



REDWOOD REVIEW

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From The President:



Welcome to September everyone, I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying their summer. Well, we just got back from the Dortch's garage tour, what a great place they have. I am sure there are quite a few members, me included, that have garage envy. Although, if I had a garage like that, Julie would probably never see me! Anyway, thanks to the Dortch's for hosting a garage tour, there was a really good turn out and everyone I talked to was having a great time. Last week a few of us made the trip down to Pleasanton for the Goodguys Show, another three days of shiny paint and chrome overload, but well worth it. We have the celebration of life for Chuck Paul this week. Then, unfortunately we are going to miss the tour out to Sturgeon Mill in a couple weeks, as we will be out of town that weekend. However, we will be back in time to get ready for the Miranda Tour, should be a fun one this year. Let me know if you need any information about the tour. Looks like after Miranda things will quiet down as far as tours are concerned, rumor has it there may be another garage tour in October, we have the Turkey Trot in November and the Christmas Brunch in December. Things seem to be running smoothly as far as Club Business is concerned, so not much to talk about there, so I won't bore you with any more rambling.

See you at the meeting.

Steve McClain



Pleasanton Goodguys 2026

A few of us car guys made the trip down to Pleasanton for the Goodguys West Coast Nationals again this year. We headed down Friday morning and this year for the first time, I stayed for all three days. There were a ton of people there on Friday, and even more on Saturday with a ton of spectators on Saturday. Sunday was a little quieter, but still a ton of cars. I saw quite a few club members and some old friends. Anyway, a fun weekend had by all, next year will be the 40th anniversary of the West Coast Nationals, so I am pretty sure we will be back for that one, should be a good one. Here are a few pictures of some of my favorites.

Steve McClain

REDWOOD REVIEW MONTHLY MINUTES

Minutes of General Meeting: Tuesday, August 11, 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: None

Birthdays: August birthdays present: Amy and Mike Buegeliesen, Sterling Cousins, Lloyd Godwin, Carol Rasmussen, and Sherry Dortch. We sang Happy Birthday to them. Amy won the prize.



Business: Donna Frederick announced that there would be a Celebration of Life for Chuck Paul for V8 club members. It will be Wednesday September 2nd at 12 pm at Sterling and Juanita's house, 2478 Jenes Lane, Santa Rosa. Food will be catered. Dave Rasmussen brought in a framed poster from the 1972 Western National Tour that was held in Rohnert Park that our group put on for everyone to see.

Tours and Events:

Patty Girman thanked Julie & Steve McClain for putting on the tour to the Disney Museum in San Francisco.

September 21st Sturgeon's Mill tour then a trip to Castelli's to see his collections. The Central San Joaquin V8 group # 29 will be touring the area so we will be meeting up with them to go on this tour at 8:30 am at the Round Table parking lot on Occidental Road in Santa Rosa

September 21st Ford Chick's Luncheon at the Twin's Restaurant, 572 East Cotati Ave. Cotati 11:30 am. RSVP to Donna Frederick or Pat Brunancho

September 18-20th Miranda Tour Contact Steve or Julie McClain for information.

Sunshine Lady: None

Cars and Parts for Sale: None

Club Cars Driven to the Meeting: Kim Williams, Donna Frederick, Bill & Denise Burns & Rick & Bev Tamagno drove their old cars to the meeting. Donna won the prize.

Membership Attendance Drawing: Loretta Kirkeby won the prize.

Carol's Carload of Fun: Carol made up a game, with the help of members who went on the Montana tour. We stopped for lunch during the tour at a restaurant named On The Rocks in Worden, Montana. They had made up a special menu with 11 sandwiches on it for us with the Big Sky V8 Club # 153 logo on it. The game was to guess which sandwich each of us ordered; 4 cars went so 8 people. Cheryl Porter won the prize.

Scholarship Raffle: There were 9 lucky winners and the club collected \$144.00.

The meeting was adjourned at: 7:50 pm

Minutes submitted by: Beverly Tamagno



RERG #27 CALENDAR OF EVENTS – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2026

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

SEPTEMBER

- 08 RERG #27 Monthly Mtg @** Round Table Pizza 2065 Occidental Rd. Santa Rosa, 7 pm
- 12 RERG #27 Sturgeon Mill Tour** – Loretta Kirkeby - See info in newsletter
- 12 Cloverdale Car & Motorcycle Show** – 7am-3pm. 126 N. Cloverdale Blvd., Cloverdale
neena@cloverdalechamber.com
- 12 Annual Sonoma Valley Veterans All American Car Show**, 129 1st Street, Sonoma, 9am-3pm.
Info: 707-509-3609 or www.vfwpost1943@hotmail.com
- 14 RERG #27 “Ford Chicks” Lunch** 11:30 am. **THE TWINS RESTAURANT**, 572 E. Cotati Ave, Cotati.
Carpool if you can as the shopping center is always busy, hosted by Pat 707-328-3804 & Donna 707-588-9987
- 18-20 RERG #27 Miranda Gardens Tour** – Contact Steve or Julie McClain 707-575-3504
- 19 PCAM Wheels & Wings Car Show**, 8 am-2pm, One Air Museum Way, Santa Rosa, CA 95403, Web-site: <https://pacificcoastairmuseum.org/wheels-wings-car-show>

OCTOBER

- 03 Chilly Billy Hot Rod & Motorcycle Show**, 11850 Main St., Penngrove
- 04 Props, Pistons & Pasta on the Runway**, Schellville Airport, 23982 Arnold Dr., Sonoma, 11 am-3 pm,
email for more information or to register: northbayairmuseum@gmail.com
- 9-10 Annual Nostalgia Days Novato Cruise & Car Show**, Friday night cruise@4:30 pm; Saturday car
show@ 10am. Questions: 415-599-6880 or info@DowntownNovato.com
- 13 RERG #27 Monthly Meeting@** Round Table Pizza 2065 Occidental Rd. Santa Rosa, 7 pm
- 19 RERG #27 “Ford Chicks” Lunch** 11:30 am, **Beyond the Glory Sports Bar and Grill**, 1371 North
McDowell Blvd., Petaluma in the Kohl’s shopping center. Hosted by Wendy, 707-799-6444 or Lynn,
707-291-3044
- 25 Geyserville Fall Colors and Vintage Car Show**, more info www.visitgeyserville.com/fall-colors

UPCOMING EVENTS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER 3 – Garage Get Together—CANCELLED

NOVEMBER 8 - Turkey Trot Potluck

DECEMBER 6 - Christmas Brunch

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** 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

CRUISE-IN

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

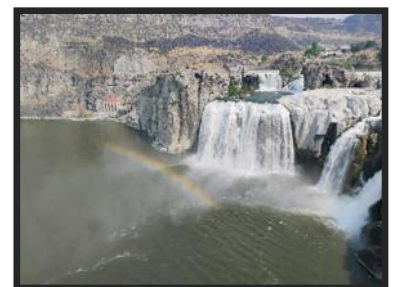
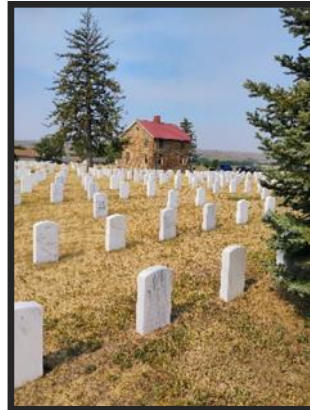
Montana Western National Driving Tour--Peaks & Prairies National Driving Tour Hosted by: The Big Sky V-8 Regional Group #153

On July 30th, Rick & I met up with Steve & Julie McClain & Jerry & Lynn Mattos in Santa Rosa to begin our trip to Laurel, Montana. We picked up Dave & Carol Rasmussen in Napa. We stopped for lunch at Mel's Diner in Boomtown. It was a very hot drive to Winnemucca, NV since our old cars did not have air conditioning. Little did we know the weather would be in the 90's & 100's the whole trip. Julie & Steve were the lucky ones; they took their regular car. We left Winnemucca early the next morning headed for Twin Falls, Idaho. A little over 50 miles from Twin Falls at 11 am Jerry's car broke down. We all pulled off in a rancher's driveway in the middle of the desert in 100-degree weather, we were all there for 3 hours while the guys were trying to diagnose the problem. Thank goodness we all had snack bags & ice chests with water. Steve & Julie & Lynn finally went into Twin Falls to get parts and dropped off Lynn at the motel so she could sit in air conditioning. Then Dave tried to get in his trunk and the lock broke, what a day! He fiddled with a screwdriver & finally got it opened but now it wouldn't lock. When Steve & Julie got back with the parts, the car still wouldn't start so a tow truck had to be called. Steve was kind enough to stay with Jerry and the rest of us went on to Twin Falls. The first tow truck driver refused to haul the old car so another had to be called. Jerry & Steve did not make it to the motel until almost 9 pm. Jerry had the car towed to a shop to get fixed the next morning and rented a car for the rest of the trip. Lucky, they had air conditioning now. The final diagnoses was a power steering hose had broken I believe. Jerry & Lynn would pick the car up on our way back home through Twin Falls. On Saturday morning Dave & Carol & Rick & I left, heading to Bozeman, MT. Steve & Julie stayed with Jerry & Lynn to help get the car towed to a shop and pick up their rental car. They caught up with us soon. When we got to Bozeman, MT we unloaded at the motel, cooled down a bit & freshened up and met our members Sharon & Louis Cantarutti for dinner at one of their favorite restaurants. They invited us to see their beautiful home after dinner we had a very nice visit with them. On Sunday morning we headed to Laurel, Montana & the host hotel. We checked in, visited with the host club members in the lobby then went to the welcome dinner at The Festa Mexicana restaurant. This was a smaller tour of 19 cars, 10 of them old cars and 9 new cars and people from 7 different states. We got to see some people we have met on other tours. On Monday the driving tour started. We followed the Old Yellowstone Trail. It was the one of two transcontinental highways to cross the US from Plymouth Rock to Puget Sound. Construction began in 1925 with an all-volunteer labor, going around farmer's fields because farmers didn't want roads through their fields. So, we had a very roundabout way of driving to our lunch stop. After lunch we went to Pompey's Pillar. It is a large tall rock named for Sacagawea's son, Lewis & Clark's guide. It is the only known place that Clark carved his name in the rock. A few of us hiked up the many steps to see the carving that has been preserved. On Tuesday we left Laurel and drove over the Bear Tooth Pass Hwy., elevation 10,947 ft. The scenery was beautiful. There was a lot of smoke on our trip from all the fires but it was beautiful & clear on the top. That night we stayed in Cody, Wyoming. After we had dinner at Irma's Restaurant, we watched a wild west shootout show in the street outside of the restaurant. On Wednesday we drove through pretty scenery on the way to Sheridan, Wyoming. We stopped at The Museum of Flight and Aerial Firefighters and looked at the old planes & got to go into one of them. On Thursday we left Sheridan, Wyoming and drove to the Little Big Horn Battlefield National Monument. That is something to see with all the grave stones in the fields, very sad. After leaving there we went to the Hardin Heritage Museum in Harden, Montana. While there the local Ford dealership provided lunch for us, bbq hamburgers, chips, drinks & a cookie. From there we drove back to the host hotel in Laurel, MT. That evening was the Farewell dinner at the Laurel Golf Course. To top the night off we found an Ice Cream truck near the high school and enjoyed the delicious ice cream. We couldn't believe the cheap price. On Friday we packed up the cars to head for home, staying in Idaho Falls, Idaho that night. Our motel was right across the street from the "Idaho Falls" on the Snake River right in the city. The falls were gorgeous along the river, at least 2 blocks or more of rocks & falls that we saw.

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Saturday, we headed to Twin Falls to meet up with Jerry & Lynn, they had gone ahead earlier to turn in their rental car and pick up their car at the auto shop. Before leaving Twin Falls, ID we drove out to see the Shoshone Falls on the Snake River, very beautiful. We stayed in Elko, NV that night. We made it to Reno on our last night. We had a very nice farewell dinner at a Texas Roadhouse. On Monday morning we stopped again at Mel's Diner in Boomtown for breakfast and then were on our way home. Thank goodness it was cooler weather in California! We all enjoyed the trip I think, even with the heat & smoke. We made the best of it, got drinks & big cups of ice at every gas stop, ate a lot (V-Eaters we are), enjoyed traveling with our friends.

Bev Tamagno



ADDITIONAL EVENT PICTURES ARE
ADDED
REGULARLY ON THE WEBSITE

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sep 02 Tim Cambra
 Sep 02 Steve Santillan
 Sep 07 Rich Castle
 Sep 07 Bill Kuhn
 Sep 11 Jan Taurian
 Sep 17 Tom Cook
 Sep 23 Nick Coy
 Sep 25 Cynthia Peterson
 Sep 28 Frank Wheeler
 Sep 29 Dave Simonds



"SUNSHINE LADY REPORT"

In the month of August, cards of condolence were sent to both Donna Fredericks and Chuck's daughter Denise after the passing of our dear friend and Club member, Chuck Paul.

Submitted by Loretta Kirkeby



Jerry Williams

Windsor

'33 5-Window Coupe

Food bank surfs on \$60,000 because wood is good!

When I was 15 I bought my first car, a '29 Model A Ford sport coupe. The body had been cut out so that a pickup bed would roughly fit in. That was not good enough for me, so I reconfigured the design in order for the body and bed to fit properly, like a normal Model A pickup.

That was the beginning of my love of old Fords and there have been many more since then. The first woodie I built, about forty years ago, was a Model A huckster truck. Since then I have built four more for myself and helped several other people with their woodie car projects. I built a '32 Ford woodie that now lives in Indiana and was on the cover of the *Woodie Times* in June 2009. Surfer woodies in Indiana?

At this stage of my life I am no longer building full-sized cars. So, I have been making small things: wood toy trucks, cars, trains, wood bowls, and jewelry boxes.



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About four years ago every horizontal surface in our home was covered with these things, so I "give" them away in exchange for a \$100 donation to our local Redwood Empire Food Bank, in Santa Rosa, Calif. So far I have donated \$60,000.

My "store" is in the back of my '39 Ford woodie and is always with us wherever we go. People are attracted to the car, so when I open the tailgate (shown below), people are inspired to make a donation.

The current hot store item was created when a friend decorated a room for her boys in a surfer theme. She asked if I could make a truck and put a surfboard in it, and that's how the "Surfer Wagon" (shown below left) came about. It has been a very popular product, as I have made 75 so far, and they have found their way to France and Sweden. *Frank Wheeler*



DORTCH'S GARAGE TOUR

We had our garage tour on Saturday August 29 at The Dortch's house. It was a great turnout about 40 people came. I would like to thank everyone who showed up. Danny had such a great time showing off his signs and cars and telling their stories. His been collecting garage art for 40 years and loves to talk about them. The day was fun and I think everyone had a good time. Food was eaten and lots of coffee. I hope you all enjoyed it.

Sherry



NOTICE FOR STURGEON TOUR

The Sept 12 tour of Sturgeon Mill will meet at Round Table Pizza, Occidental Road, at 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. This will ensure special parking at the Mill.

Thank you!



CORNER



CHICK'S LUNCH AUGUST 2026

This month found our V8 Chicks gathering for lunch at Art's Place in Rohnert Park. A total of 20 ladies showed up, which included our friend Jan Taurian.

Our hostesses were Juanita, Carol, and Irlene; who favored us with a Hawaiian theme. We all enjoyed the tropical decorations, real Hawaiian candies, and beautiful greeting cards created by Irlene. We also had cupcakes with Hawaiian toppers on them.

As always, the food was great and the service excellent at Art's.

We had our usual chit chat, large portions of food and drink, and the best camaraderie with good lady friends. We got to hear some amusing anecdotes about the Montana trip, both good and bad. Also got an update on Carol's Porch Goose, who is soon to be named August 2026 the best dressed goose in Napa.

Here's looking forward to next month's get together with the Ford Chicks.

Submitted by Juanita Cooper



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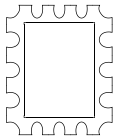
REDWOOD EMPIRE RG # 27 IN SONOMA, MARIN & NAPA COUNTIES SEPTEMBER 2026

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.



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