



# REDWOOD REVIEW

Regional Group #27

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## The Central National Meet and Return Home, Auburn, IN Part II

By John and Patty Girman with a little help from our friends

Well, we made it to the Central National Meet in Auburn, IN. There were about 275 registrations and over 160 Early Ford V8's for the Meet. Thirty-six States and Canada were represented and, surprisingly, California had the third best representation, with 23. Several club members share their observations and thoughts about the Meet and the return trip below.

CHARLENE TRABUCCO writes: "Auburn – we made it. Lots to see and do here. The new Rotunda of the museum is beautiful with so many great cars and memorabilia inside. We drove to the Portland Tractor Show (saw many Amish buggies along the way), enjoyed the pasta Welcome Party. The next day the girls enjoyed shopping at an Amish village while the guys went to see the cars on the Concourse. The last night was the Awards Banquet at the Auburn-



RERG #27 at the Welcome Party



RERG #27 Baskets for the Raffle

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Cord-Duesenberg Museum, a beautiful building with beautiful cars inside."

Heading for home via Highway 70 with a stop at the Kit Carson Carousel, Tom Johnston led us to Leadville, CO for a visit. Also drove Highway 50, The Loneliest Highway in America. Saw huge rock canyons along the way. Made it safely home – over 5,000 miles.

What a great trip this was! What made it so great were the friends we were traveling with. Lots of fun and laughter.

Wonderful meals and interesting stops. Going on these Ford Meets and weekend getaways is sooo enjoyable with good friends to travel with, and for this, we are blessed."

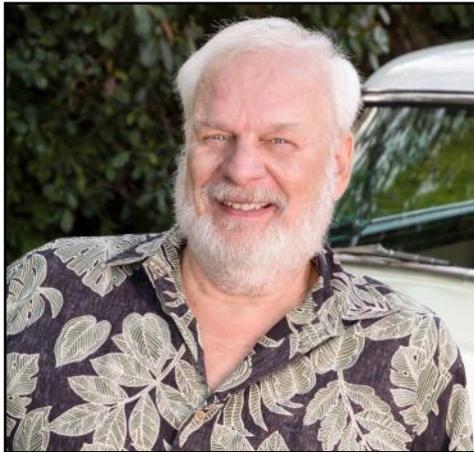
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## From The President:

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Here we are in November and we know fall is upon us because we have a little fog on some mornings. Patty and I enjoyed the Miranda Tour last month as always. It's so nice to relax and to visit with our Ford Family Friends. Thanks to Dave and Charlene Trabucco for organizing the tour once again.

Fall also means free pizza night and elections for our November meeting. We have a full slate of candidates so you don't need to be afraid to show up for the meeting. Of course, there is still room for an additional candidate, if you want to throw your hat in the ring. But, in any event, come to the meeting and enjoy your free pizza.



And fall means the Turkey Trot pancake breakfast. It's a great opportunity to help our community thru the Redwood Empire Food Bank. We have a new venue this year at the Pallo's. They have a great place to hold this event so come on out, fill up on pancakes and help your community thru

food donations. A notice and directions are elsewhere in this newsletter. (Page 8; Ed.)

Dues are due so get them into Denny Ripple as soon as you can. And, finally, after 16 years of handling the advertising for the swap meet, Tom Johnston is ready to retire from those duties. Fortunately, Cathy Ripple has agreed to step up and will assume those duties. Thanks, Cathy for taking this on. And, thanks Tom for doing it all those years.

See you at the November free pizza night and at the Turkey Trot,

*John Girman*

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## Minutes of General Meeting

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Tuesday October 10, 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 September Minutes were approved as published.

**Members in attendance tonight:** 44

**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 Six September Birthday members in attendance, Rich DeCroff

was tonight's winner. Rich donated his winnings to the Scholarship Fund, Thanks Rich.

**Business:**

John announced that the club need a new person to take over the duties of updating the RERG 27 Website, anyone interested should contact John Girman. The club is also looking for someone to take over the duties of advertising the clubs Swap Meet. Tom Johnston has been doing this for the last 16 years and would like to pass this on to a new person. Anyone interested should contact Tom or John.

The Board of Directors is monitoring the club's finances since we had a low

income Swap Meet this year, the club is doing fine a we will still have a Free Pizza night in November, which is also Election Month.

Carol Rasmussen is running for President and John Girman is running for Vice President, Dennis Ripple has agreed to stay on as Treasurer and Steve McClain is staying on as Secretary. Rick Tamagno is more than willing to pass on the Tours & Events duties to someone new. Also, the Board of Directors is set.

The club received a Thank You letter along with a donation from Theresa Long for our help with the Skip Long Car Show.

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CAROL RASMUSSEN shares her thoughts: "After seven days of driving, we finally arrived at the Early Ford V8 Museum. We were all super excited to see the museum. We noticed the flag pole outside the building that had all the bricks donated by members, and we quickly took pictures of the bricks that came from the Redwood Empire. As we were checking out the bricks, we were approached by Robert Punt, the son of one of our past club members, Bob Punt. He was driving Bob and Fran's red 39 convertible. Super fun to meet him and share stories. The Museum was amazing, full of early fords and memorabilia from current and past members.

The city of Auburn sponsored a Cruise-in car show downtown and we enjoyed checking out all the amazing cars and trucks. Being involved with the Ford Club as given us a chance to meet so many wonderful people from all over the United States and other countries. It's so fun to see and catch up with our Ford friends. Our Ford club is so much bigger than we all can imagine. I was unable to attend the Portland Tractor Show but Dave tells me it was really cool. The tractor pulls were fun to watch. Instead, I was selling Ford Accessories at the Museum, meeting and talking with club members. Our club put together two amazing gift baskets for the raffle, one basket with items from Napa Valley and other bas-



Memorial Brick Walk at EFV8 Museum

ket from Sonoma Valley. Everyone was impressed with our baskets.

We all attended the Welcome Party, where the dinner menu included lasagna and pasta primavera, along with garlic mashed potatoes. We all chuckled about the complete Carb dinner, but it was delicious. Again it was fun to meet up with old friends and enjoy conversations with our Redwood Empire group.

The rain arrived on the day of the Concourse which caused a lot of challenges for the organizers, but with contacts and connections, they were able to hold the judging in the large building close by. The la-

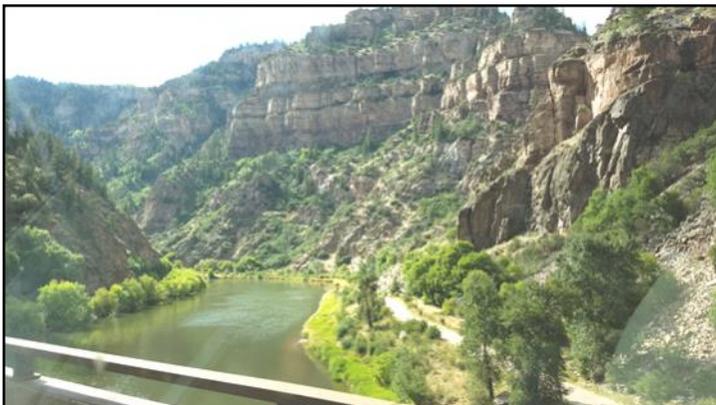
dies had a tour planned to Shipshewana, home to many Amish families. It was so fun to check out this little town with many homemade crafts and goodies. Bev, Charlene and I decided to have lunch at an Amish buffet that was amazing. All of the food choices were over the top Fabulous. We sampled ALL the desserts. Yum!!

One of our favorite lunch stops was a place called Steak n' Shake. They are famous for steak burgers and a huge menu of milkshakes. For \$4.99, we were served a huge burger with fries, a full bowl of coleslaw and a large chocolate chip cookie. Super fun place!

On our last day we attended the Awards Banquet that was held at the famous Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum. The building was amazing, huge with shiny floors and sooo many beautiful Duesenberg cars. The staircase alone was spectacular. Robert Punt got a Touring Class Award. Ken Bounds, the EFV8 Chief Judge, knew Bob and Fran and told the story of how Bob and Fran had attended the National Meet many years ago and won the same award. We had a great dinner and said goodbye to our Ford friends.

As we start our journey home, we had so many super fun stops along the way. We pulled off at the Russell Stover Chocolate Factory and enjoyed all the smells and tastes of chocolate and enjoyed the back room full of discounted chocolates. We had a chance to visit Leadville that is an old mining town and the highest elevation city in the U.S., with an elevation of 10,152. Walking the town can easily cause a shortness of breath.

One of our unexpected side attractions was to the Kit Carson County Carousel. It was a beautiful and fully restored Carousel with different animals. Our host had so many stories about how the Carousel was restored. Our ride was superfast and fun.



A Canyon in Colorado

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Again I need to mention the many potty stops that all had a great story and funny experiences. One of my favorite parts of the day was arriving at new hotels and seeing what they had to offer. One of our hotels in Kansas offered free local wine tasting. We did not see any vineyards and wondered where they got grapes. The wine was terrible, tasted like a Cherry Kool Aid. The server responded that wine is not always about grapes. OK.. Not sure what fruit they are using.

The drive home was full of amazing landscapes, from the beautiful mountains in Colorado to the desert flat lands in Utah. Our country is beautiful and traveling and enjoying it with friends was just perfect. Our last night was spent in Ely, Nevada and the sunset was spectacular with a perfect full rainbow to say good-by. We are excited to travel on our next adventure with our V8 Club friends."

Fords are where you find them as TOM JOHNSTON observes: "On our way into Burlington, Colorado, we stopped at the downtown park to make the obligatory potty stop. Across the street near the railroad tracks, I spotted an old '40 Ford standard Tudor, a Model A coupe, and a '41 Ford Tudor. I walked across the street to check them out and the '40 was a nice old car with original paint and all original upholstery, a definite Rouge car. The Model A was a nice straight old Ford with some non-original paint; the '41 had original paint, but the upholstery had been redone.

So wondering who owned these nice old Fords I walked across the street to a local garage sale to get some information. The man at the garage sale, named Don, was indeed the owner of these cars. He told me the keys were in the ignition and I could take anyone of them for a ride! This must be a real crime free area. After a great talk with him, I found he had never heard of the Early Ford V-8 Club. I told him I would send a copy of the V-8 Times

and an application to join. His daughter said she would make sure he joined. When I got home I sent Don the magazine and an application."

RICK TAMAGNO adds some thoughts: "The road trip returning from Auburn was enjoyable most of the time and a little boring toward the end. Navigating through Indianapolis, Kansas City and St Louis was not as bad as expected. We saw what a Vice Presidential motorcade looked like in Indianapolis. We also saw what great rest areas and roads other States enjoy. Finding a small park to stretch our legs in Burlington, Co was interesting and there was a vintage carousel at the fairgrounds a couple of blocks away. What do you do with a carousel?? You take a ride--especially when the fare is twenty five cents. Denver was fun to negotiate--traffic and road construction--but now

we know where the railyards and warehouses are. Once west of Colorado and hitting Hwy 50, it got a bit boring. Utah



Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum

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**Christmas Brunch  
and  
Officer Installation**

**Sunday, December 8, 2019**

**10 am to 2 pm**

**Brunch Served at 11 am**

**Wedgewood Banquet Center at Foxtail Golf Course**

**100 Golf Course Drive, Rohnert Park**

**\$30 per couple/\$15 single**

**RSVP to Bill Crackbon at 707 538 4227**

**Pre-pay by November 19th**

Checks made out to: RERG #27 and mailed to:

Bill Crackbon

4925 Rinwood Drive

Santa Rosa, CA 95409



Please bring one (1) WRAPPED gift (approx. \$20) per couple for our "pirate" gift exchange

If you would like to participate in the toy drive, please *also* bring an unwrapped toy.

Once again, Carol will distribute the donated toys to the children and families she works with in Yountville. She knows families who could use some help over the holidays.

Call Carol if you'd like any additional information—707 246 4158

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and Nevada don't have much except distance between towns. We managed to liven up the local eateries while there. This group makes its own fun when traveling."

BEV TAMGNO adds to Rick's observations: "Our travels home from Auburn, IN seemed to go quickly. The first day on the road, we crossed over the mighty, muddy Mississippi & Missouri Rivers and saw lots of fields, making guesses on what was growing. We stayed the night in Warrenton, MO and the Best Western there had free appetizers in the afternoon so that was a nice surprise. The next day we passed through Kansas City and had lunch in a Mexican restaurant with the most delicious four-cheese dipping sauce, then stopped at a Russell Stover Candy factory and of course we all bought lots of goodies. That night, we stayed in Hays, KS and were treated at night to a good mid-western wet & windy thunder storm but it blew through quickly. On our way the next day, we stopped at a restored antique carousel in Burlington, CO, very beautiful. Then on our way to Lakewood, CO, we experienced Denver commuter traffic, not fun!

The next day we took a trip to Leadville, CO, high altitude and beautiful scenery. From there we headed to Grand Junction, CO for the night. The next day we started our trip across the desert, made our way to Hwy 50 and Ely, Nev. Along the way in Utah somewhere, we came across a rest stop with a unique bathroom and all the girls had a good laugh and a lady offered to take our picture. We traveled the lonely Hwy 50 after leaving Ely, NV. Rick got so bored driving he was counting the miles on the straight stretches, one was 18 miles across the valley. Our last night we stayed in Fallon, NV, had a great steak dinner at a steakhouse within walking distance to motel, got rained on walking back, but were treated to a beautiful sky and a double rainbow. We had many adventures, lots of fun and laughs and food and saw lots of

different scenery on our 19-day trip with our V8 friends."

Most of the tour features are well covered above but we want to expand on a few. The venue of the concourse judging had to be quickly changed when the forecast called for rain. Ken Bounds and his volunteer staff scrambled to find suitable space indoors and were able to secure the storage space from a nearby auction house. That night they carefully laid out the spaces necessary to shoehorn the cars in the warehouse. The judging went off without any additional problems, assisted by the fact that only 31 cars needed to be judged.

After the Meet, the Cahills headed north to visit family and have another adventure taking some extra time and coming home through Yellowstone.

The Kit Carson County Carousel was a gem! This National Historic Landmark was built in 1905 by the Philadelphia Toboggan Co, a builder of roller coasters. It has 46 hand-carved, wooden animals and is a stationary carousel because its animals don't go up and down. However, it is fast! It travels at 12 mph, double the more typical carousel speed of 6 mph. The music is supplied by a 1909 Wurlitzer Monster Military Band Organ with 255 pipes-----and it was loud. The animals and the carousel were restored as the county's 1976 Bicentennial project. The animals were not brown as originally thought. That was

the result of many layers of varnish. Instead, after 18 months of work with Q-tips, the animals displayed the colorful original paint. What a treat to ride on it!

Traveling west on I-70 from Denver took us thru some beautiful scenery, from rocky canyons following rivers thru pine-covered mountains in Colorado to rocky bluffs and buttes in Utah. As Rick noted, we traveled on Rt. 50 in Nevada, America's Loneliest Highway, so named by Charles Kuralt. Indeed, it could be monotonous but, hey, traffic was light and the road was good.

On our last day, our final "home" charm was handed out by Carol and the necklace was complete. What a memento to help us remember the grand time we had! We arrived outside of Sacramento for our last lunch together on this trip. Again, we made our fun and actually apologized to a few folks around us at the restaurant. They told us that they didn't mind as they enjoyed seeing and hearing us having such a good time together. We now said our final goodbyes on this trip to each other and headed on home. What a great adventure this was with so many truly wonderful friends.



Last Lunch in Sacramento and Completed Charm Necklace

# TAMAGNO'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

## V8 Events Calendar

## Regional Events Calendar

### November

- 3 Bean Bash at Beresford Park, San Mateo, Golden Gate R.G.
- 24 Turkey Trot Breakfast

### December

- 8 Christmas Brunch, Redwood Empire R.G.

### November

- 3 Bean Bash at Beresford Park, San Mateo – Golden Gate
- 12 R.E.R.G. Monthly Meeting – Round Table Pizza
- 9-10 Goodguys Autumn Get Together – Pleasanton
- 24 Turkey Trot – Dan & Wendy Pallo's

### December

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

### January 2020

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

### **CARS AND CAFFEINE SUNDAYS**

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

### **From the Sunshine Lady...**

I am sorry to report that Louie Cantarutti fell from scaffolding on his warehouse and broke several ribs and his right shoulder damaging his lungs. He is home from the hospital now and doing much better every day. I am sure cards and phone calls will be appreciated by Louie and his wonderful "nurse", Sharon.

**Free Pizza Night**  
**Nov. 12th**

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Brian Clary is home recovering from his medical procedures.

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

The Turkey Trot will be held on November 24<sup>th</sup> at Dan & Wendy Pallo's place outside of Petaluma, more information will be in the November Newsletter and at the November Club Meeting. Don't forget to bring your donation for the Food Bank. John reviewed the Miranda Tour and thanked the Trabucco's for another great tour this year.

**Hard Luck:** None reported.

**Tech tips:** Frank Wheeler reported that not driving your old car will result in a low / dead battery.

**Cars and Parts for Sale:** None reported

**Club Cars Driven to the Meeting:** There were 6 members that drove their old cars tonight, Chuck Paul was tonight's winner, and the winnings were donated to the Scholarship Fund. Thanks Chuck.

**Membership Attendance Drawing:** Dave Trabucco was the winner tonight, He donated the winnings to the scholarship Fund. Thanks Dave

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

**Scholarship Raffle:** Members raised \$ 118. Dollars tonight. And there were 7 lucky Raffle winners. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40.

Minutes submitted by Steve McClain, Club Secretary.

# Turkey Trot

**J**oin us on **Sunday, November 24**, for our annual pancake breakfast, held this year at Dan & Wendy Pallo's. Bring a can or cans of food to donate to the Redwood Empire Food Bank. Plan on gathering around 9:00 am and eating around 10ish. See you there!

**DIRECTIONS TO:**

**2161 Fallon-Two Rock Road, Petaluma, CA, 94952**

**SOUTH BOUND 101**

Take exit 481B "West 116, Sebastopol-Downtown Cotati"; turn right and travel until you reach Stoney Point Road, turn left

Travel that until you see Mecham Road, turn right, travel until you reach Pepper Road, turn right

Travel until you reach Bodega Ave, turn right

Travel until you reach Fallon Road, turn left

Travel down that road for about 2 miles, keep straight

Fallon Road will turn into Fallon-Two Rock Road (same road, it's about 3.5 miles total).

Mail box is on the right side, driveway on left side, drive to the back house

**SONOMA- NAPA ROUTE**

Drive on Adobe Road, it will turn to East Washington Street.

Take it all the way until you reach Bodega Ave.

Continue until you come to Fallon Road, turn left

Stay straight for about 2 miles Fallon Road turns into Fallon -Two Rock Road (same road, it's about 3.5 miles total)

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# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<b>Nov 03</b>	<b>Dennis Hegerhorst</b>	<b>Nov 20</b>	<b>Steve McClain</b>
<b>Nov 04</b>	<b>Diane Showalter</b>	<b>Nov 22</b>	<b>Dave Rasmussen</b>
<b>Nov 05</b>	<b>Lang Clary</b>	<b>Nov 22</b>	<b>Dennis McIntosh</b>
<b>Nov 07</b>	<b>Ron Mollo</b>	<b>Nov 26</b>	<b>Edy Sorenson</b>
<b>Nov 11</b>	<b>Terry Block</b>	<b>Nov 27</b>	<b>Dennis Ripple</b>
<b>Nov 18</b>	<b>Ken Dyche</b>		

## Redwood Empire Regional Group #27

### 2018 Officers

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Treasurer:	Dennis Ripple	(707) 838-4331

### Committee Members

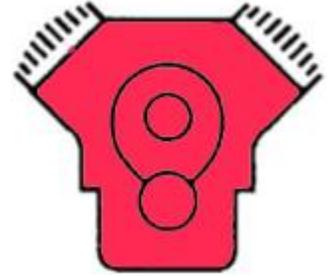
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Club Clothing:	Mike Buegeleisen	(707) 217-8751

### 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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### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

**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](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_

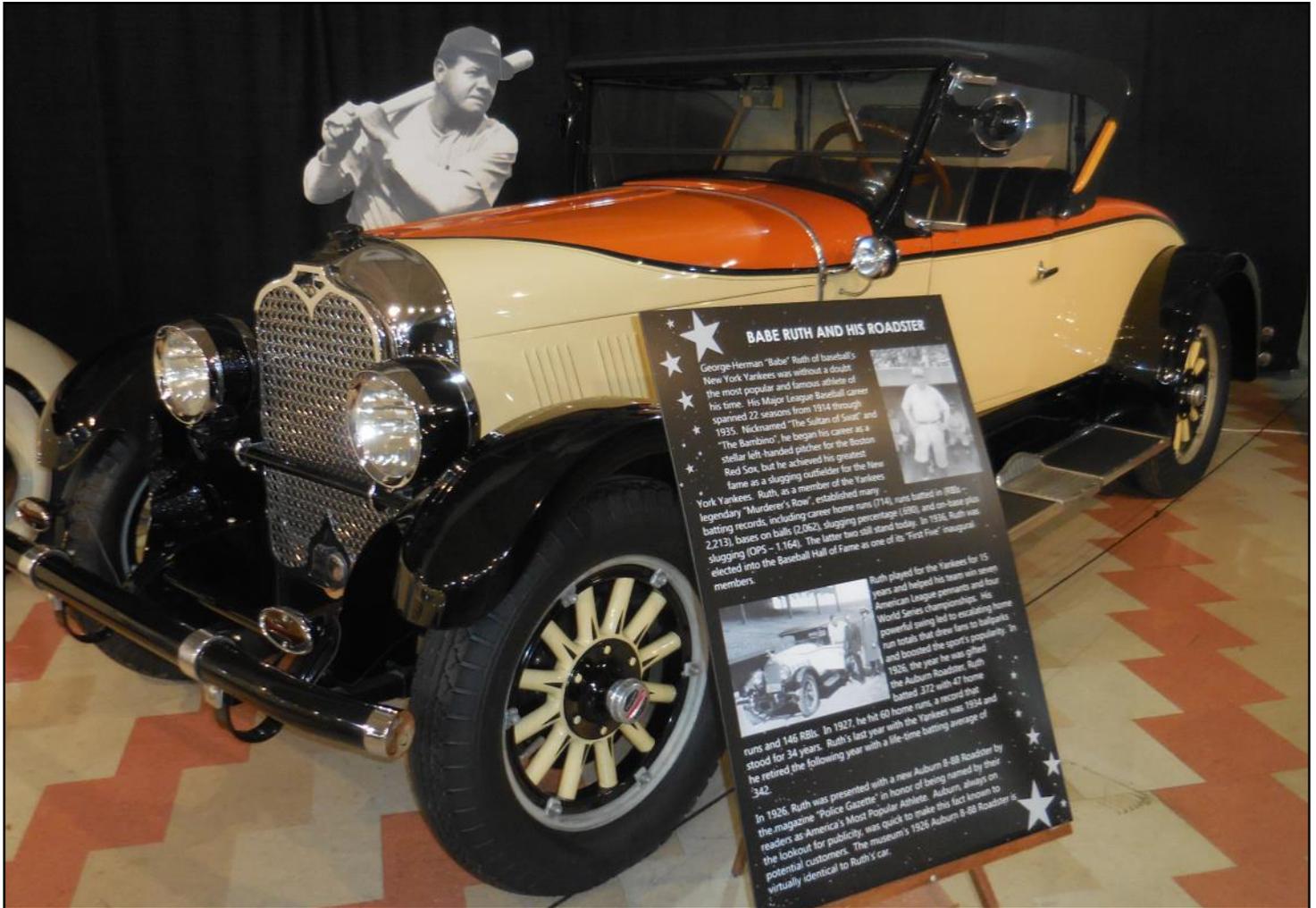
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Ph # \_\_\_\_\_ E Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Attach additional sheets with V8 information as needed)

John Thompson, Editor  
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Babe Ruth's 1926 Auburn at the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum

**REDWOOD EMPIRE RG # 27 IN SONOMA, MARIN & NAPA COUNTIES, NOVEMBER 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.