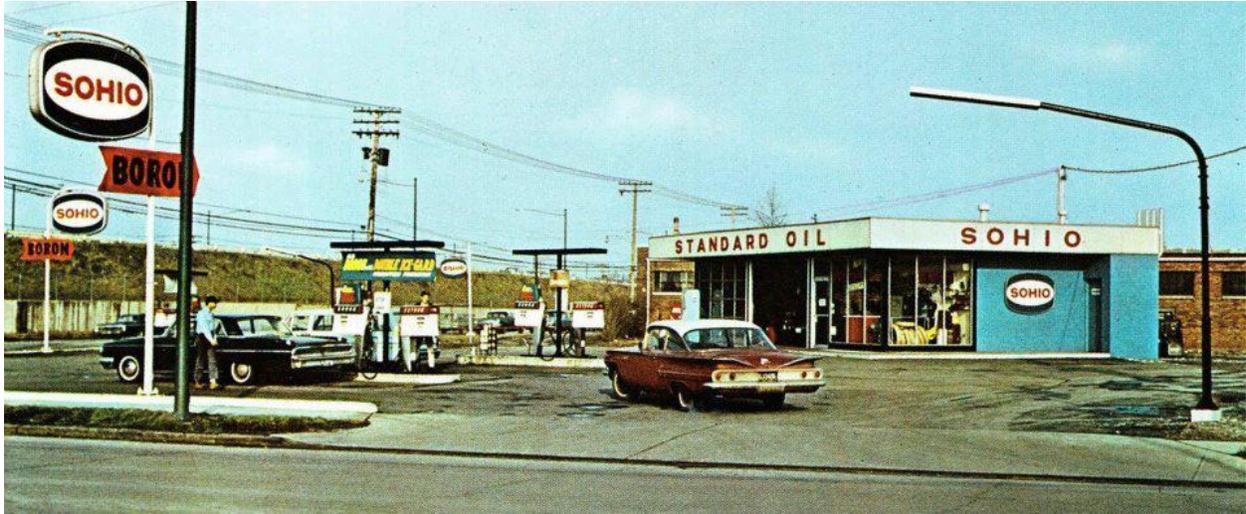
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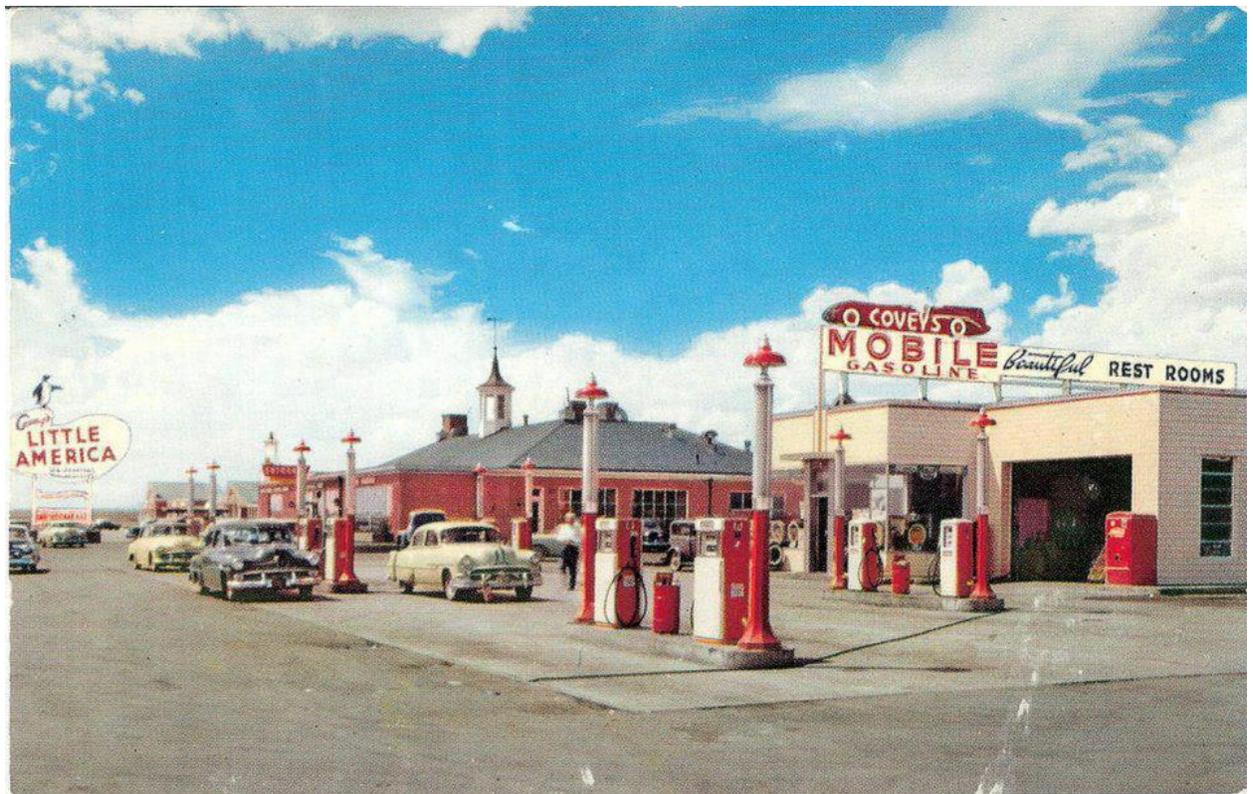








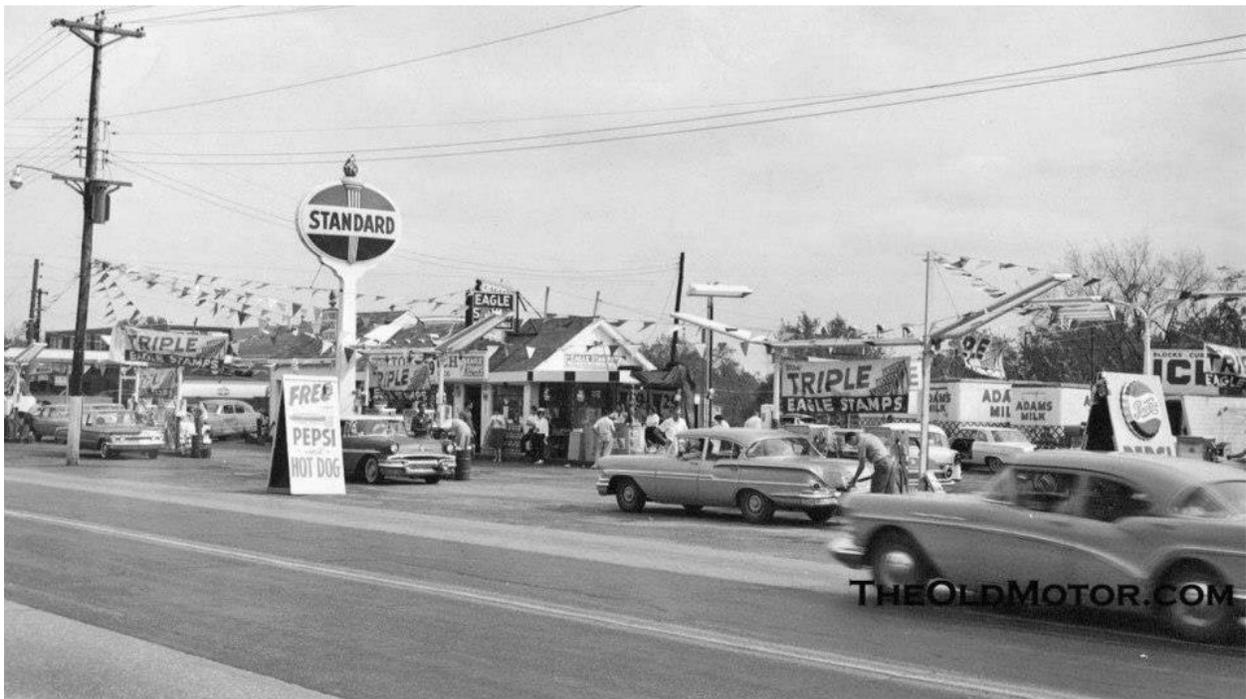














California Legacy License Plate Program

Thanks to Rick Hansen and Mac Steiger for submitting this info.

Legislation introduced the California Legacy License Plate program offering vehicle owners the opportunity to purchase replicas of California license plates similar to those issued in the 1950's, 1960's, and 1970's. The program requires a minimum of 7,500 pre-paid applications prior to January 1, 2015.

Legacy License plates can be ordered for any year model automobile, commercial vehicle, motorcycle, or trailer. The Legacy License Plate Program will not replace the current Year of Manufacture (YOM) license plate program.

The DMV is accepting pre-orders until January 1, 2015.

For more info, including the order form, go to:

<http://www.dmv.ca.gov/legacyplates/index.htm>



Membership Profile ~ none

We have no member profile this month. We still have a few members that we haven't had the opportunity to profile yet. If you are on this short list, please consider letting us feature you and your car in this section. It is a great way to let members get to know you a little better.





Buick Club of the Redwoods, a Chapter of the *Buick Club of America*, would like to extend an invitation to you to attend our next monthly meeting. We are a group of Buick owners and lovers, interested in the preservation and enjoyment of Buicks through the ages.

Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 PM.

We meet in one of the private rooms at Round Table Pizza located in the Safeway Shopping Center, 1791 Marlow Road, Santa Rosa, CA. (Corner of Marlow and Guerneville Roads).

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Please make your \$15.00 membership check payable to: Buick Club of the Redwoods.
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Classifieds

For Sale: We have a limited number of Buick Club of the Redwoods t-shirts and sweatshirts available for sale. They are white with a full size club logo on the front. T-shirts are \$15 and sweatshirts are \$25. Shop early for best selection.

For Sale: 1933 LaSalle 345C Town Coupe.

Beautiful rare classic matching numbers car. V8. All around good condition. Two tone navy & black paint, good headliner, original upholstery, chrome, & wood trim dash. Tires like new. Spoke wheels, sidemounts. Built-in trunk, luggage rack. Extra parts. Driven weekly. Offered at \$48,500.

Ed Petersen, San Rafael. (415) 450-8196, e-mail: edncyn@att.net for additional photos or information.



If anyone has anything to put in the classifieds, please email the info to buickclubredwoods@hotmail.com



"If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went."

< Will Rogers >