



# REDWOOD REVIEW

Regional Group #27  
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## From The President:



Welcome to March everyone, I hope everyone is doing well. Well, we just got back from a fun tour over to Sacramento to the California Train Museum, what a cool place, plus I learned a lot about the early history of the transcontinental railroad, always fun to learn new things, Thanks Linda and Steve for a fun day. Well, coming up this month is the Corned Beef and Cabbage St. Patrick's Day event being held over in Sonoma, should be a fun day, unfortunately, Julie and I will miss it this year as we will be in Palm Springs that week. I know, it's tough, but somebody has to do it. But you guys will have fun without us.

Then next month is the Black Bart Tour, looking forward to that one this year. It sort of feels a little strange not having to start gearing up for the Swap Meet this year. I have heard from a lot of people that are going to miss the Swap Meet going forward, but most of those people are not the ones putting in the work to make it happen.

Then we will have the Burney tour in May, one of our favorites. Julie and I will be hosting a day tour to the Walt Disney Museum in San Francisco in July, also, in September we will be hosting the Miranda Tour again this year, I know it is a long ways away, but if you are interested in going on that one you should let us know and get your room reserved early as that place will certainly fill up.

Well, we have lots of fun stuff planned this year, it is great to see everyone participating and going places and having fun, we have a great club and I am looking forward to a great year.

Steve McClain



## REDWOOD REVIEW MONTHLY MINUTES

**Minutes of General Meeting: February 10, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by our President Mike Buegeleisen

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

Members in attendance: 42

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

New Members and Guests: Bill Baxter introduced his friends and new members Henry Rued and his sister Marie. Henry has a 1936 3 window coupe

Birthdays: February birthdays present: Tom Cahill, Denise Burns and Donna Fredrick. Donna won the prize.

Business: New business: It was announced that the Cars and Coffee at Coddington shopping center on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month has been permanently cancelled.

Old Business: Several members of our club made a trip to the Grand National Roadster Show in Pomona and had a great time.

Tours and Events:

Patty Girman thanked Ron & Zandra Aguilar for hosting a garage social at their house in January.

February 16<sup>th</sup> Ford Chick's luncheon at Tomatinas in Montgomery Village at 11:30 am. RSVP to Kathy Cahill or Denise Burns

February 21<sup>st</sup> Tour to Train Town Museum in Sacramento. Meet up in Cordelia at McDonald's at 8:45 am. Docent tour starts at 10:30 am. Lunch at 11:45 am at La Terraza Restaurant. RSVP to Linda Ortega

March 15<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day Corn Beef Potluck Lunch at noon held at Six Flags Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 300 International Blvd. Sonoma RSVP to Patty Girman

March 16<sup>th</sup> Ford Chick's luncheon at Salt & Stone 9900 Sonoma Hwy. Kenwood at 11:30 am. RSVP to Sherry Dortch

June 7<sup>th</sup> Carol's Murder Mystery Tour. More information coming. (Date change from June 6<sup>th</sup>)

July 15<sup>th</sup> Tour to Disney Museum in San Francisco. More information coming.

Sunshine Lady: None

Cars and Parts for Sale: None

Club Cars Driven to the Meeting: None

Membership Attendance Drawing: Danny Dortch won the prize.

Carol's Carload of Fun: We played a Couples of History match game and a Valentine's scratcher. Zandra Aguilar and Sterling Cousins won the prizes.

Scholarship Raffle: There were 12 winners & the club collected \$115.00

The meeting was adjourned at: 7:45 pm

Minutes submitted by: Beverly Tamagno



# RERG #27 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MARCH/ APRIL 2026

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

## MARCH

- 10 [RERG #27 Monthly Meeting @ Round Table Pizza](#), 2065 Occidental Rd, Santa Rosa, 7 p.m.
- 15 [RERG #27 Celebrate St. Pat's Day](#) weekend with Corned Beef & Cabbage Potluck  
*See info in this newsletter for details*



### SEVEN FLAGS MOBILE HOME PARK CLUBHOUSE

300 International Blvd., Sonoma



- 16 **RERG #27 "Ford Chicks" Lunch** 11:30 am, **SALT & STONE**, 9900 Sonoma Hwy. Kenwood, hosted by Sherry Dortch, 480-365-8590 & Oona Achard, 707-688-7003
- 28-29 Good Guys 42th All American Get-Together, Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton

## APRIL

- 14 **RERG #27 Monthly Meeting @ Round Table Pizza**, 2065 Occidental Rd, Santa Rosa, 7 p.m.
- 17-19 Black Bart Tour – Get your registration in by April 1. Info: Carol, 707-246-4158
- 20 **RERG #27 "Ford Chicks" Lunch** – 11:30 am, **CHINA VILLAGE**, 8501 Gravenstein Hwy, Cotati, hosted by Wendy Palo, 707-799-6444, Linda Ortega, 707-477-1521, Denise Burns, 707-326-3525, Patty Girman, 703-402-4297



### UPCOMING EVENTS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

**MAY 2** - Garage Get Together

**NO SWAP MEET**

**MAY 21-24** – Burney Tour

**JUNE 7** - Carol's Murder Mystery Tour  
(this is a date change)

**JUNE 13** – Tacos at the Kirkebey's

**JULY 11** - Garage Get Together

**JULY 15** - Disney Museum @ Presidio

**JULY 24-26** - Fortuna

**AUGUST 2-7** - Montana/Wyoming  
National Tour

**SEPTEMBER 18-20** – Miranda Tour

**NOVEMBER 8** - Turkey Trot Potluck

**DECEMBER 6** - Christmas Brunch

## CARS AND COFFEE SUNDAYS

- 1<sup>st</sup> 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
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Napa - Premium Outlet Mall, 629 Factory Stores Dr., 8 - 10 am
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Petaluma – 389 S. McDowell near Peet's Coffee, 9 - 11 am
- 4<sup>th</sup> Penngrove - 10070 Main St., 8 – 10 am

## CRUISE-IN

- Friday - Santa Rosa - Machado's Burgers, 406 Larkfield Center, 4-7 pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday - Rohnert Park – Cruisin' North Car Club - Hooters, 6099 Redwood Drive, noon - 3 pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Santa Rosa – Acme Burgers, **1007 W. College Avenue**, 6 pm

## 2026 GNRS

Well, this year's trip down to Pomona for the Grand National Roadster Show was quite a bit different than in past years. This year my truck, along with John Thompsons 36 Roadster were invited to be displayed in building 9. This year's theme was "Fat Attack" basically what they determined were Fat Fendered cars from 1935 to 1948. So, Mike loaded up my truck, John's 36 and his 32 Roadster and trailered them down on Wednesday before the show, I happened to still be on a vacation in Alaska, so we left Alaska at 9:30 Wednesday morning, got home at 8:30 Wednesday night, then I got up at 5:00 Thursday morning and Dave Simonds and I drove to Pomona. Mike had already unloaded the truck and had it in the building when I got there, so all I had to do was get it cleaned up and detailed. But that meant that all the other guys were on their own getting down to the show, Lloyd and Gene came down on Friday, and Dave, Tom and Rick came down Saturday. We all had a great time, the show was great this year, the weather was perfect as usual. Mike would bring the 32 in to the outdoor show every day and park next to Building Nine, put out chairs so we all had a base camp to rest after all the walking around, plus we all had a little picnic area, it worked out great. Plus, Mike won the Editors Pick award from the Rodders Journal at the Saturday Drive in Car Show, very cool. Sunday Night after the awards, we loaded up the cars, and got up early Monday morning and headed home. It was a long few days, but I had a great time and it was well worth it. I already have the rooms reserved for next year.

Steve McClain



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- Mar 02 Steve Wright
- Mar 05 Dona Godwin
- Mar 05 Cheryl Palkovich
- Mar 07 Jane Castle
- Mar 07 Linda Ortego
- Mar 07 Ed Peterson
- 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 30 Mike Flynn



to our newest members:

**HENRY RUED & MARIE JOHNSTON**

Willits, CA

**36 3-Window Coupe**



**RERG #27 St. Patrick's Day Lunch**



Sunday, March 15

**SIX FLAGS MOBILE HOME PARK  
CLUBHOUSE**

**300 International Blvd., Sonoma**



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 potatoes, sides, salad and dessert. The club will provide bottled water. Feel free to bring any other drink if you want something different. Please RSVP to Patty at [jrgplg@aol.com](mailto:jrgplg@aol.com) or text her at 707-992-0730 or call Charlene at 707-539-2867 by **March 10.**



## California State Railroad Museum and Old Town Sacramento

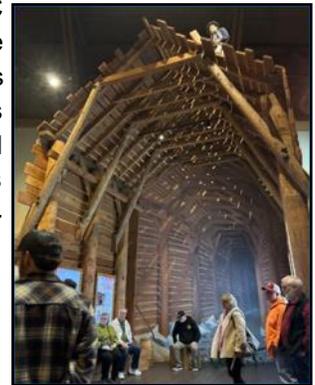
By John & Patty Girman

On February 21, the Ford Faithful of RERG27 gathered at the Cordelia McDonalds to journey to Old Town Sacramento and the California State Railroad Museum. It was a cold morning but the sky was clear as 32 people gathered with 15 cars. There was an unusual number of modern cars, probably due to the cold weather or the recent rains but there was still a good showing of old Fords: the Buegleleisens in their '34; the McClains in their '51; the Ortegas in their '39; the Rasmussens in their '47; the Burns in their '48; Scott and Sue in their '46; the Baxters in their '54 with two friends. Driving modern cars were the Dortchs; Kirkebys; Mattos; Berizzis; Tamagnos; Richard and Cheryl; the Aguilars; and the Girmans. The drive was uneventful and most parked in the garage across from the museum.



We assembled in the foyer of the museum and were soon joined by our docent to begin the tour. Our docent, George, was extremely knowledgeable and spoke at length about the transcontinental railroad. Theodore Judah a civil engineer, proposed the railroad to link California with the eastern United States. He spent several years developing and mapping a possible route over the Sierra. His wife, Anna Judah, accompanied him and painted watercolors of the plants along the proposed route. Most believed that it was impossible to cross the Sierra by rail and the only financial backers he could find were four merchants, including Leland Stanford and Charles Crocker. They set up an office in Washington, DC and lobbied until they got funding from the US government. Along with Theodore's

map, Anna was instrumental in this effort because her paintings informed the legislators about what the West was like. Lincoln signed legislation in 1862, which gave the Central Pacific and Union Pacific the funding and the right to build the transcontinental railroad. As we heard all of this, we were standing alongside the Gen. Stanford, the first locomotive purchased by the Central Pacific.



Next, we moved on to a replica of the snow sheds, built to protect the workers and the track over the Sierra. George talked about the Chinese immigrant workers, their incredible feats and the hardships they faced. They bored tunnels and laid track through some of the most rugged terrain in the US, all the while maintaining a grade of 2% or less, and setting records as they did. Truly, remarkable!

We learned the extensive history of a railroad car that was featured in many films but was now riddled with woodpecker holes from when it sat, abandoned in Nevada. We also toured a pullman, with some beds made up, some rumpled and one with a mannikin sleeping, which was in service until 1971. We went through a first-class dining car from the Santa Fe Super Chief, built in 1936, which featured tables using unique China service from many railroads. At one time there were hundreds of China patterns on trains in the US, each designed to be unique for the railroad car they served. Museum docents were on board to answer the many questions we had. Among the things we learned was that many dining cars had three types of seasoning: paprika was offered as well as the more familiar salt and pepper.

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After the tour, members explored the museum on their own. One particularly fascinating engine was a cab-forward locomotive built in 1944. It was massive and weighed over a million pounds.

Around noon, we walked two blocks to the La Terraza, a Mexican restaurant. At the restaurant, there was a little confusion when we arrived but we were soon seated along an outside room, with views of Old Town. The menu was varied and extensive and we were soon enjoying lunch in a surprisingly short time. Members had ordered a variety of food and the portions were large. No one went away hungry. Members lingered in Old Town, visiting shops and checking things out. The chocolate shop and numerous ice cream shops proved popular.

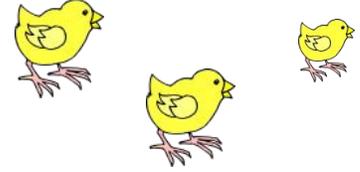
Club members returned home on their own after a great day, traveling individually or in small groups. We all really appreciated the work of Linda and Steve Ortega in planning, organizing and leading the tour. Great job!

[See more pictures @ [www.redwoodv8.net](http://www.redwoodv8.net)]





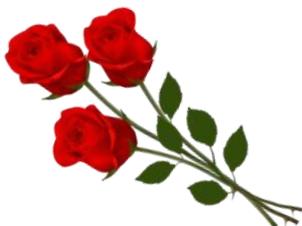
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## Ladies February Lunch

For our February lunch, hosted by Denise Burns and Kathy Cahill, we gathered at Tomatina's in Montgomery Village. There were 23 ladies plus Sherry's granddaughter attending. The food was fine, the service was good, the conversations were lively and the rain held off until later in the day. After lunch we all enjoyed a nice cupcake to satisfy that sweet requirement. As always, the best part is just getting together and enjoying one another.

Submitted by Kathy Cahill



## Redwood Empire Regional Group #27

### 2026 Officers

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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](mailto: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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**REDWOOD EMPIRE RG # 27 IN SONOMA, MARIN & NAPA COUNTIES MARCH 2026**

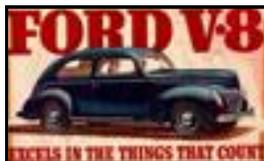
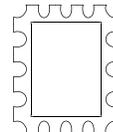
Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7 PM at Round Table Pizza- Exit Hwy 12 & Stony Point Road to 2065 Occidental Road, Santa Rosa. All interested V8-ers are invited to attend! This newsletter is a monthly publication of Redwood Empire RG # 27 of the Early Ford V8 Club of America. Other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



*The cars are ready for their first 2026 tour to Sacramento*

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