

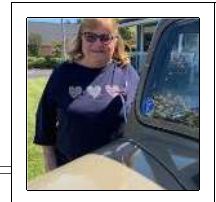


REDWOOD REVIEW

Regional Group #27
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From The President:



Hello Members,

As we enter March, we look back over the past 3 years and can reflect on how far we have come. It has been so fun to see our members coming back to the meetings and getting involved with the club. Our meeting in February proved to me that we can have a lot of fun and that our club members still have the desire to have a good time. The mistake I made buying mens valentine socks for the ladies luncheon turned out to be a huge success when I put up the challenge to get their other half to wear them to the meeting. I am sure there is a picture of the guys that wore the holiday socks in this issue. When was the last time you got your husband to wear holiday socks? Never!!

Patty and Charlene have put together an amazing calendar of events for us this month. Be sure to mark your calendar so you won't miss the fun.

The tour to the Black Hawk Museum was amazing. I had no idea how cool the museum was going to be. The car display was incredible along with the other 3 museums for us to tour. Except for the crazy map getting us to the museum everything was perfect. Everyone was a great sport as we drove around the facility several times trying to find the entrance. My Dave was not so happy leading 14 cars around the parking lot with a map that was not very good.

It was great to have one of our new members Nick Coy from Napa and his daughter Audry join us on the tour. It's so fun to see younger members getting involved and driving the old Fords. We were so pleased to see Wilma and Lydia from Golden Gate Regional Group joining us. Wilma has been a member of our regional group for many years and it's always a joy to see her.

We are looking forward to the special St. Patrick's Day, Corned Beef and Cabbage Potluck. It's planned for Saturday the 18th. Hope to see you there. ☺

Let's try to have a fabulous month, staying well and feeling good.

Our Meeting this month will be on the 14th and I hope to see you all there.

Carol



REG #27 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2023

For more information: Charlene 707-539-2867 or Patty 707-992-0730, jrgplg@aol.com
*If you have any further information on events that should be in this calendar or find anything incorrect,
 please contact one of us. We can always use your help.*

MARCH

- 7 RERG #27 Board Meeting via Zoom
- 14 RERG #27 Monthly Meeting - Round Table Pizza, 2065 Occidental Rd., Santa Rosa, 7 pm
- 18 RERG #27 Celebrate St. Pat's Day weekend with a corned beef & cabbage Potluck @ the Pallo's Please RSVP Charlene 707-539-2867 or Patty 707-992-0730, jrgplg@aol.com
- 20 RERG #27 "Ford Chicks" Lunch 11:30 am, Graton Rancheria Casino Food Court, meet by Starbucks. Contact Donna Fredrick, donna.fredrick@att.net or 707-588-9987 or Carol Rasmussen, V8accessories@gmail.com or 707-246-4158 to RSVP

APRIL

- 4 RERG #27 Food Collection Drive to Redwood Food Bank and Weekday picnic sponsored by Sterling Cousins and Juanita Cooper. More info in article in newsletter.
- 11 RERG #27 Monthly Meeting@ Round Table Pizza 2065 Occidental Rd. Santa Rosa, 7 pm
Free Pizza Night!!!
- 17 RERG #27 "Ford Chicks" Lunch 11:30 am, location TBA
- 21-30 Hot Cars & Kool Nites, Redding, CA – <https://koolaprilnites.com>
- 22 Sacramento Classic Car and Swap Meet Yolo County Fairgrounds, 1250 Gum St, Woodland
- 28-30 50th Annual Black Bart Tour – Contact Debbie Sanders for more information, sandersdebbie7@gmail.com Charlene or Patty can email you a registration form.
- 28-30 Sacramento Autorama @ Cal-Expo Race Track, 1600 Exposition Blvd., Sacramento

MAY

- 2 RERG #27 Board Meeting via Zoom, 7 pm
- 7 Spring Turlock Swap Meet – 6 am until 2 pm., info. 209-201-8491, registration@springturlock.com
- 9 RERG #27 Monthly Meeting@ Round Table Pizza 2065 Occidental Rd. Santa Rosa, 7 pm
- 15 RERG #27 "Ford Chicks" Lunch 11:30 am, location TBA
- 19-21 American Graffiti – Petaluma, <http://www.americangraffiti.net> , 707-762-3394
- 21 RERG # 27 SWAP MEET – Petaluma Fairgrounds, contact Dave Peterson, 707- 527-9183
- 25-28 RERG #27 Burney Tour and Overnighter, contact Tom Johnston, 707-255-1230

CARS AND COFFEE SUNDAYS

- 1st - Novato - Vintage Oaks Shopping Center, 132 Vintage Way near Starbucks, 6:30 -10 am
- Santa Rosa - Montecito Shopping Center, 560 Montecito Rd., 8 - 10 am
- 2nd - Santa Rosa – 358 Coddington Center near Starbucks, 8 - 10 am
- Napa - Premium Outlet Mall, 629 Factory Stores Dr., 8 - 10 am
- 3rd - Petaluma – 389 S. McDowell near Peet's Coffee, 9 - 11 am
- 4th - Penngrove - 10070 Main St., 9 am
- Last - Rohnert Park – 459 Rohnert Park Expressway, Starbucks near Target, 8 -10 am

WEEKLY CRUISE-IN

- Fridays - Santa Rosa - Machado's Burgers, 406 Larkfield Center, 4 - 7 pm

Minutes of General Meeting: February 2023



Tuesday February 14, 2023

The Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by our President Carol Rasmussen.

The Minutes of Meeting: The minutes from January were approved as written.

Members in attendance tonight: 53

Treasurer's Report: Denise Burns gave everyone our monthly treasurers report, we are in good standing. We also sent a check from the scholarship fund to the Santa Rosa Junior College in the amount for \$ 1,500, that leaves a balance of \$ 1,078.

New Members and Guests: No one new tonight.

Birthdays: The club sang happy birthday to the February birthday members, Denise & Donna, Denise won the prize tonight, and collected \$ 10:00.

Business: Frank Wheeler will make a V-8 clock like the one seen at the Christmas Brunch for anyone that would like one for a \$100. Donation to the Food Bank, plus \$15. for the price of the clock, give him a call if you are interested.

Tours and Events: Presidents Day tour to Blackhawk Feb 18, meet in Napa at the Chevron on Imola Ave at 8:00. Guided tour at 10:30, lunch nearby at 11:30. Then four more museums to tour after lunch. Please bring cash. Ford Chicks lunch, February 21st at Red Lobster in Rohnert Park, 11:30. St. Patrick's Corn Beef Potluck at the Pallo's March 18. Meet at the Target in Rohnert Park at 10:30, or drive directly to the Pallo's at 11:30. A sign up she was passed around for dishes to bring for the potluck, the club is supplying the corned beef. Black Bart is in April, filling up fast. The day tour on April 4 will be a food drive for the Redwood Empire Food Bank, with a picnic afterwards, Sterling will have more info to come.

20th Burney Tour in May – Tom Johnston has the information and a sign up sheet, Charlene and Patty are taking care of the banquet. Carol will be setting up the Drive your Ford Day tour in June.

Alaska Cruise in July – Julie McClain. Tom Johnston is setting up a tour to Pismo Beach in September, more info to come. See the full list here in the Newsletter.

Sunshine Lady: No new reports tonight.

Hard Luck: None reported.

Tech tips: None reported.

Cars and Parts for Sale: Frank Wheeler has information on a 41 Ford Woodie that will be coming for sale soon.

Club Cars Driven to the Meeting: There were three club cars driven tonight, the Trabucco's were the winners.

Membership Attendance Drawing: Tom Johnston was tonight's winner and collected \$ 30.00.

Carol's Carload of Fun: Carol had a fun coffee cup game for everyone tonight, Plus there were Eleven men who wore there Valentine's socks and received a box of Valentine candy, and there wives got a new pair of Valentine sox.

Also, Frank and Phyliss brought Chocolate chip Cookies for everyone.

Scholarship Raffle: There were Nine winners tonight and the club collected \$ 80:00 for the scholarship fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

Minutes submitted by: Steve McClain.

REDWOOD EMPIRE FOOD BANK

HELP SPREAD GOODWILL THIS SPRING BY DONATING PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY (NO GLASS JARS), AND OTHER NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO THE REDWOOD EMPIRE FOOD BANK.

FILL A BAG!

**Your Redwood Empire Early Ford V8 Club
is doing a food drive on April 4, 2023.**

Most needed items

Peanut Butter and Jelly

Canned tuna

Rice/Pasta

Oats

Dry Beans

Cereal

Canned vegetables



We will be collecting food items and cash donations until March 3. You can bring your donations to the April club meeting or contact Sterling at 707 480-1095 and he will gladly pick up.

On April 4, 2023 the V8 Club will again do a food drive to benefit our local food bank. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Youth Community Park at 1701 Fulton Road, directly across the street from Piner High School. We will caravan to the food bank to drop off our donations, then back to the park for a running board lunch and some great camaraderie. Let's all help to support our community.



RERG #27 St. Patrick's Day Lunch



**Saturday, March 18, at Dan & Wendy Pallo's
2161 Fallon Road, Petaluma**

If you haven't yet signed up for this fun event, there is still time. RERG #27 will sponsor a luncheon at noon, arrive at 11:30a.m. The club will provide the corned beef and cabbage and we ask that you supply the sides, salad and dessert. The club will also provide coffee, tea, and bottled water. Feel free to bring any other drink if you want something different. Dave & Charlene Trabucco will meet those who want to caravan over to the Pallo's in front of Target on Rohnert Park Expressway. They will pull out of the parking lot at 11a.m. to arrive at 11:30a.m. Please RSVP to Patty at jrgplg@aol.com or call her at 707-992-0730 or call Charlene at 707-539-2867 by March 12.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mar 02	Steve Wright
Mar 05	Dona Godwin
Mar 07	Jane Castle
Mar 07	Ed Peterson
Mar 08	Michael Knips
Mar 13	Dan Pallo
Mar 13	Cindy Vining
Mar 20	Leon Bernal
Mar 20	Bill Burns
Mar 20	Danny Dortch
Mar 22	Zandra Aguilar
Mar 24	Louis Cantarutti
Mar 29	Brian Clary
Mar 29	John Girman
Mar 29	Wilma Lenz
Mar 30	Chuck Paul
Mar 30	John Thompson
Mar 31	Jeanne Abate



SUNSHINE LADY REPORT

We are sad to learn that Jim Spero has passed away. He was a long-time member off the Early Ford V-8 Club and attended many functions over the years. We will miss him.

Cards of sympathy may be sent to his wife Rhoda and his family at his home at 5160 Canterbury Court, Kelseyville, CA 95451.

On a brighter note, Jim Luce is recovering from hip replacement surgery with the care and love of his wife Janice at his home in Napa. I'm sure a call or card would cheer him up. His address is 1025 Larkin Way, Napa, CA 94558. His phone number is 707-927-3036.

Jim, we are looking forward to your happy smile and personality at our functions soon.

Pam Johnston



CORNER

Ford V8 Chick's' Luncheon February 21st. 2023
Red Lobster, Rohnert Park



Amazingly Easy Irish Soda Bread ☑

Ingredients:

- 4 Cups all-purpose Flour
- 1/2 Cup Butter
- 4 Tablespoons white Sugar
- 1 Teaspoon Baking Soda
- 1 Tablespoon Baking Powder
- 1/2 Teaspoon Salt
- 1 Cup buttermilk
- 1 Egg

■ For top of bread before baking

- 1/4 Cup Butter (melted)
- 1/4 Cup Buttermilk

■ Directions:

Directions:

■ Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Lightly grease a large baking sheet.

■ Mix flour, softened butter, sugar, baking soda, baking powder and salt together

■ in a large bowl, Stir in 1 cup buttermilk and egg. Turn dough out onto a lightly

■ floured surface and knead slightly. Form dough into a round and place on a prepared

■ baking sheet.

■ Combine melted butter with 1/4 cup buttermilk in a small bowl, brush the loaf with mixture.

■ Use a sharp knife to cut an "X" into the top of the loaf.

■ Bake in a preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the center of the loaf comes clean.

■ 45 to 50 minutes. Check for doneness after 30 minutes. You can continue to brush the

■ loaf with the butter mixture while it bakes.

■ or.....

Beer Bread

Ingredients:

- 3 Cups Self rising Flour
- 1 Can warm Beer
- 2 Tablespoons Sugar
- 1/2 Teaspoon Salt

■ Pour Beer in Bowl, add dry ingredients and mix.

■ Pour in Greased Loaf Pan. (Double recipe for 2 Loaves)

■ Bake 350 Degrees for 1 Hour

The Latest Addition to the Cantarutti Car Family (Our apologies to Henry!)

My love for cars, Fords in particular, began at a very young age when my father let me drive his 1946 Ford Club Coupe around our rural property. At that very moment, I made it my goal to work doing odd jobs for neighbors, family friends, or whoever would hire me so I could one day buy my own car. One of my jobs was working for a neighboring hay ranch owner baling hay. Occasionally, the ranch owner would go down to the neighborhood tavern and imbibe a little too much. Realizing he may not be capable of driving himself back home, he would ask me to come and check on him at the tavern periodically in case he needed a chauffeur. Although I wasn't old enough to have a driver's license, I'm sure I was much safer behind the wheel than he would have been. After working for him and many others, with the hard-earned money I had saved, I bought my first Ford in 1955 before I even had a driver's license. It was a Model A Ford pickup. My next vehicle purchase was a 1934 Ford Coupe in 1956, followed by another 1934 Ford Coupe and a 1946 Ford Coupe. All of the cars I could afford to buy were unrestored and in need of repairs, so Auto Shop was my favorite class in high school.

By the time I graduated from high school, the many hours I had spent working to earn enough to buy a new quality car paid off. I proudly walked into a Ford dealer and bought a brand new 1959 Ford Galaxy with cash. Sharon and I went on our first date in December 1961 in that car. Once we were married in February 1963 and began raising our two sons, we didn't have the time or money to invest in classic cars. Our goal was to secure our financial future by investing in commercial property whenever we had extra money. It wasn't until 1993 that Sharon and I purchased our first restored early Ford, a 1934 Ford Deluxe 3-Window Coupe. I had mentioned to Kenny Dyche, our fellow club member, that I was looking for one and Kenny happened to see one at the Pleasanton Good Guys gathering that year. He immediately called us and we committed to buy it. Once we owned the 34, Kenny suggested we join the Early Ford V8 Club, which we did in 1993. Since then, as you may have seen in the club roster, we have acquired two more Fords, a 1936 Ford Cabriolet and a 1937 Ford Deluxe Tudor Sedan.

When I was asked to contribute an article about one of my cars for this newsletter, I decided that since most of our club members have seen or know of our Fords, I would write about my latest purchase even though it is not a Ford.

When I was young I admired the looks of the big Buicks, so when I heard there was a 1950 Buick Super Convertible for sale that appeared to be in good condition I couldn't resist. The Buick was being sold by a classic car dealer in Rhode Island, and from the pictures of all areas of the car including the undercarriage, it appeared to be in excellent condition. Not having the time to fly to Rhode Island to inspect the car, I came up with a plan. I looked in our Early Ford V8 Club National Roster, and found a member who lived within a 10-minute drive from the dealer. The Ford Club member owned numerous cars, and seemed to be the perfect person to ask for an opinion. I called him to ask if I could pay him for his time to go to inspect the car for me. He said he would gladly do that for me. The next day he called me with a report that he had the car up on a hoist and it appeared to be in excellent condition with no rust. I decided to buy it.

As some of you are aware, Sharon and I spend part of the year in Montana. One of our friends there who is a classic car enthusiast suggested we join the local Bozeman Antique Auto Club. Its members are from all walks of life, and they drive all makes and models of antique cars. There is a very interesting assortment, some cars worth next to nothing, and others that are beautifully restored, with the most expensive being two original Cobras owned by one of the members. The 50 Buick will be a great car to take on tours with the Montana club, so we had the car transported to us in Montana in March of last year. One of our Montana car club members wrote this about our Buick in the club's April 2022 Newsletter:

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**Cantarutti Car Family
(continued)**

“We didn’t welcome any new members at the meeting, but we did welcome a new (old) car. The Cantaruttis bought a 1950 Buick convertible. It is a Super model with a black exterior and a bright red interior with a tan top, Sharp! The Super has power windows and an automatic transmission with only late 30s on the odometer. Louis says it is an older restoration with absolutely no rust, just what he wanted as a fun tour cruiser. In 1950 Buick offered three series, the Special, the Super and the Roadmaster. The Super models were the volume sellers with the 263 cubic inch overhead valve straight 8 engine developing 130 BHP. There were 12,259 Super convertibles produced that year. I personally liked those Buicks as it was the only year of the “waterfall-toothy” grille that flowed down and became part of the front bumper. No light weight either, tipping the scales at 3965 pounds. Now like a lot of us, Louis says something has to go. You see he is really a Ford man with a ‘34, ‘36’ and that extremely nice modified ‘37 street rod. He says it will probably be the ‘37 slant back to make room for the Super. All I can say to this Ford guy is: “When Better Cars Are Built, Buick Will Build Them!”

This past summer I had the time to begin inspecting the Buick in depth, and so far, have only found minor issues with it. We’re looking forward to going on some fun tours with the Montana club this year.

In closing, Sharon and I want you to know how much we have enjoyed belonging to the Santa Rosa club. Our Ford Club is truly a family affair, and we look forward to many more years of being members.

Louie & Sharon Cantarutti



2023 Grand National Roadster Show

Well, Dave and Lloyd and I made our usual trip south to Pomona for the Grand National Roadster show in January, however, this year we changed it up a little. Instead of leaving really early on Saturday and getting to the show about 2:00 and spending a few hours checking out all the outdoor cars, then going back Sunday when it is a lot less crowded and we can really check out all the indoor cars, we just drove to the hotel on Friday, and spent all day at the show on Saturday. It was really packed with both people and cars on Saturday, but I think we all managed to see everything we wanted to see, then we headed home on Sunday. A little different, but a nice change. Not sure yet what we will do next year, but we have 11 months to figure it out. Here are a few pictures of some of my favorites.

Steve McClain



BLACK HAWK MUSEUM TOUR

It was a beautiful and crisp morning and we headed off to meet Dave and Charlene Trabucco along with a few other club members at the Vallero station on highway 12, Then it was off to Napa to meet up with Carol and Dave and the rest of the group. We all drove together over to the Black Hawk Museum in Danville. After driving around the parking Plaza area several times, we finally found the entrance to the museum. Our tour guide wanted us to park all the old cars in the courtyard of the museum. Once all the cars were parked we lined up for pictures and received armbands. We all entered the museum and purchased our tickets. We entered the beautiful car museum with an amazing display of beautiful and rare exoctic cars. My favorite was the silver 1957 Mercedes 300SL Roadster. Many of the cars were worth millions. The lights in the museum just sparkled and lit up all the beautiful cars. After the Docent finished with the tour we all walked down the outdoor Plaza with really cool waterfalls to have lunch at Fat Maddie's Restaurant. We had a private room where we enjoyed our lunch and visiting with club members. We were happy to see Wilma Lenz and her friend Lydia from Golden Gate Regional Group joining us for the tour.

After lunch we headed back to the museum to tour the other museums offered. The top floor had a really cool and interesting exhibit called the "Art of Africa" showing the history of African American lives with very realistic statues. The large museum also included another exhibit called the "Spirit of the Old West" with the amazing history of horses, cowboys and the history of families traveling across our country. The next display was called "Into China" with a look at the history of Chinese Art. The last part of the museum was called "the World of Nature". This display was the coolest exhibit of very realistic animals that I had ever seen. All of the animals seemed very alive and thriving in nature. They had a giant Rhinoceros that charged towards the guests giving us all a good scare. We all gathered together and said our goodbyes and drove home. It was a great day with nice weather and good friends. Many thanks to everyone who put this tour together.

Bill Crackbon



Redwood Empire Regional Group #27

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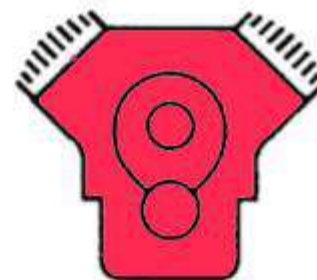
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My V8 by (club member)

We would like to feature your car in the Club Newsletter so would encourage you to write a short story about the car so we can share in the enjoyment of your V8.

You may include pictures, history of car, outstanding features of the vehicle and what you've been doing on it lately, and any other facts of interest to other club members .

You can also tell us about the work you have done on your car and the glitches you have overcome to fix these problems.

We are hoping to make this a regular feature in our newsletter so we do need input from our members.

For more information, please contact Juanita at 707 293 3945 (text) or email buffet55@comcast.net.

Articles for the V8 Club Newsletter are due by the third weekend of the month and in the WORD format. Thank you, this will be a great help in putting the Newsletter together and getting it out on time. Irlene's email:

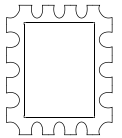
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REDWOOD EMPIRE RG # 27 IN SONOMA, MARIN & NAPA COUNTIES MARCH 2023
Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7 PM at Round Table Pizza- Exit Hwy 12 & Stony Point Road to 2065 Occidental Road, Santa Rosa. All interested V8-ers are invited to attend! This newsletter is a monthly publication of Redwood Empire RG # 27 of the Early Ford V8 Club of America. Other Regional Groups may reprint material, provided proper credit is given.

Irlene Duncan, Editor

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