



REDWOOD REVIEW

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Miranda Tour 2019

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In 1999, a group of V-8er's from the RG #27, lead by Don and Dianne Troya, motored up the 101 to Miranda Gardens. This October, twenty years later, a group of V-8er's, lead by Dave and Charlene Trabucco, traveled up that same road to that same destination. Thirteen cars left Healdsburg, to include Bill and Denise Burns, Tom and Kathy Cahill, Bill and Gina Crackbon, John and Patty Girman, Teresa Long and Gil and Kinnie Gallegos, Steve and Julie McClain, Jan Nahmens and Basil Scott, Dan and Wendy Pallo, Dave and Carol Rasmussen, Dennis and Cathy Ripple, Rick and Bev Tamagno, and Don and Dianne Troya.

After Dave and Charlene passed out their goody bags and a fun trivia quiz sheet to be handed in later, the cars lined up and headed out. The first stop was in Willits to refuel the cars and bodies or both. Our next stop was for a running board lunch in a rest stop under the redwoods. We sat at the picnic tables enjoying the beautiful



Miranda group at the Memorial Grove

day, our prepared lunches, and shared treats and conversation. After a short time of travel, we ventured off the 101 and headed on the road to Miranda. We got there early enough that folks could settle in, take a little rest or just gather around the fire pit in the new lawn chairs provided. Tables and chairs were set up and ready for our upcoming dinner. Around 5:30 p.m., Dave fired up the grill and everyone scurried back to their cabins to get their main item to be grilled and their salad and/or desserts. Oh my, this club can certainly put out a spread. That evening Mike and Fran Aahl joined us during dinner.



Drag saw display

After eating and cleaning up, we once again gathered around the fire pit, with its' blazing fire. It got a little cold this evening, so most everyone called it a night a little earlier than normal.

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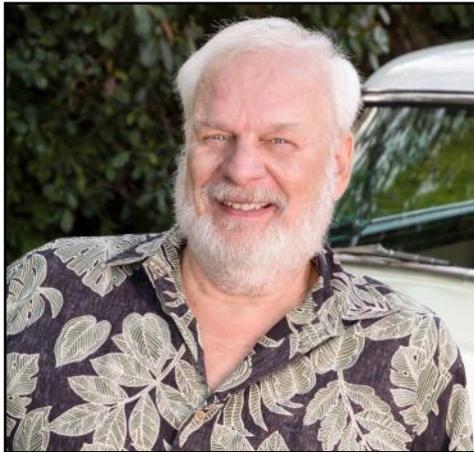
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From The President:

It's December and the Turkey Trot is in the rearview mirror. We had a new venue for the Turkey Trot this year and it really worked well. We had beautiful weather, plenty of space to park the cars, for setting up tables for the breakfast and a huge garage to browse. It doesn't get any better. Many thanks to Dan and Wendy Pallo for hosting this event. Thanks also to, Ron Mollo, Rick Tamagno, Dave Trabucco and Sterling Cousins for handling the cooking. Dave also conducted a tour post-brunch. Thanks also to those who worked behind the scene to help set up and serve the food. And, finally, thanks to all of you who attended, brought food for Redwood Empire Food Bank and helped make it a success. We had over fifty people attending.

At the last meeting, we elected a new slate of club officers for the upcoming year. Carol Rasmussen will be President, I will be Vice President, Steve McClain will continue as Secretary and Dennis Ripple will continue



as Treasurer. Bill Crackbon is stepping down as Vice President after many years of service. Thanks, Bill for all you've done for the club. The Board also deserves our thanks for all they've done to manage the Club's business. And thanks are due to all the Club members who helped with tours and events, attended those tours and events and created another successful year for the club.

Next up on the agenda is the Christmas Brunch on December 8. That's always a nice event to start off the Christmas season. As usual, we'll have holiday libations, the brunch, the installation of officers and the gift exchange. Always a fun time. Hope to see you there.

Wishing you and your families all the best as you enjoy the Holiday Season,

John Girman

Minutes of General Meeting

Tuesday November 12, 2019

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President John Girman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

The Minutes of Meeting: The October Minutes were approved as published.

Members in attendance tonight: 54

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dennis Ripple presented the monthly treasurer's report.

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

Birthdays: The club sang Happy Birthday to the Seven November Birthday

members in attendance, Ron Mollo was tonight's winner.

Business:

John announced that, as usual, there will not be a club meeting in December, however there will be a board of directors meeting as usual.

The club still needs a new person to take over the duties of updating the RERG 27 Website, anyone interested should contact John Girman.

Cathy Ripple has volunteered to take over the duties of advertising the clubs Swap Meet.

John announced that the date of the 2020 Swap Meet has been set, it is May 17th, 2020.

Dues are now due for the 2020 year, please get them in to Dennis Ripple

Elections were held and the new officers for next year are: President, Carol Rasmussen, Vice President, John Girman, Treasurer, Dennis Ripple, Secretary, Steve McClain, the Board of Directors remains the same.

Bill Crackbon reviewed the Christmas Brunch, if you have not sent your money to Bill, please get it in.

Tours and Events: Rick Tamagno reviewed upcoming events. See your newsletter for a complete listing. A few happening in the next few months.

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After breakfast on Saturday, we readied for our adventure to Confusion Hill. This place is a throwback to roadside attractions of an earlier era. It was originally established in 1949. We drove into the driveway and were greeted by the World's Tallest Free-Standing Redwood Chainsaw Carving. Yes, "Ripley's Believe it or Not" says so. We entered the gift shop and bought our tickets for the miniature train ride (and miniature is the operative word here) and the Gravity House. We had to climb a series of stairs to get to the train and you wouldn't believe what we encountered. This was a narrow gauge built for children. Oh, you should have seen some of us wide-bodies struggle into those seats with our honeys. What a hoot! The ride is about 20 minutes and 1 1/2 miles long. It is built in a switch-back layout along a steep hill. About half of the time we were going backwards to pick up the next switchback. Our conductor was very knowledgeable and stopped the train periodically to tell us about the Redwoods and explain some of the old equipment along the side of the track that was used in logging. After extracting ourselves from the train, we ventured down the hill to the Gravity House. This place is built at an angle and you can actually get a little dizzy and disoriented trying to walk through it. We had to go in two groups as the train could only accommodate so many, so the group not in the train had time to explore



World's Tallest

the surroundings or visit the gift shop seriously. Another site on the property was the "Twin Towers", two redwoods standing together near the playground/picnic area, that were named that after 9/11. Now we were ready for lunch.

We ventured back on our route to Garberville and to Amillias' Restaurant. The owner opened the place

especially for us and had a sumptuous lunch waiting. She had four different types of sandwiches on focaccia bread, a salad, ice tea, and desserts galore. Needless to say, we did not go away hungry.

After finishing our lunch, some of us stopped by the Memorial Grove on the Avenue of the Giants. Here Redwood trees have been planted by club members in remembrance of a loved one. It's always amazing to see how much each tree has grown from year to year. After visiting the grove and a group picture, we headed back to Miranda Gardens. Once again, some members took advantage of a little rest and relaxation before the grill was once again



fired up. Others found their chair by the fire pit and quiet conversation began. Charlene gave us the answers to the trivia quiz, with Rick and Bev getting the most answers correct. At the designated time, the hot dogs and chili were on the grill, the salads, and many new desserts were on the tables and we were once again doing what we do best. After dinner, Dave and Charlene pre-



Redwood roadside stop

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sented each couple with a hanging bird feeder, complete with seed, that Dave had made and branded with the V-8 logo. We cleaned the dishes and put away any left-overs and found our way over to the glowing fire pit once again. It wasn't as cold this evening and many folks lingered well into darkness.

The next morning, after breakfast, we headed toward home. Some left early, but there was a caravan of seven cars that made their way to Hamburger Ranch in Cloverdale. Dave and Carol's daughter Erica and her family joined the group for lunch. After another hearty meal we said our goodbyes to each other and headed back home.

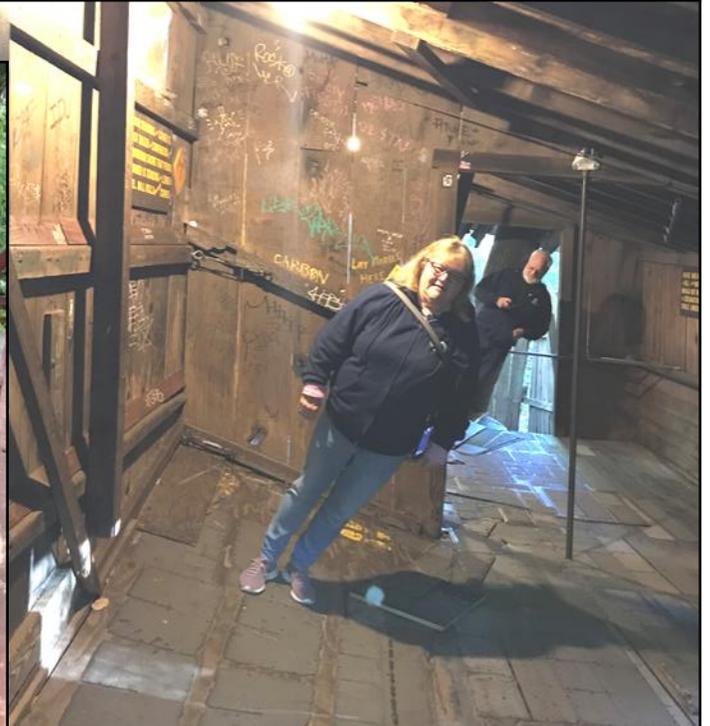
A big thank you to Dave and Charlene for a wonderful, relaxing, no-stress weekend. As Dave told us he even ordered the weather to cooperate. It couldn't have been more fun or better in any way.



Dinner at Miranda



Ready for a ride on the "narrow gauge" train



Carol in the Gravity House

TAMAGNO'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

V8 Events Calendar

Regional Events Calendar

December

8 Christmas Brunch, Redwood Empire R.G.

December

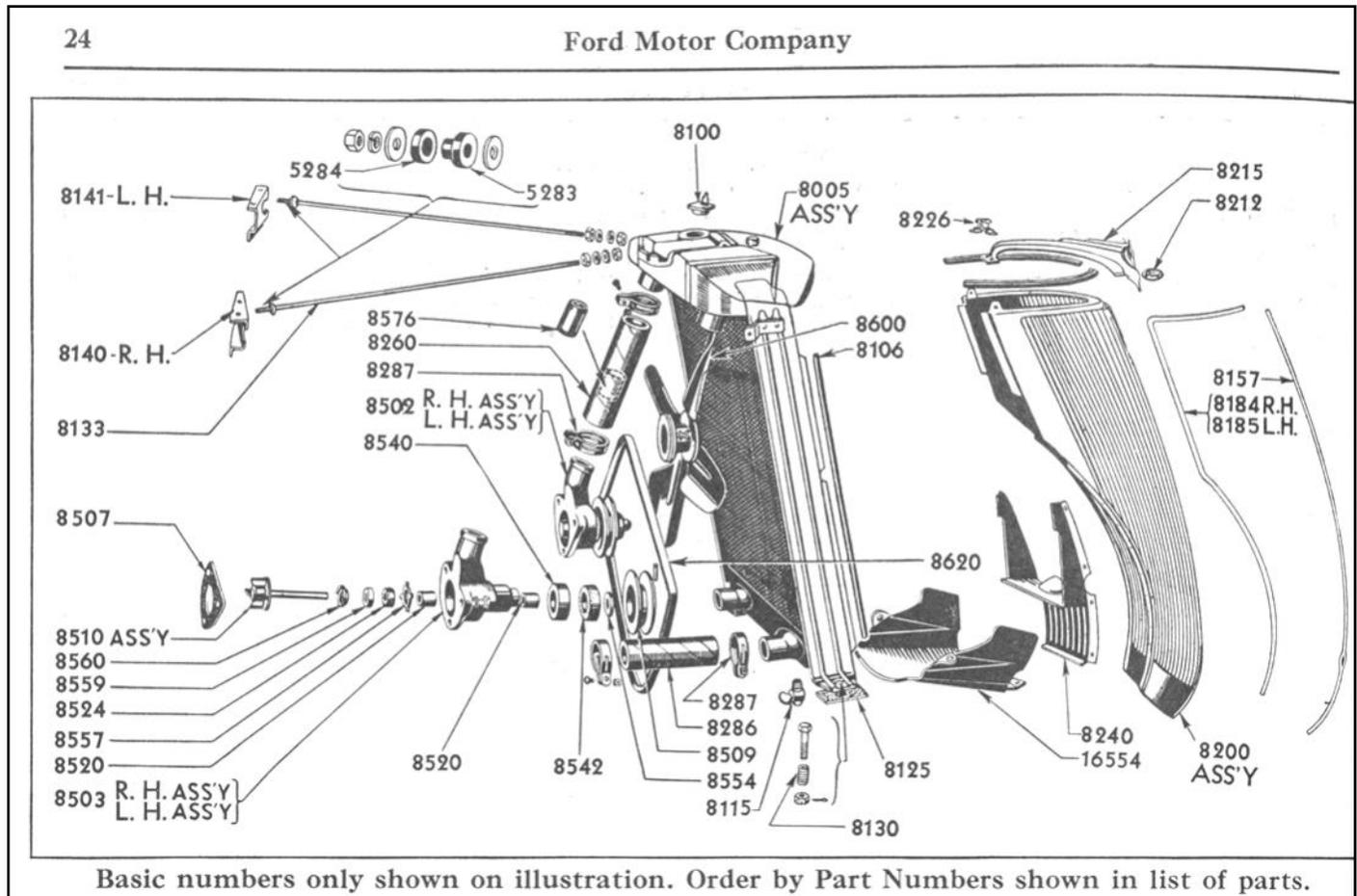
3 R.E.R.G. Board Meeting – Barker's
 8 Christmas Brunch, Redwood Empire R.G.
 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS

CARS AND CAFFEINE SUNDAYS

1st Novato—Vintage Oaks Shopping Center
 2nd Santa Rosa—Coddingtontown by Starbucks
 3rd Petaluma—Washington Square Shopping Center (South)
 Last Rohnert Park—Starbucks near Target

January 2020

1 HAPPY NEW YEAR
 14 R.E.R.G. #27 Monthly Meeting – Round Table Pizza
 24-26 Grand National Roadster Show. Pomona, Ca
 25-26 Turlock Swap Meet



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Hard Luck: Louie Cantarutti is doing better and is recovering from his fall from a ladder.

Tech tips: It was reported that a good source for Auto Glass is Napa Valley Glass, and a good source for a radiator repair is Merv's radiator in Petaluma.

Cars and Parts for Sale: Dave Trabucco has a Ford C-4 Transmission available.

Club Cars Driven to the Meeting: There were 5 members that drove their old cars tonight, Dave Trabucco was tonight's winner.

Membership Attendance Drawing: Jeanne Abate was the winner tonight, and was present to accept her prize.

Carol's Carload of Fun: Carol had a Thanksgiving Trivia Game for all the members, since we are all winners, passed out candy to all the members in attendance.

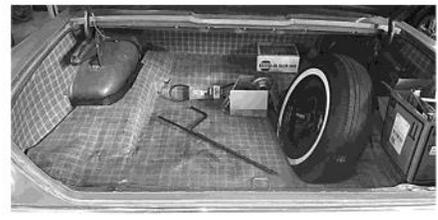
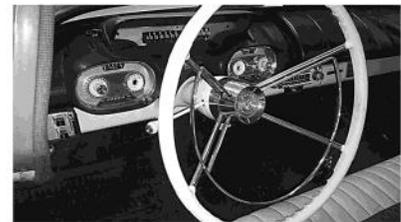
Scholarship Raffle: Members raised \$ 142. Dollars tonight. And there were 12 lucky Raffle winners. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Minutes submitted by Steve McClain, Club Secretary.

Win this 1957 Mercury Montclair 4 door hardtop sedan or \$10,000 2nd prize \$3,000 3rd prize \$1,000 Drawing June 18th, 2020	Tickets - \$10 each 6 for \$50 15 for \$100	Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____ Email _____
	Proceeds benefit the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum	VOID



Early Ford V-8 Club - Regional Group #36 of Maryland, is having a raffle on an outstanding 1957 Mercury to benefit the Early Ford V-8 Museum! For tickets using your credit card, call 260-667-3775, or send a check or money order with a self-addressed stamped envelope to: 1957 Mercury c/o Norm Heathcote, 305 Gwynnbrook Ave, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Make checks payable to NCR36. See the ticket above for details.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dec 03 Gail Wyss

Dec 06 Sharon Cantarutti

Dec 10 Theresa Nelson

Dec 12 Roger Acquistapace

Dec 13 Jim Spero

Dec 14 Beverly Tamagno

Dec 15 Camille King

Dec 16 Jerry Williams

Dec 18 Norma Santillan

Dec 21 Carol Hendricks

Dec 26 Sharron Singleterry

Redwood Empire Regional Group #27

2019 Officers

President:	John Girman	(707) 992-0730
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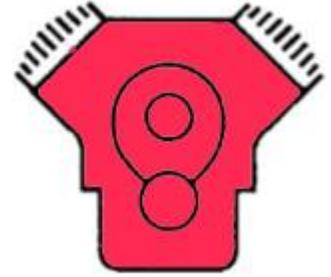
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Sunshine Lady:	Pam Johnston	(707) 255-1230
Newsletter Editor:	John Thompson	(707) 318-3520
Roster:	Patty Girman	(707) 992-0730
Club Clothing:	Mike Buegeleisen	(707) 217-8751

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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The membership dues to REDWOOD EMPIRE REGIONAL GROUP #27 are \$20.00 per year (single or couple). You may sign up at a meeting or mail in your application (with a check) to the address on the form below.

(You are required to be a member of the national Early Ford V8 Club, for membership information refer to : www.earlyfordv8club.org)

RERG #27 MEMBERSHIP FORM (mail to RERG #27 P.O. Box 3302, Santa Rosa, CA 95402)

NAME _____ Your Birth Date: Month _____ Day _____

SPOUSE _____ Spouse Birth Date: Month _____ Day _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Ph # _____ E Mail _____

Early Ford V8'S You Own (Give Year, Model, Body Style and Engine Type)

(Attach additional sheets with V8 information as needed)

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V8's lined up at Confusion Hill stop. Miranda Tour 2019

REDWOOD EMPIRE RG # 27 IN SONOMA, MARIN & NAPA COUNTIES, DECEMBER 2019

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.