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Tour to Central National Meet, Auburn, IN, Part I

By John and Patty Girman

Tom Johnston announced at one of our membership meetings that he and Pam would be driving to the Central National Meet in Auburn, IN and that anyone who wanted to could come along. At one of the planning meetings for the trip, it was decided that we would take Rt 66/I-40 out to Auburn and take I-70/Rt 50 on the return trip. We, Patty & John, would plan the first leg and Tom would plan the second leg.

Sixteen members of RG27 would be on the tour. Twelve would go all the way to Auburn (the Johnstons, the Cahills, the Tamagnos, the Trabuccos, the Rasmussens, and the Girmans) and four would go as far as Gallup, NM before turning back because of other commitments (the Burns and Jan Nahmens and Basil Scott). Each couple packed a goodie bag for the other couples (eight bags and they were huge!). We were still eating snacks out of our bags at



Breakfast on the road: What happens on Route 66, stays on Route 66.

the end of the trip. Carol Rasmussen also decided to give each lady a necklace and distribute charms as the trip progressed. There were charms for each State and for sights we saw along the way. We elected to stay mostly at Best Westerns, although we did stay at one 50's style motel in Peach Springs, AZ, and to avoid fast food and chain restaurants as much as possible and instead sample the local fare and mingle with the locals. Those turned out to be good choices. We also set up text phone groups so we could communicate easily while underway.

It would take eight days to get to Auburn. From Barstow, CA onward, we traveled on I-40 often seeing Rt 66 alongside and often with the Rt 66



Harvey House and train station, Barstow, CA

roadbed beneath I-40. We also took many excursions on Rt 66, with one notable stretch of 105 continuous miles. The weather was cooperative and, for the most part, temperatures were cooler than nor-

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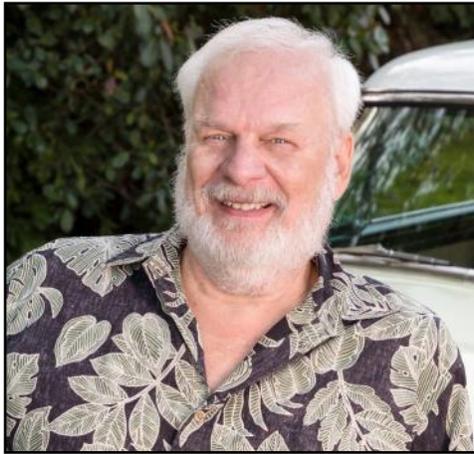
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From The President:

Wow, October already! Before I forget, I'd like to comment on the Montgomery High School car show, held way back in August. Sounds like it was a big success with over 200 cars and many RERG27 members in attendance. Sorry to have missed it but Auburn, IN was calling at that time.

Speaking of the Central National Meet in Auburn, take a look at the article on the trip to Auburn in this issue. I've written about it earlier but it bears repeating: the members of RERG27 are the nicest folks you would ever want to travel with. When there were glitches (and on a 19-day trip there are bound to be some), everyone rolled with the punches and didn't miss a beat. We had a great time and the attitude and comradery is a big part of the reason we did. What a group! Glitches! Driving a few hundred miles a day gives you time to reflect on things. I spent some time thinking about the GPS. We relied on the GPS extensively. It worked well with one notable exception: navigating thru Albuquerque. When we got there, for



some reason our GPS's went bonkers. Ours took us north thru the city for several miles then, without "Recalculating", took us back south, thru a residential area to the 66 Diner, our destination. Needless to say, with heavy traffic and many lane changes, everyone went a different direction. However, within ten minutes of each other, everyone arrived at the diner, although from different direction by using their GPS! Was that a success or a failure?

Other than that one instance, the GPS worked really well. We navigated to the Arch in St Louis and the Speedway in Indianapolis just like we knew what we were doing. Many times, Patty would look at me and say "What did we do before we had a GPS?" Well, I remember. We carefully consulted maps, plotted a route and then got lost when we missed a turn and had no idea how to get back on our carefully plotted route. (As I recall there were always a few choice words as well.) I wouldn't want to go back to those days--- --much better now.

So, now the next big event is the Miranda Gardens Tour. We really enjoy that tour because it's so peaceful among the redwoods and there is always time to catch up with other members on what's been going on.

That's it for now. See you at Miranda and the October membership meeting.

John Girman

Minutes of General Meeting

Tuesday September 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 August Minutes were approved as published.

Members in attendance tonight: 47

Treasurer's Report: President John Girman presented the monthly treasurer's report for Dennis.

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

Birthdays: The club sang Happy Birthday to the Two September members in attendance, Frank Wheeler was to-

night's winner. Frank donated his winnings to the Scholarship Fund, Thanks Frank.

Business:

John announced the sad news that Barry Rasmussen passed away last month, our best wishes and condolences go out to the whole Rasmussen family.

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

Items not in the Newsletter: A car Show in San Rafael on Sept 21st, and a Swap Meet in Alameda at Ferry Point on Oct 19th.

Charlene Trabucco passed out information on the Miranda Tour.

There also was a report on the Mike Haen Memorial Car Show at Montgomery High School, it was a very successful and fun event with 210 cars entered.

There also was a lengthy report and review by many members about the trip to Indiana. Everyone had a blast and the Museum was awesome, Look for the full story in the upcoming Newsletters.

Hard Luck: None reported.

Tech tips: Frank Wheeler discussed his difficulties in finding glass for the Chevy Woodie he is working on.

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mal. We only had rain (a thunderstorm, no less!) once in the evening when we were already back to our motel.

We started sightseeing in Barstow, stopping at a complex with a train station, a Harvey House and a Rt 66 Museum (many souvenir purchases there). The museum was located in the dormitory for the Harvey Girls.

Bev & Rick Tamagno share a few thoughts about the trip: "Our trip to Auburn, IN had so many fun experiences it is hard to pick out just one. Traveling through the Painted Desert and Petrified National Park was beautiful. We also saw some really gorgeous sunsets, like the one going back to the Holbrook, AZ motel from the Park. Another favorite was visiting the Arch in St. Louis, our first time there. The view from the museum area underneath the Arch was so pretty. The best part of the trip by far were the fun times we had traveling, eating & sightseeing with a wonderful group of friends."



Painted Desert, Arizona

Carol & Dave Rasmussen also share their thoughts: "As I think about our amazing trip I can look back and remember the fun and excitement planning the trip. The anticipation of what was to come and what to expect. I had the idea of collecting charms months ahead to create a memory charm necklace of our trip. I wasn't sure how this would work and if anyone would enjoy it as



Charm necklace on first day

much as I did collecting the charms. Well, it turned out to be a huge success and we now have an amazing charm necklace to remind us of the fun places we traveled.

As we embarked on our trip, it had become apparent that all the ladies loved to text from their phones. Yes, a group text worked perfect for potty stops and points of interest. Also with technology, there are apps on our phones telling us what places we could stop at each exit. And with every good trip, food is always fun, trying new foods and experiencing the different foods we could order as we traveled across the country. John and Patty had planned stops to visit along the way. It was fun to try new diners and off the road restaurants, meeting and experiencing some of the nicest servers in the restaurants. Everyone seemed so friendly and helpful. For some of the restaurants or diners, a group of 8 to 10 was huge for them since they had to put tables together.

We had never traveled Rt 66 and it was so fun to see all the old buildings and signs. Traveling through Arizona and Texas was the warmest part of the journey with miles and miles of dessert. At one point the temperature was 116.

I was lucky enough to spend my birthday on Rt 66 and was taken to the Road Kill Cafe for breakfast, one of our highlights, ordering the Awesome Possum Breakfast, with the possum substituted with bacon. After breakfast, we went across the street for ice cream. Only on vacation, do you get dessert for breakfast. And this ice cream stand [Snow Cap Drive-In] was like no other, with crazy employees making jokes about your visit!

Another highlight on trip was the Cadillac Ranch in Texas, where out in the middle of nowhere, 10 Cadillacs were sticking half way out of the ground. We were handed a spray can of paint and were given an opportunity to graffiti the cars. I had my purple can and sprayed the cars. This is so random, and super fun. There were so many fun and crazy parts to the trip, I could write for hours.

I think another crazy fun stop was the Rock Cafe in Stroud, OK. We pulled into this little cafe and noticed the pie on the counter. It was a Poor Man's Pecan Pie with maple syrup covered oatmeal instead of pecans. We met a waitress with stories to tell. She cut up the pie into 8 pieces and we all had a slice of pie. It was fabulous.

We all had such an amazing trip and each one of us has a different experience to share. Dave and I enjoyed learning about this amazing country. We enjoyed seeing all the green grass once we got into Oklahoma and traveled east. I always thought it would be dry grass like California, instead we had miles and miles of corn fields and my new word "Fodder" growing along the road. Another part of our trip was learning about the crazy Cicada Bugs. They don't

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have these bugs in Napa. They make crazy loud noises from the trees. John managed to catch one and we all got a closer look. A fascinating and really ugly Bug.

I truly feel that the best part of this trip was traveling with such a fun and flexible group of friends that were willing in a moment's notice to pull over for potty stops. We could write a whole paper on the fun and unexpected potty experiences. "

Charlene & Dave Trabucco add to the memories: "Dave and I met the group in Napa on August 16th . We had our 8 bags of snacks (one for each car) ready and off we drove (in our Subaru of all things!). But in our defense, everyone in our group drove their modern vehicles as we all thought it best since we were going across some southern States in the summer. That's our story and we're sticking to it.

Our first Best Western (and we stayed in many) was in Mojave, CA. Drove along I-40 to stay at and saw the Grand Canyon Caverns. Dave (who doesn't like caves or caverns) did this one. It is huge and spectacular. One of our side trips was along Rt 66 to the Road Kill Café, what a hoot.

Another stop was in Winslow AZ to "Standing on the Corner" (Eagles song). Another side trip to see the Painted Desert and Petrified Forest in Arizona, what a beautiful drive. I had arranged for the group to stop at Theresa Long's cousin's

jewelry store in Gallup NM. All the girls had lots of \$\$\$ fun there. The Burns and Scott and Jan N. left for home after their shopping extravaganza. Driving through

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Cadillac Ranch graffiti, Texas



Roadkill Café, Seligman, Arizona

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

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Bill Crackbon

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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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Albuquerque to the 66 Diner, we got sooo lost, but our GPS finally got us there. Next side trip was to spray paint (thanks to Patty and John for providing the cans) the Cadillacs that are half-buried nose down. Lots of fun and laughter there. We also drove along the Ribbon Road, a very narrow strip on old Rt 66. When we were at the Best Western in Rolla, MO, we had a thunder, lightning and rain show that everyone had to watch from the safety of their balcony. Quite a storm passed over us. Lucky for us the storm was over so we could go to the Indianapolis Speedway and Kiss the Bricks and then we were in Auburn. So many fun diners and stops along this leg of our journey. Patty and John did such a great job researching and printing such fun and interesting stops for us along the journey to Auburn, IN."

Other notable sights included the petroglyphs in the Painted Desert and an outstanding collection of mostly '50s and '60s cars in Russell's, NM at a gas station/restaurant. (We were told about this by a guy we met at breakfast on the fifth day on the road.) The teepee motel in Holbrook, AZ and the neon lights of Tucumcari, NM were curious relics of the past as were the Burma Shave signs on the roadside. We also enjoyed Bob's Gasoline Alley in Cuba, MO, which houses the largest collection of signs, diner accoutrements, die cast models, other automobilia and cookie jars (had to have something for the ladies) that we have ever seen. There were two buildings, both two stories, and event seating for well over 100 people. Bob was an affable host and described his collecting mania for the last 15 years. We enjoyed the Indianapolis Speedway tour around the track and its Museum.

Besides the Road Kill Café in Seligman, AZ and 66 Diner in Albuquerque, NM, which at one time was a car repair shop (we ate in a mechanic's bay), other culinary highlights included the Giggling Cactus in Barstow,

CA, Smokey Joe's Café in Amarillo, TX, the Weston Café in Baxter Springs, KS (way off the beaten path), and Willy's Drive-In in Vandalia, IL. (Ask Carol about her \$1.40 hamburger there some time. It's a whole story in itself.)

When we arrived at Auburn, IN, we were all tired, but happy that after our eight days on the road and 2,764 miles by our odometer, we would spend several nights at the same hotel and we were all looking forward to the Meet.

Note: the final installment of this article will appear in the November newsletter and will describe the Meet and the return trip.



St. Louis Courthouse from inside Gateway Arch, St. Louis, Missouri

Getting Ready To and Kissing the Bricks, Indianapolis Speedway, Indiana



TAMAGNO'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

V8 Events Calendar

Regional Events Calendar

October

4-6 Miranda Gardens Tour - Trabucco

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.



October

1 R.E.R.G. Board Meeting

5 12th Annual Chilly Billy Fun Run—Hot Rod and Motor cycle Show. Petaluma Fairgrounds. 415-823-4873

4-6 Miranda Gardens Tour – Trabucco

8 R.E.R.G. Monthly Meeting – Round Table Pizza

12 Car Show for a Cause. Petaluma Plaza North. By Cruisin' North 707-843-2930

13 Classic Car Show and Shine. By No Name Car Club. At Konocti Vista Casino 707-278-0185

19 East Bay Swap Meet. Collector Cars and Parts. 2151 Ferry Point, Alameda, 6am to 3pm. Golden Gate RG #1. Info-Mark 510-432-1532

27 Geyserville Fall Colors Car Show

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.

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

Cruise-in Events

Fridays---Buns and Burgers—Larkfield-May through October
Second Sundays---Crusin' North at Rohnert Park Bear Republic Brewing Co. 12 to 3pm-June through October
Sundays—Thumbs Up Burger and Deli—Windsor—April 28 through October

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Cars and Parts for Sale: None reported

Club Cars Driven to the Meeting:
There were 7 members that drove their old cars tonight, Rick Tamagno was tonight's winner, and the winnings were donated to the Scholarship Fund. Thanks Rick.

Membership Attendance Drawing:
Kathy Cahill was the winner tonight, but was not present to accept the prize. The money will roll over to next month.

Carol's Carload of Fun: Carol passed out candy to all the members in attendance.

Scholarship Raffle: Members raised \$ 107. Dollars tonight. And there were 7 lucky Raffle winners. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40.

Minutes submitted by Steve McClain, Club Secretary.

From the Sunshine Lady...

Brian Clary is in a care facility recovering from an illness. He would love to hear from us. Cards can be sent to his home address.

Bill Pate is recovering from treatments for his bout with cancer. He is at home and I'm sure he would appreciate phone calls and/or cards from us.

Jan Nahmens had a small stroke.

The 2021 V-8 Western National Meet South Shore, Lake Tahoe

Work is moving smoothly on initial efforts for Mission Trail's big meet on June 13th thru 18th 2021. Nearly 30 members, some from other nor/cal regional groups have volunteered for the various committees required. The four major committees shown below cover the duties it will take for a memorable time at the beautiful Lake Tahoe and Harrah's South Shore. They will have separate planning meetings in the interest of brevity and productivity. If you have volunteered for the ladies' luncheon, for example, you don't want to spend a lot of time in a meeting discussing unrelated, though important other topics.

Our bid to host the meet was approved by the national board of directors, and we have received a substantial interest free loan for "start up" money needed before registration fees begin arriving. Further, we have signed a contract with Harrah's with a very favorable room rate and other negotiated inducements.

We still need lots of other volunteers as you can imagine. Please check over the four committees. Sign up at a club meeting, monthly breakfast, or just give me a call at 408-269-0100 or e-mail zephyrjer@aol.com. **We need you and it's gonna be a lot of fun!**

Jerry Emery, Meet Chairman

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Oct 1 | Dave Thomasson | Oct 17 | Charlene Trabucco |
| Oct 02 | Wayne Taylor | Oct 20 | Louis Riga |
| Oct 08 | Doug Clem | Oct 24 | Rochelle Berizzi |
| Oct 09 | Richard DeCroff | Oct 25 | Don Troya |
| Oct 15 | Bill Crackbon | Oct 26 | Donna Winton |
| Oct 16 | Basil Scott | Oct 27 | Dave Peterson |

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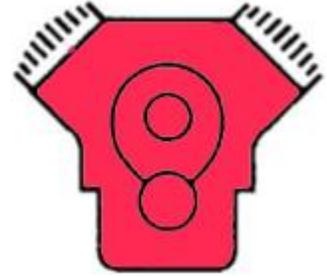
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(You are required to be a member of the national Early Ford V8 Club, for membership information refer to : www.earlyfordv8club.org)

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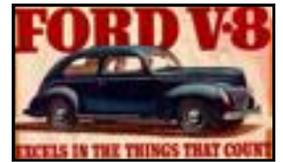
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