



# REDWOOD REVIEW

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## From The President:

Hello Members,

Happy April and Happy Spring. I hope this newsletter finds you all well and doing great. Dave and I are packing up and heading to the Portland Swap Meet. It's was cancelled the past two years and we are excited to get a chance to travel North. It is an amazing Swap Meet that Dave have been attending for the past 40 Years. Rick and Bev will be traveling with us where we will meet up with Tom (Dave's friend from Oregon) along with Tom and Pam. We always enjoy checking out the Swap Meet and usually come home with more than we left with. Not much girl stuff anymore but Bev and I usually find treasures as well.

I am excited to announce that we will be meeting face to face at Round Table Pizza on Occidental Road this month. When I talked with them they said the salad bar was going and they are looking forward to us coming. I believe they are still short on staff and we will not be able to have our annual April Pizza Night. We need to be patient and expect a longer time for Pizza Delivery.

Our Meeting will be April 12<sup>th</sup>. I reserved the room from 6:00 to 8:00. Meeting will start at 7:00.

Plans are under way for the Petaluma Swap Meet. During our monthly meeting we will be assigning jobs to make our Swap Meet the best ever. The date is Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup>. Please be available and ready to sign up and make this happen. We only do one fund raiser a year and for it to be successful we need everyone to help. A big "Thank You" to Dave Peterson who has done an amazing job over the years as our Swap meet Director. Excited to get back to what we love to do.

Since the pandemic started we have been sending our Presidents Newsletters to many club members by email. Many of our members would prefer to get the newsletter by regular mail. If you would like to receive your newsletter by regular mail please let Patty Girman know. 707-992-0730

For many of us we are planning our Trip to the Western National Meet in Wenatchee. If you need information or support with your planning feel free to contact me.

Be sure to save the Date, Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> for National Drive your V-8 Day. I am planning a special day tour to get your old V-8 or any car that runs out on the road. Everyone is welcome. I will have more information to follow.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our April Club Meeting.

Carol



## Minutes of General Meeting: March 2022

Tuesday March 8, 2022

The Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by our President Carol Rasmussen.

The Minutes of Meeting: The minutes of last month's meeting were corrected as needed.

Members in attendance tonight: 24

Treasurer's Report: No report tonight

New Members and Guests: No new members or guests tonight.

Birthdays: Chuck Paul, John Girman, and Bill Burns were our birthday boys tonight, John Girman was tonight's winner.

Business: A zip drive of V-8 Times from 2014 to 2021 will be available in April

The April V-8 meeting will be held at the Round Table Pizza in Santa Rosa

The Swap Meet is on for May 15<sup>th</sup>, we will go over the details at the April meeting

The Newsletter is on the website

Tours and Events: We are working on a possible club picnic in April. Black Bart, Burney, and the Western National Meet are all a go, as well as the various local Cars & Coffee events throughout the month on Sundays.

See the recent V-8 Times for all the other Club National and regional events

Sunshine Lady: None reported

Hard Luck: None reported.

Tech tips: None Reported.

Cars and Parts for Sale: None Reported.

Club Cars Driven to the Meeting: Everyone had their car with them tonight.

Membership Attendance Drawing: Kim Williams was tonight's winner but was not present.

Carol's Carload of Fun: Carol had a fun Shamrock themed game tonight, Sterling Cousins was the winner

Scholarship Raffle: None tonight.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37



The Early Ford V-8 Club of America  
2022 Western National Meet  
Wenatchee, Washington  
July 11-14, 2022

# 47<sup>th</sup> Annual

## Swap Meet

# May 15, 2022



Early Ford V-8 Club  
Redwood Empire Chapter



*Mike Chase, Photo*

**ALL MAKES - ALL YEARS  
BUY, SELL, TRADE - CARS & PARTS**

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**SUN-UP TO 2PM**



## OUR 1947 FORD

(The Little Gray Dove)

By Dave and Charlene Trabucco

It was mentioned in our last newsletter that information and updates on member's cars would be featured in future monthly newsletters.

Dave and I have written an article on our 1947 Ford (Little Dove).

Here's just a little snippet of our story. In 1991 we saw a 1947 Ford coupe advertised for sale at Henry Curtis Ford and there she was on the showroom floor. Our children were grown and had moved out and we thought this was the perfect start to getting back into old cars again (we had some unfinished projects from time to time).

We joined the Redwood Empire V8 Club #27 in 1993 and have loved every minute with friends and traveling to many National Meets, car shows, and car events. We went to Hot August Nights for approx. 10 years, Deuce Days in Canada for 3 years, many RERG weekend trips, and other fun events. We put on the Nevada City Tour for 10 years and are currently putting on the Miranda Gardens Tour #9. Our Little Dove has taken us on lots of fun travels. We have had some hiccups along the way but she's a great traveling car.

The '47 has the same paint as she did when we bought it. The interior needed to be redone (sitting inside too long, maybe?). Dave updated the wiring to 12 volt, automatic transmission, turn signals, and other improvements. Char's favorite is the CB radio, no surprise there.

Recently, we were having a shimmy/shake in the front end at highway speeds. Dave had replaced both tie rod ends and draglink end a few years ago so he knew that was not the problem. So Dave talked to Zane Cullen at Zane's Cotati Speed Shop about the shimmy and he suggested talking to Steve Apuzzo at California Tire and Wheel. Steve put the Ford up on the rack and showed Dave what the problem was. Steve grabbed the tie rod and draglink in one hand at the center and squeezed it. The tie rod moved approx. 1/2". That was the problem, at highway speeds, the tires are moving in and out.

Steve recommended an old hot rod trick: take a 1/2" angle iron, weld the angle iron to the tie rod's total length by welding a 2" wide weld on the angle iron, then a 4" space then another 2" weld, then another 4" space, etc. to complete the length of the tie rod on both sides so the tie rod will not flex. Lo and behold, this worked for us, no more shimmy and shake on the highways and freeways. If you have questions about this trick, feel free to call Dave and ask. Ron Mollo tried this "fix" and it seemed to work for him also.

Now we are ready to hit the road for 2022 and have fun trips and travels planned for us, hope you do too! Our RERG club has a wonderful group of people that we are pleased to call our friends. Traveling with club members is so much fun, and if anyone needs help or advice, these friends are always there for you.





## A TIME LINE OF FORD MOTOR COMPANY

Since the company's founding in 1903, the name Ford has been synonymous with the automotive industry. Company founder Henry Ford Sr. became known for innovation, transforming cars into commodities for the masses and his company into an American icon. Below, selected milestones from the company's history:

June 16, 1903: Henry Ford and 11 investors sign articles of incorporation for Ford Motor Company in Michigan.

Oct. 1, 1908: Ford introduces the Model T, which became one of the most popular cars in the world. Production officially ended in May 1927 after total world production of 15,458,781.

Oct. 7, 1913: The Highland Park plant in Michigan begins operations as the first moving automobile assembly line in the world.

Jan. 5, 1914: Ford begins offering \$5 per day for eight-hour work days and 15,000 job seekers clamor for 3,000 jobs at the Model T Plant in Highland Park. The previous pay rate was \$2.34 per day for nine hours.

March 1, 1941: Ford begins to produce general-purpose "jeeps" for the U.S. military and shifts completely to military production starting in Feb. 1942. Civilian production does not resume until July 1945.

Jan. 17, 1956: Ford common stock goes on sale, with 10.2 million shares sold in the first day, representing 22 percent of the company.

Sept. 7, 1987: Ford acquires 75 percent of Aston Martin Lagonda, Ltd.

Dec. 31, 1988: Ford's worldwide earnings were \$5.3 billion, the highest of any auto company to date.

Dec. 1, 1989: Ford spends \$2.5 billion to buy Jaguar Cars.

March 15, 1990: Ford introduces the Explorer sport utility vehicle. Though the Explorer is the nation's best-selling SUV model, sales hit a 15-year low in Nov. 2005 and fell 29 percent for 2005.

July 1, 1992: Ford buys 50 percent of Mazda Motor Manufacturing and changes that company's name to AutoAlliance International.

June 20, 1993: Ford opens its first dealerships in China. Its brand sales in China increased 46 percent in 2005, though it still lags behind General Motors Corp. and Germany's Volkswagen AG in China. By the end of 2005, the number of Ford dealers in China totaled 150, up from 100 in 2004.

April 18, 1993: Ford begins production of the Flexible-Fuel Vehicle (FFV) Taurus. FFVs can burn gasoline, ethanol or mixtures of the two. Despite the fact that there are an estimated 5 million FFVs, there are only about 500 ethanol fuel stations in the country. According to the law, if automakers produce FFVs, they can also produce more of other cars that consume more gas.

Aug. 21, 1997: Ford sells the first taxicabs run on natural gas to New York City.

August 2000: Bridgestone/Firestone recalls 6.5 million tires after 271 rollover deaths in Ford Explorers.

May 2001: Ford Motor unilaterally recalls 13 million more tires and Bridgestone/Firestone dumps Ford as a customer, saying Ford was using the tire maker as a scapegoat to deflect attention from problems with the Ford Explorer. Federal investigators ultimately concluded that tire defects were the main cause of the rollovers.

July 11, 2005: Ford's new gas-electric hybrid SUV, the Mercury Mariner, goes on sale. It costs \$4,000 more than the gas-only version and has the endorsement of the Sierra Club.

Nov. 1, 2005: Bridgestone Firestone North American Tire LLC agrees to pay Ford \$240 million to help cover the costs of the tire recalls, which amounted to \$2 billion.

Dec. 22, 2005: The United Auto Workers agrees to a deal with Ford in which 99 cents an hour of any future wage increases will go towards a health-care fund. Insurance deductibles will rise by as much as 33 percent, and the costs for current retirees will also go up. The changes will save Ford about \$650 million a year. (Ford's health-care bill for 2005 was \$3.5 billion.)

Dec. 23, 2005: Ford announces it will transfer \$2 billion to shore up Jaguar Cars, which it bought in 1989 for almost \$3 billion in today's prices.

2005: Ford loses market share for the 10th year in a row, and also loses its place as America's best-selling brand to GM's Chevrolet. Ford sold around 2.9 million vehicles in 2005 for a 17.4 percent market share -- down from a market share of 18.3 percent in 2004 and of 24 percent in 1990.

Jan. 23, 2006: Ford announces it will cut up to 30,000 jobs and idle 14 plants by the year 2012.



# TAMAGNO'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For More Information Contact Rick Tamagno at 707-539-2876

## 2022 V8 Events Calendar

### April

- 10 Swap Meet—Santa Rosa Vets Building—Cruisin North Car Club
- 12 RERG 27 meeting-Round Table
- 24 30<sup>th</sup> Pacific Coast Dream Machines—Half Moon Bay Airport
- 29-1 Black Bart—Jackson, Ca —Pat Nichols-465 N. Temperance Ave. Fresno, Ca 93727  
559-453-0750

### May

- 7 East Bay Swap Meet. Golden Gate Charter RG—2151 Ferry Point-Alameda
- 8 RERG 27 Meeting-Round Table
- 14 Fred's All American Old Car Day--- Stoke Ranch—Santa Rosa
- 15 Swap Meet—RERG 27—THAT'S US---Fairgrounds, Petaluma
- 19-21 Salute to American Graffiti----Petaluma
- 26-29 Burney Tour—Tom Johnston

### June

- 14 RERG 27 –Round Table
- 18 National Drive Your V-8 Day
- 19 Fathers Day Car Show—Julliard Park, Santa Rosa. Engineering Contractors Assn.

### July

- 12 RERG 27 Meeting-Round Table
- 9-14 Western National Meet---Wenatchee, Washington. Puget Sound RG 18  
Info-----[www.efv8psrg.org](http://www.efv8psrg.org)
- 16 Devils Darlin's Car Show—Vets Building--Sonoma
- 22-24 Fortuna Redwood Auto Expo

### August

- 9 RERG 27 Meeting-Round Table

### September

- 11 REGR 27 Meeting-Round Table
- 30-Oct. Miranda Tour—Charlene Trabucco

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## 2022 V8 Events Calendar

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## CARS AND COFFEE SUNDAYS

- 1<sup>ST</sup>---Novato—Starbucks near Rowland ave  
 ---Santa Rosa—Montecito Shopping Center
- 2<sup>nd</sup>---Santa Rosa-Coddington Starbucks  
 ---Napa---Outlet mall
- 3<sup>rd</sup>---Petaluma—Washington Square Shopping Center (South)
- Last---Rohnert Park—Starbucks near Target

## WEEKLY CRUISE-IN

Saturdays---Machado's Burgers----Larkfield

Articles for the V8 Club Newsletter are due by the third week-end 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 @ Chelsea970@aol.com

## 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).



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### Board Members

Charlene Trabucco, Steve McClain, Rick Tamagno, Sterling Cousins, Richard DeCroff, Ron Mollo, John Girman, Bill Crackbon

All Members are invited to attend the Board Meetings; call any of the above Board Members for dates, time and meeting place.

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## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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Apr 01	Jane Lester
Apr 02	Steve Vining
Apr 03	Don Singleterry
Apr 07	Tony Quick
Apr 08	Pamela Cook
Apr 09	Shirley Pool-Smith
Apr 11	Michelle McFarland
Apr 12	Sharon Lawson
Apr 20	Kinnie Gallegos
Apr 21	Kim Williams
Apr 24	Darrel Billings
Apr 26	Charlie Brown



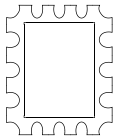


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**REDWOOD EMPIRE RG # 27 IN SONOMA, MARIN & NAPA COUNTIES APRIL 2022**  
Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7 PM at Round Table Pizza- Exit Hwy 12 & Stony Point Road to 2065 Occidental Road, Santa Rosa. All interested V8-ers are 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.

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