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From The President:

Happy July everyone!



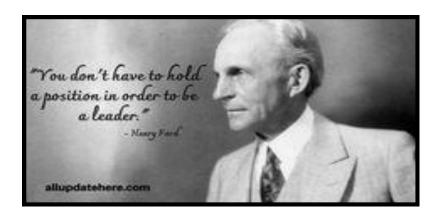
If I am doing my calculations correctly, it would seem we are halfway through the year already. I just don't know where the days go! I have way too many projects going on for the amount of time I have to work on them, so that means I am always doing something somewhere. I assume most of you are the same. I believe that makes the days fly by as I am busy doing many things, but I don't seem to actually complete any one thing. Luckily all the projects are very polite and they just wait patiently for me.

Loretta & Gene hosted a lunch social at their house recently. This was the second year and like last year, I know everyone had a great time. There is always a lot of "behind-the-scenes" work that goes into hosting an event and we all appreciate the hard work. I have to say that our club does this very well every time. It's something we should all be proud of. Thank you to Loretta and Gene for the hospitality, and to everyone else that helped with food, the setup, the cleanup and all the prep. I believe these types of events are definitely a club favorite, and hopefully we can have more of these throughout the years.

Recently I went to visit a friend in Sonoma. It had been a while since I did a shop/garage visit and I realized that I have been missing this and I really need to do this more often. We had a great visit, just chatting about cars, friends and life. I tend to get caught up with my day-to-day stuff, and I stay in my comfort zone around the house. I believe I am not alone in this. My goal is to make a change and do more shop/garage/friend visits. The internet has made it easy to stay in touch via email, Facebook, Instagram and other impersonal ways, which has its place, but it shouldn't replace the actual face to face visits we all used to do. My homework for all of you is to go visit friends (or invite them over), that you haven't seen in a while. I guarantee it will feel good for all involved.

As always, get your Early Fords out and take a ride.

Enjoy the ride, Mike



REDWOOD REVIEW MONTHLY MINUTES

Minutes of General meeting: Date 6-11-2024

The Minutes of Meeting: The minutes 0f last month's meeting were approved with no corrections.

Members in Attendance Tonight: 33

Treasurer's report: Denise gave our monthly report and we are in very good standing.

New Members and Guests: None

Birthdays: John Berizzi, Cheryl Porter, Juanita Cooper, and Bill Baxter. John won the birthday prize.

Business: Dave Peterson reported on the swap meet and discussed just how much effort goes into putting it on. Mike spoke about the swap meet and the finances involved. He mentioned the expenses of the meet and the Club's aging membership. Since the Club is financially solvent, it was brought up that maybe it is time for us to discontinue this fundraiser and turn it over to another organization. He stated that this August the Club will vote on whether to continue with the meet. School scholarships were also discussed.

Tours and Events: A "thank you" went out to Pam and Tom for the Burney Trip

.June 16 Father's Day Car Show, Julliard Park in Santa Rosa

June 17 Ford Chick's Lunch at Kaffe Mocha, 397 Airport Blvd. NW corner of Airport Blvd and Hwy 101.

July 15 Chick's Lunch at 11:30, Mary's Pizza, 535 Summerfield Rd., Santa Rosa. Contact Julie McClain or Tamagno.

July 26, 27 & 28 Fortuna AtuoXpo Fortuna, CA.

August 31 Musco Warehouse, Santa Rosa. More information later.

Sunshine Lady: None

Hard Luck: None

Tech Tips: None

Cars and Parts For Sale: None

Club Cars Driven to the Meeting: 8. Bill Burns was the winner.

Membership Attendance Drawing: Juanita Cooper won

Carol's Carload of Fun: N/A

Scholarship Raffle: The Club collected \$150.00 ad there were 10 winners.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Juanita Cooper



RERG #27 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JULY

For more information: Charlene 707-539-2867 or Patty 707-992-0730, jrgplg@aol.com

- 6 3rd Annual All American Car Show, 9 am 2 pm, Santa Rosa Veterans Bldg., 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, sponsored by Vietnam Veterans and Am Vets of Sonoma County
- 9 RERG #27 Monthly Meeting@ Round Table Pizza 2065 Occidental Rd. Santa Rosa, 7 pm
- 13 VFW Post 3919 6th Annual Car Show, 10 am 2 pm, 282 High Street, Sebastopol
- RERG #27 "Ford Chicks" Lunch 11:30 am, Mary's Pizza Shack, 535 Summerfield Rd., Santa Rosa. RSVP to Bev at 707-480-3066 or Julie, 707-529-4169
- Devil Darlin's 35th Annual Car Show, Sonoma Veterans Memorial Hall, 126 1st West, Sonoma. Contact for more info: <u>DevilsDarlins1951@gmail.com</u>

26-28 32nd Annual Fortuna Autoxpo, Questions: 707-572-7855. For further information or to download a registration form go to www.redwoodautoxpo.com

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 Coddingtown 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

SAVE THE DATE - COMING IN AUGUST

August 31 – Tour to the Musco Collection in Santa Rosa followed by lunch at a local restaurant.



BURNEY FALLS

About 20 couples went to Burney Falls for the Memorial Day weekend. It was so much fun. We drove up Thursday night. Dave and Carol Rasmussen had a breakdown on the highway and had to get towed back home. Along day for them but they made it back the next day (troopers). Stopped for lunch and then made it to Burney for dinner.

Friday, we went on tour of the Wild Horse Sanctuary. Beautiful place with lots of wild donkeys and babies. But the horses were mostly out on their very large property. Everyone went on their own in different directions for the rest of the day. Saturday all day was spent at the car show at the Burney Falls casino where many of the group got awards and lots and lots of raffle prizes.

Saturday night banquet dinner was delicious. We ate and had a big birthday cake to celebrate. Sunday on our own for the long drive home. It was a great time. Lots of visiting with the other members. The landscape is so pretty. There was snow on the ground and in the mountains still. Weather was perfect.

Sherry Dortch























FRANK WHEELER'S WOODY

My first car was a 1929 Model A Ford sport coupe that belonged to the father of a school friend of mine. When I was fifteen years old I bought it from him for \$45.00, and brought it home and asked my dad to help me get it running. Someone had cut the back out of it so a pickup box would slide in so it could be used as an orchard truck. It looked pretty bad, so I pulled the box out and shortened the body so the box would fit properly to look like a real pickup. After I got my driver's license, I drove the "Sport Pickup" until I graduated from high school, and that's the way all of my car activity got started.

Since that time, I have always had some type of old Ford to tinker with.

About thirty years later my son and I built my first Woody. Woodwork has always been an important part of my life; working in a cabinet shop while in school, teaching Junior High wood shop, cabinet making and carpentry in my own building business, wooden toy making, and making wood parts for old cars.

The love of old Fords and woodworking came together with my first Woody; a 1930 Mode IA trickster built of oak. Since than I have built five more Ford Woodies and assembled two kits for others. These, other than the kits, have all been my own designs; "Phantoms or Customs", another Model A, a '32, a '39 standard, a '39 Deluxe and the newest one, a 1930 Model A panel truck.

I have always been interested in utility vehicles, so when a friend gave me a 30/31 cowl, I decided it was time for a Woody panel truck.

The first part of the project was to acquire all the other Model A parts to go with the cowl. Some are original parts which I restored; some are new. Of course a '32 grill as All Model A hot rods have '32 grills.

After parts were found I built the frame and chassis. The frame is made of 2"x 4" tubing, with the rear extended for Posies 34" parallel leaf springs. A Heidt's kit makes the front independent suspension with an Idit steering column coupled up to it.

Before starting any of this work, I drew a whole car to scale. But even with this, there can be questions as the work progresses. One such was "how will the rear springs react to the weight of the car"? To answer this, I came up with a high- tech method. After tacking the springs and rear end in place, I stacked 660 lbs. of concrete blocks over the rear suspension to see how the springs would react. I had to lower the spring attachment points to acquire the desired ride height. Metal work is fun but not as easy and enjoyable as woodworking.

The body is all wood except for the 18- gauge steel floor pan that is welded to the cowl, and a steel panel that is inside of the doors to mount the power window assembly and the bear jaw latches. The also gives the doors needed lateral stability. I have found the power windows are much easier to install than the hand crank type.

All of the frame wood is Maple with White Birch. To provide some interest and contrast, I used Alder Wood for the roof and interior panels. The inlaid strips on the outside are Weng an African Wood. Birds Eye Maple and strips of Sapele (African Mahogany) are combined in the dash. A friend gave me some interior Oak doors from WW11 war ships, so I used some of this wood on the inside tailgate; the aging has given it a beautiful color.

Since this is a work truck, the body is wide enough to slide a sheet of Plywood into, and I also made a support which goes into the trailer hitch to support the long boards. Who knows, I may need to get lumber to build another Woody. The people at the lumber yard go nuts when I drive in.

Some of the creature comforts and accessories in my Woody are seats from a Nissan Pathfinder which hinge back to access space underneath (the electric panel is in there), classic gauges, SPW Power Windows, Vintage Air AC, three-point seat belts and a wooden console box for my wife's sun glasses, lipstick, water bottle, etc. The outside mirrors are motorcycle mirrors on custom mounts.

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FRANK WHEELER'S WOODY (continued)

This Woody project was built in a little over two years though I didn't do much yard work during that time. Sometimes it was just hard work, but it was enjoyable to see the ideas come together. I am very pleased with the results and wherever we go there is lots of interest in the Woody. I have said this before, but this time it is for real; "this is the last car for me!" However, I am helping a friend build a complete new body for a '47 Chevy Woody.

You might ask about the "Phyllis Pie Shop". I do make lots of pies, but the pie shop is pure fiction. Everyone is crazy about it anyway. At our Friday night cruise -in, people would continually ask when we were going to bring pies, so one night I told them "Next week there will be pie". The next week when I opened the tailgate, we almost had a riot on our hands. People went nuts over the 32" diameter fake pie, and still do. Even when we don't have the big pie on board people still ask where is the big pie.

Along with everything else I make treasure (jewelry) boxes, toy trucks and trains, turned bowls, etc. all out of wood. Over the years I have sold some and given many away. Several years ago I had a large supply of products so I decided to give them away in exchange for donations to our local food bank, where there is a great need for funds. Donate \$100.00 to the Redwood Food Bank and receive one of my creations as my "gift". The pie truck has become my mobile store wherever we go. The reaction I get from people is amazing and they are very appreciative and willing to donate. One friend said she would like to donate but would not take any of the items. When she saw one of the toy trucks she wanted to take one for her grandson. Later she said, "I love the little truck and want to keep it and I can get another for my grandson." I have donated \$56,000.00 to the Redwood Empire Food Bank so far and hope to donate more as long as I can keep up with the demand.

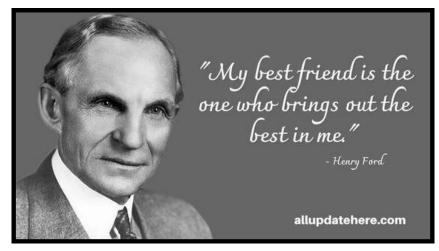
Frank Wheeler





JULY BIRTHDAYS







Summer Picnic @ the Kirkeby's



On Sunday, June 22nd about 50 members gathered for a wonderful day of friends, food and lots of fun at the Kirkeby's in Healdsburg. Loretta barbequed hamburgers and everyone brought a dish or something to share. Everything was yummy and if you left hungry, it was your own fault. We celebrated Pat Brunanchon's birthday with a delicious chocolate cake. Thank you to everyone for your help setting up, serving, and cleaning. It was great seeing all the cars, friends and even though it started to get warm toward the end of the afternoon, everyone enjoyed gathering and sharing time together. Until next time!

Linda Ortega











CORNER









Ford Chicks' lunch June 2024

On a bright and warm day in June, 14 Ford Chicks met for our monthly luncheon. Kaffe Mocha in Santa Rosa was our chosen place this month, and our private room was abloom with flowers.

Flower themed placemats, napkins, and goodie bags adorned the tables; along with mini watering tins with silk floral arrangements in them. The tables also had a few larger tins of silk flowers as door prizes.

There was an extensive menu with something for everyone; the food was quite tasty and the service excellent.

After eating our entrees, we had a dessert of lemon or cherry Cookie Cups, with there being plenty left for everyone to take home.

We played a game of name the flowers and Sherry Dortch won first prize almost before the game got started. Irlene had made some special greeting cards with flower seed packets for prizes. Door prizes were drawn and then the fun was over. I hate when that happens!

Juanita Cooper

Chex Mix Oven Recipe

INGREDIENTS

Author Carlee

- **6 Tablespoons Butter**
- 2 Tablespoons Worcestershire Sauce
- 1 ½ Teaspoons Seasoned Salt
- 1 Teaspoon Garlic Powder
- !/2 Teaspoon Onion Powder
- 3 Cups Corn Chex
- **3 Cups Rice Chex**
- # Cups Wheat Chex
- 1 Cup Peanuts
- 2 Cups Pretzels@ Cups Cheese Crackers

Instructions

Preheat oven to 250 F

Place butter in bottom of large roasting pan. Put in oven until butter is melted

Stir in Worcestershire, seasoned salt, garlic and onion powders

Stir in cereals, peanuts, pretzels and cheese crackers
Bake for an hour, stirring every fifteen minutes
Spread baked Chex Mix over wax paper and allow to cool!

















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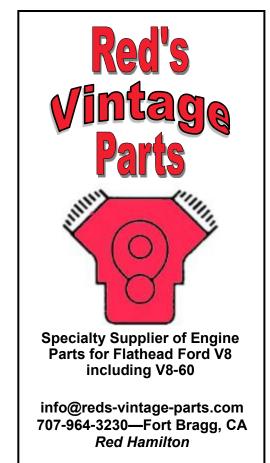
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My V8 by (club member)

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.

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