



REDWOOD REVIEW

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From The President:



Happy June everyone, we made it through May, which was a very busy month that included the Swap Meet, which was a success, but also a whole lot of work for a lot of members. I would like to give a big Thank You to everyone that helped, from Sterling and Rick and all the guys with set up and layout, all the guys with parking, clean up and everything else that a lot of people don't see that goes on ahead of time. I especially want to thank Dave Peterson for all of the work he puts in with the City and with the planning. And of course, the Swap Meet would not be the success that it is without all the work Carol puts in with the Food Court and all the ladies that make pies and come down early to work selling coffee, doughnuts, and pies etc. It is a big part of our success and we cannot thank everyone enough for all their hard work. Thanks to all the members that participated, we could not have done it without you.

Speaking of work, thanks to Tom, Patty and Charlene for their work in arraigning this year's Burney Tour. We drove to Redding and up to the Shasta Dam, which was amazing. Several members won awards at the Burney Car show and we received the club participation award again this year. And of course, we had a really nice Saturday night dinner at the Fall River Hotel. I think everyone made it up and back without and major issues. The weather was perfect this year and the new layout at the Saturday night dinner was a success in the outdoor garden. It was a great time. Now it's time for Julie and I to get ready for the Fort Bragg tour coming up this month, then the Skunk Train tour in July, then we have a break until the Miranda tour in September. All good stuff. Busy days ahead!!

Steve McClain



REDWOOD REVIEW MONTHLY MINUTES

Minutes of General Meeting: Date: May 13, 2025

The meeting was called to order 7 pm by our Co- President Mike Buegeleisen

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

Members in attendance tonight: 47

Treasurer's Report: Denise gave everyone our monthly treasurer's report. We are in good standing.

New Members and Guests: None

Birthdays: Patty Girman, Steve Ortega, Pam Johnston, Lynn Mattos & Julie McClain Pam won the prize

Business: Dave Peterson discussed the swap meet coming up May 18th. People are needed to sign up for early morning parking, asked if any members wanted spaces to sell. If you have tables please bring for food area. Carol passed out the signup sheet for food area and reminded everyone to please bring 2 homemade pies.

Tours and Events:

May 18th Swap Meet at Sonoma Marin Fairgrounds in Petaluma

May 19th Ford Chick's luncheon at Frida's Mexican Restaurant in Napa at 11:30 am. RSVP to Carol Rasmussen

May 22-25th Burney Falls tour Contact Patty Girman or Charlene Trabucco

May 31st Petaluma High School auto shop car show at school

June 16th Ford Chick's luncheon at Mary's Pizza, 535 Summerfield Road, Santa Rosa at 11:30 am RSVP to Julie McClain or Bev Tamagno

June 17th to 19th Fort Bragg tour. Contact Steve or Julie McClain

Sunshine Lady: Bill Pate from Napa passed away

Cars and Parts for Sale: None

Club Cars Driven to the Meeting: 4 old cars were driven to the meeting. Sterling Cousins won the prize.

Membership Attendance Drawing: Mike Buegeliesen won the prize

Carol's Carload of Fun: We played a game of match the rock songs to the singer or band. John Girman won the prize.

Scholarship Raffle: There were 8 winners of raffle prizes and the club collected \$115.00

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Beverly Tamagno



RERG #27 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JUNE/JULY

For more information: Charlene 707-539-2867 or text Patty 703-402-2097, jrgplg@aol.com

JUNE

- 06-07 19th Peggy Sue's Car Show 8am – Friday, Drive-in Movie; Saturday - 3pm Sonoma County Fairgrounds (cruise to follow in downtown Santa Rosa 5:30-8:30pm. Alton Ferrin, 707-486-3370 or peggysuecarshow@gmail.com. Website: www.cruiseforpeggysue.com
- 10 **RERG #27 Monthly Mtg** @ Round Table Pizza, 2065 Occidental Rd, Santa Rosa, 7 p.m.
- 15 29th Annual Father's Day Car Show, Juilliard Park, Santa Rosa, 9 am – 4 pm
- 15 2nd Annual Father's Day Car Show, Calistoga Fairgrounds 1435 North Oak St., Calistoga 707-257-3663 for more info, 10am – 4pm
- 16 **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
- 17-19 **RERG #27 Fort Bragg Tour** – [See flyer in newsletter](#)
- 22-26 Central National Ford V8 Meet - see your V-8 Times for more information

JULY

- 02 **RERG #27 Skunk Train Tour** - McClain's - See flyer in newsletter
- 05 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
- 08 **RERG #27 Monthly Mtg**@ Round Table Pizza 2065 Occidental Rd. Santa Rosa, 7 pm
- 10 **RERG #27 Lavender Bee Farm Tour** - Irlene Duncan – See flyer in newsletter
- 19 VFW Post 3919 6th Annual Car Show, 10 am – 2 pm, 282 S. High Street, Sebastopol
- 14 **RERG #27 "Ford Chicks" Lunch** 11:30 am, HopMonk Tavern, 691 Broadway, Sonoma. RSVP to Charlene Trabucco, 707-539-2867 or Jan Taurian, 707-569-1430 or jantau2@gmail.com
- 19 Devil Darlin's 35th Annual Car Show, Sonoma Veterans Memorial Hall, 126 1st West, Sonoma. Contact for more info: DevilsDarlins1951@gmail.com
- 25-27 Annual Fortuna Autoxpo, Questions: 707-572-7855. For further information or to download a registration form go to www.redwoodautoxpo.com

UPCOMING EVENTS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 19, 20, 21 Overnight Tour - Miranda - McClain's

DECEMBER 7 - Christmas Brunch - Carol Rasmussen

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
Sonoma - Devil's Darlin's, East side of Sonoma Plaza, 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 Pennngrove - 10070 Main St., 8 – 10 am

CRUISE-IN

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

Sunday - Santa Rosa - Machado's Burgers, 406 Larkfield Center, 11 am – 2 pm

2nd Sunday - Rohnert Park – Cruisin' North Car Club's Cruisin' Hooters, 6099 Redwood Drive, noon - 3 pm

2nd Sunday & 4th Sunday - Santa Rosa – Acme Burgers, 1007 W. College Avenue, 6 pm





RESCHEDULED!!!

Wednesday July 2, 2025
SKUNK TRAIN TOUR

Step back in time for a magical ride through the redwoods on the World-famous Skunk Train. We will embark on a scenic 16-mile journey to the highest point of the line to the majestic Wolf Tree. This takes about 2 hours. The train departs the Willits station at 10:30. We will have a picnic lunch at a park near the Depot about 12:45 or so. We will be meeting at Pepper's restaurant (formerly Adeles) in Healdsburg at 8:30 and leave at 8:45. The cost per person is \$74.00, but if we get 20 or more riders that price will drop by 15% to \$63.00. If you do decide to come with us, don't forget to pack a running board lunch to enjoy. There has been a sign-up sheet passed around at the meetings. If you were unable to sign up at the meetings and want to go on this tour, please contact Julie McClain – (707) 529-4169.

V8 CLUB SWAP MEET 2025

On May 15 the Club held it' 50th and possible our last annul swap meet.

It took a lot of volunteers and many man hours to make this event a success; from the set up team who prepared the grounds on Saturday, to the pie bakers and servers, the hot dog preparers, and the cleanup crew.

Thanks to all who volunteered this year as every year, with special kudos to Rick's Saturday crew who had to deal with uneven ground and unusable parking spots; the 5 a.m. Sunday crew who showed up to park cars and collect parking fees; and the ladies who worked diligently at the concessions and hot dog station.

Dave Peterson, who organizes this event and has for many years, deserves our forever gratitude for his years of hard work.

Carol and Dave Rasmussen are to be recognized for their vigilance in spending the night and keeping things under control. They are also responsible for getting the food to the event.

And a special thank you to those who transported tables, chairs, cooking supplies, trash cans, and dump trailers to the fairgrounds. And thank you to the donut couriers.

Submitted by

Sterling Cousins

Celebrating 55 Years

Patty Girman and Charlene Trabucco

On February 8th, 1970, the Redwood Empire Regional Group # 27 received their charter. On May 5th, 2025 a caravan of 15 cars headed out of Healdsburg to celebrate these 55 years with a tour and lunch. They traveled down Dry Creek Road enjoying the



solitude of the highway, the live oaks lining one side of the road and the pruned vineyards on the other side. It was a short, but pleasant trip to the Milt Brandt Visitor Center and the Don Clausen Fish Hatchery at Sonoma Lake in Geyersville. Our docent, Hailey Norman greeted us as we drove into the parking lot. (She probably also wanted to watch all the old cars cruise by.) After we all got ourselves organized Hailey took us to a conference room in the Visitor Center to watch a video explaining the history of the salmon in the area and the process of spawning them at the hatchery in the next building. This was very informative and we were introduced to facts that were new to many of us. We had an opportunity to ask questions before we headed off to the hatchery. Unfortunately, the bridge which leads directly to the hatchery, was closed for repair, so all us old folks took the long way around. And yes, for some it was a bit of a challenge. There were a couple of stopping places along the way and benches to rest. We saw salmon in the stream and got a good look at the fish ladder. After more information about the process and viewing the facility, we thanked Hailey and headed back to our cars to head out for lunch.



This time we took Dutcher Creek Road, another pleasant drive, perfect for touring with an old car, and we were on our way to Cloverdale. Here we all found ourselves in the old-world ambience of a Mexican villa at La Tequila Mexican restaurant. The weather was getting hot, but the patio stayed cool, with a light breeze making its way gently across our tables. After a leisurely lunch, we celebrated our 55 years with a specially decorated cake. It was a great day, we didn't have to drive too far and all the guys could get back in time for naps, the food was good, the weather accommodated and it's always a great day when one can spend time with such wonderful group of friends.



**Happy Anniversary
RERG #27!!**



ADDITIONAL EVENT PICTURES ARE ADDED
REGULARLY ON THE WEBSITE
"Redwood V-8" redwoodv8.net

Fort Bragg 3-day tour– June 17, 18, 19,



Please join Steve and Julie for a 3-day tour to Fort Bragg. We have made reservations at the Surf Motel in Fort Bragg for Tuesday and Wednesday nights. The phone number is (707) 964-5361. We have reserved 10 rooms. Please mention the Early Ford V8 club to book one of these rooms. (Room costs - \$119-129 per night)

Tuesday – Leave Peppers Restaurant in Healdsburg around 10:00 am. Plan on bringing a running board lunch as we will be stopping at Russian Gulch State Park for lunch. We have been there before and it is a beautiful spot. After lunch we will be doing a Garage tour at Don's Kustoms shop in Fort Bragg from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. We will be checking into the Hotel after that. They have given us an early check-in time. We have arranged to have an easy Mexican Dinner in Fort Bragg – Los Gallitos Mexican Restaurant. Very casual and laid-back ambiance.

Wednesday – Breakfast is on your own. There is a McDonald's very near the Hotel and also Denny's at the North end of town. For those who love omelets, I highly recommend Egg Head Omelets on Main Street. This is my go-to breakfast spot when I'm visiting. We will have a docent led tour at Botanical Gardens starting at 10:00 and leaving around noon. Then we will be going to Red Hamilton's house and shop for lunch and desert. We will be ordering boxed lunches for those of you who would like them. (More info to come). We have made dinner reservations at Noyo River Grill at 5:30.

Thursday – Leave Fort Bragg at 9:30 and stop in Cloverdale for lunch for those who wish to join us.



LAVENDER BEE FARM TOUR AND PETALUMA CREAMERY

JULY 10th, 2025

Cost \$20.00 per person

(money will be collected when we meet at Target)



Meet at Target in Rohnert Park and leave @ 10:30 A.M. From there we will make our way down to Petaluma. Our group will be greeted by owners Rick and JoAnn for a brief history of their farm. After that we will be free to walk around the farm, visit their store where they sell lavender bouquets, sachets and honey. We can enjoy our picnic lunch with the view of the lavender field from the gazebo!

Next stop will be at the Petaluma Creamery. We can do a little cheese tasting and a little shopping in their store. They have a nice variety of ice creams to indulge in. Yummy.

RSVP

A sign up sheet will be passed around at the June and July monthly meetings,
or email Irlene @ Chelsea970@aol.com



Burney Tour 2025

On Thursday, May 22nd, 18 cars headed for Burney on our annual tour. Cars left from Napa, Santa Rosa, Seaside, Oregon (members Lee and Patti Godfrey), and Sparks, Nevada (members Doug and Char Clem). The Napa and Santa Rosa groups stopped in Red Bluff for lunch and then on to Burney.

Friday morning most cars gathered for a trip to Lake Shasta Dam for a tour of the dam. Tom set the tour up for noon, however upon arriving at the dam, was informed that the club tour time was 10 a.m. Yet everything worked out when the next tour had room for any member who wanted to go down into the dam on the tour. There were only a few members who had not been down below previously. After the tour, groups headed back down to Redding for lunch at various spots. One group then headed back on Hwy 44 toward Lassen, for a nice tour back to Burney.

Tom and I went on an exploratory tour to see if it would be possible to have a tour to the Japanese Internment Camp at Tulelake. The answer is absolutely not a good idea. The drive was beautiful, we saw elk, deer, prong horn antelope, and great white herons. However, it's a very long drive and there are absolutely zero services. No facilities at the camp either. After checking it out, we headed about ten miles up the road to Oregon where we could get fuel for the trip back. Fuel which happened to be a dollar a gallon less than in California.

Saturday morning several cars headed over to the car show at the casino while others, headed to McCloud for the Mushroom Festival or wherever they wanted to wander. The club had several winners at the show. Best of Show was won by Danny and Sherry Dortch and their 32 Victoria. Seemed it was quite interesting trying to fit the trophy into the car. First place awards went to Steve & Julie McClain, Dave & Carol Rasmussen, and Rick & Bev Tomagno. Bill & Denise Burns took a second place. Congratulations to all.

We spent a bit of time Saturday morning at the hotel as the 56 decided it didn't want to go anywhere. Turned out a new coil did the trick. Thank you Richard DeCroff for all your work and Sterling for your telephone call with support and an offer to come get us if necessary. Later, Doug and Char Clem returned to the hotel having issues with a bushing. Napa Auto didn't have what Doug needed, so Tom Johnston and Doug headed for True Value hardware where they found a bushing that would work with some modification. The hardware store let them have access to a grinder, a very slow grinder, and Tom found a hacksaw to use. After a few modifications it worked like a charm allowing Clems to get back to Sparks where it could be properly repaired.

Saturday night's banquet returned to Fall River Mills with a new look. We were seated outdoors in the courtyard for a buffet. The weather cooperated beautifully and everyone seemed to enjoy the selections and the food, the service was excellent. After eating we all sang happy birthday to Pam on that her 80th birthday.

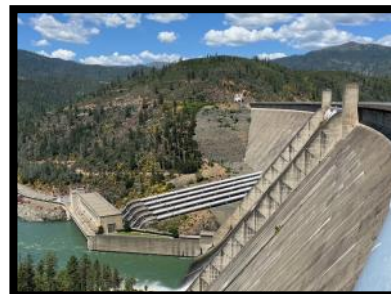
Sunday everyone headed back on their own or in small groups. A big thank you everyone who worked hard to make this another successful Burney Tour.

Kathy Cahill



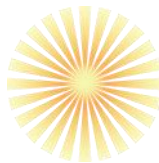
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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Jun 01 Tom Johnston
 Jun 01 Gloria McIntosh
 Jun 02 Mary Smith
 Jun 02 Kathi West
 Jun 06 Bill Baxter
 Jun 08 Karen Hickman
 Jun 11 Loretta Kirkeby
 Jun 11 Bill Baxter
 Jun 12 Cheryl Porter
 Jun 15 Juanita Cooper
 Jun 22 Philip Stolp
 Jun 23 Pat Brunanchon
 Jun 23 Jim Taylor
 Jun 24 Char Clem
 Jun 29 Rick Tamagno
 Jun 29 John Berizzi



"SUNSHINE LADY REPORT"

In April our Sunshine Lady sent a Get Well Message to Patty Godfrey to brighten her recovery.

Regretfully, Bill Pate passed away and his family was sent both a Get Well then a Sympathy Card. Bill was a past member and known by Many Club members.

Thank You were sent for the Lucky Lady Tour in Kelseyville and the Black Bart Tour in Gold Country.

In May Thank You cards were sent for Chick's Lunch and the Burney Tour.

Submitted by Loretta Kirkeby



To our newest members:

Ken Smith and Oona Achard
Santa Rosa

Michael Lydon
Petaluma

Henry Ford
American Inventor



PowerPoint

Sacramento Autorama

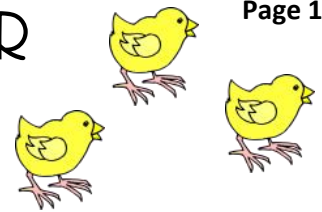
So, I don't remember if I have been to the Sacramento Autorama since I entered my truck when it was first finished in 2014, but this year I had to go. I picked up Dave Rasmussen and we headed over to Sacramento. This year, Brandon Flaner, who is the grandson of Charter V-8 Club Members Bob & Marilyn Flaner and owner of East Bay Speed & Custom was selected as "Builder of the Year". We had to go and offer our congratulations. Brandon started his shop about 12 years ago and he did a lot of work on my truck, including refining all the metal work that I did, all the bodywork and painting, arranging the upholstery work, as well as final assembly. Brandon was a one-man shop when he started his business and did my truck, and it was one of the first builds out of his shop. Now he has grown into a much larger shop with several employees and a thriving business. His shop does a lot of traditional Hot Rods and V-8 cars. Dave and I walked around the show to check it out, we meet up with Brandon and checked out all the cars that his customers had brought over for his booth and caught up with him for a while. We have stayed in touch over the years, and it was great to see him again.



Congratulations Brandon, well deserved.

Steve McClain





Ford Chicks Luncheon

For the month of May we celebrated Cinco de Mayo with our lunch at Fridas Mexican Grill in Napa. We had 20 ladies for lunch. I just got home from my visit in Mexico and brought back some fun souvenirs to share. I visited a very large candy store in Mexico and put together a bag of Mexican candies. It was Julie's birthday and we celebrated her special day with a special dessert after our yummy Mexican lunch. They call it a Chingalinga, bananas wrapped in a tortilla and fried then covered with sugar and caramel sauce. Finished with a scoop of ice cream. Yum...

Carol

CABBAGE FRITTERS

1/2 head Cabbage shredded and cut

1 small diced onion

2 grated carrots

Minced garlic if desired

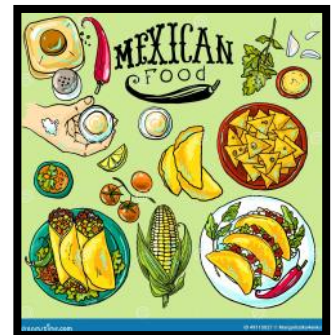
Parsley or herbs of your choice

2 Eggs

¾ cup Flour

Salt & Pepper

Mix all ingredients gently in a bowl until vegetables are coated. Allow to set for 5 or 10 min. Hand form into patties and pan fry in small amount of hot oil, flatten with spatula to form nice patties and cook for 1 or 2 minutes on each side. Enjoy!



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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: Chelsea970@aol.com

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REDWOOD EMPIRE RG # 27 IN SONOMA, MARIN & NAPA COUNTIES JUNE 2025

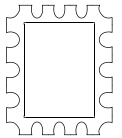
Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7 PM at Round Table Pizza- Exit Hwy 12 & Stony Point Road to 2065 Occidental Road, Santa Rosa. All interested V8-ers are invited to attend! This newsletter is a monthly publication of Redwood Empire RG # 27 of the Early Ford V8 Club of America. Other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



RERG #27 on tour

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