

THE REDWOOD REVIEW



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Western National Meet—Bakersfield 2016

By John and Patty Girman

We assembled in Napa for our trip to the Western National Meet in Bakersfield. Tom Johnston conducted a drivers' meeting before we left. We had nineteen cars only three of which were modern cars, and left in two groups. The trip down reminded me of the Chinese curse: may you live in interesting times. It was an interesting trip. After about an hour, it began raining, often very hard. Towels came out and car interiors were mopped up. Ron Mollo's windshield wiper flew off, never to be seen again. Later, when the rain stopped, the wind blew and we had a dust storm that lasted for quite a while. At one point, the dust was so thick we couldn't see two car lengths ahead.



Denise Burns, Charlene Trabucco, Jan Taurian and Patty Girman at the Bill Ray Museum/Photo: John Girman

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However, everyone made it safely to our meet hotel, the Marriott in Bakersfield, by mid-afternoon.

We checked in with the meet registration, picked up our goody bags, merchandise and meet literature. Those of us that brought items for the raffle turned them in. Several of us walked a couple of blocks to a Mexican restaurant, where we ate before retiring for the night.

The next day, many of us went on a

tour of a private car collection. In fact, the majority of people on the tour were from the Redwood Empire. The collection belongs to Bill Ray, who with his son and daughter-in-law, guided us through the collection housed mostly in three rooms. The collection is comprised of 30 cars, of which 24 are in the museum (the rest are his daily-drivers--way to go Bill!), period posters, die-cast models and cardboard figures, including Elvis, of course. Fords and

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From The President:

Happy December everyone, looks like we made it through another year. I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. I can't believe that Christmas is right around the corner, this year has flown by for me.

We had a great year this year as far as club events go, looking back we started in March with a trip to the California Auto Museum, then there were the annual events such as Black Bart, Burney, our Swap Meet, the V-8 Picnic & the Skip Long car show. Then many members went up to Canada for Deuce Days. Then a day tour to the Castelli's, a wonderful trip to Miranda, the Western National, and of course the Turkey Trot. Of course there were many car shows throughout the area this year from Eureka to Marin County and beyond. Thanks to everyone who hosted a tour this



year, your participation is appreciated by all.

Speaking of the Turkey Trot, I would like to give a big Thank You to all who helped put this event on, everyone pitched in, including Sterling, Dave, Rick, & Ron who helped clean the trailer and also helped Charlie prepare the breakfast, to all the ladies who helped with decorations and getting all the food served, Lori, Kim, Bev, Charlene, Donna & Amy. I know there were more people

that helped (I didn't take very good notes) I'm sorry if I didn't mention everyone, but thanks to all that pitched in. Also a big thanks to Charlie Brown, who's also been preparing meals for this club for over twenty years. We also collected a lot of food and monetary donations for the food bank. Thanks to all who participated and donated. Also thanks to Mike for arranging the after breakfast tour, I heard it was a lot of fun.

Thanks to all the officers and committee members who serve this club, you all make my job a lot easier and we all really appreciate your service and participation.

Happy Holidays to all.

Steve McClain

Minutes of General Meeting

Tuesday, November 8th, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Steve McClain.

Steve welcomed everyone attending this evenings Election and Free Pizza Nite.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

Minutes of Meeting: Tuesday, October 11th, 2016 were approved as reported.

Members in attendance tonight: 60

Treasurer's Report: Given by: Steve McClain. Reported on the clubs finances. Club and Scholarship in good shape, with year end 2016 approaching.

New Members and Guests: Club mem-

bers were introduced to Paul & Sheila who have a 1939 Sedan. Members were also introduced to Johnny Kellin. Welcome!

Birthday's: November's were Celebrated. Birthday Winner: Steve McClain! Congratulations!

Business: New and On-Going, Introduced by: Steve McClain

John Thompson, expressed his thanks to the Girmans, Mike Buegeleisen, and all who have contributed their stories and time for the clubs Redwood Review. Thank You.

Discussed this year's Election of Officers. It appears there are no persons

seeking office and no new persons being put forward for nomination. As this is the case, the officers and committee persons who served the club in 2016 have agreed to continue to serve for 2017.

Tours and Events: presented by Rick Tamagno.

Discussed the upcoming calendar. Including The Turkey Trot Breakfast (Sunday 11/13) and Christmas Brunch (Sunday, 12/4) Check your newsletters "Tamagno's Calendar of Events" Page for details of these events. and more.

Hard Luck: None reported tonight

Cars and Parts for Sale:

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American Austins figured heavily in his collection, including a clone of Bill and Denise Burns' '48 convertible, a 1939 Austin Bantam Roadster, a '59 Cadillac Sedan de Ville, a '57 T-Bird, a Bullet Bird, a '25 Model T Huckster and a Willys. Everything was well displayed and dust-free.

We ate lunch at a Basque restaurant, the Wool Growers, for a family-style meal that included a choice of entree. Bakersfield has more Basque restaurants than any other city. It was Charlene Trabucco's birthday so we sang Happy Birthday to her. Back at the Marriott, there was a seminar on the Columbia Two-Speed Axle but I missed it.

We attended the Welcome Reception on the pool patio, with light snacks of cheese, dried fruits, nuts, baguettes, veggies, cookies, brownies and, of course, liquid refreshments. There was a large crowd but the patio

was blessed with a cool breeze that sent many indoors to the lounge area (but, at least, it wasn't a dust storm).

The next morning, many RERG members helped with the operational check, which is always an opportunity to look at the cars more closely and talk with the owners. The operational check was well staffed so I snuck away for an hour to attend the seminar on Overdrive Transmissions given by Elwood Williams. It was the same talk he gave at the Thousand Oaks Meet two years ago, covering how to disassemble/assemble, seals, bearings and controls. However, the audience participation

was great. There was a lot of information from the audience on just the problem I've sometimes had on my '53's overdrive, including some tips on how to fix it.

Other RERG members went on the Weedpatch Tour to the Arvin Federal Government Migrant Camp located about 10 miles south of Bakersfield. The meet organizers handed out directions and a group of cars ventured in that direction.



One Room Shelters at Weedpatch/Photo: Patty Girman

During the 1930's and 40's, this camp was called Weedpatch Camp. In the midst of the Depression, Oklahoma, Texas, and Arkansas and other Midwest states were hit by horrendous dust storms and became known as the Dust Bowl. Folks lost everything and started heading to California hoping to find a better life. Twelve camps were set up to help these migrants; Weedpatch being one of them. This camp was made famous by John Steinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath" when the Joads family arrived there. We were fortunate to have

a woman guide who had actually lived at this camp of 300 residents during the 1940's. Even though we think of this period of time as sad, she felt that life at Weedpatch was like living at a luxurious hotel by the standard of the day. At first, residents were assigned to canvas tents. These were turned into one room (20"x12") steel shelters on concrete platforms and eventually single-story wood-framed shacks.

What made this camp so luxurious was that it had toilets and running water and even a tub to wash clothes in. There are three original buildings, the post office, library and community hall. Our guide told us of the dances and community suppers that were held in the hall. Church was held there on Sunday and even basketball games were played there.

Today, the hall houses a museum dedicated to this era. Originally, the children from the camp were not welcome at the local school, so Weedpatch started its own school, teaching the basics, but also more practical lessons. The children learned sewing, typing, plumbing, carpentry, electrical wiring, and auto and aircraft mechanics, among others things. They were also taught music and were active in sports. Soon the locals were vying to get their own children into this school. Today, the camp is called Sunset Camp, has 88 units, and still houses migrant workers from April to November.

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Turkey Trot Breakfast 2016

By Mike Buegeleisen /Photos: Ed

And here we are, with the blink of an eye we are into Christmas time and our beloved Turkey Trot has past. Crazy how fast time flies. This year was a sunny day and as always we had a great turnout. There were definitely over 20 old Fords in the parking lot. I know that because I ran out of fingers and toes to count and Amy wasn't around to bail me out so I gave up. It looked like everyone had a great time and thanks for all the donations. All of you were able to donate 479 lbs. of food and \$273 in cash to the food bank. WOW! Don't we just have an awesome club! Great job everyone! After the festivities at the muffler shop a group of brave souls followed Amy and me on a short drive out to the coast then we headed north and around to Healdsburg where we ended up at *HealdsBurger* for some more much needed food. It had been over 2 hours since our club members had food so we all barely survived. Thank you to the group that was brave enough to follow us, we had a great time. It was another wonderful day in the life of our V8 club!



At our last meeting, the continuing need for monetary support for the **Early Ford V8 Foundation** was mentioned. Being a V8 club member and a wood worker, I decided that I could help this cause. For several years I have made these "Treasure Boxes". This year I donated three of the boxes to be raffled at the Turkey Trot breakfast. \$500.00 was donated. This money has been sent along to the Foundation. Thanks for the good work. *Frank Wheeler*



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That afternoon, I attended the meeting on the Early Ford V8 Foundation, with Jerry Windle as the speaker. He talked about the history of the Foundation, its purpose, and he gave a status update. The Foundation appears to be doing well. For example, the Foundation is working to increase its display space by 8500 sq. ft. A donor has agreed to more than match this with funds sufficient to expand the space by yet another 10,500 sq. ft! This will allow the Foundation to bring in items now stored elsewhere. One thing that I hadn't realized, while many cars from the Early Ford V8 Era are well preserved and available, other artifacts associated with the cars are disappearing and an effort must be made to preserve those, too. Jerry also spoke about his efforts to include hot rodding Fords and lake racing in the exhibits because they are a large part of why Early Ford V8's are so significant. I also attended the National President's Meeting, where Tom Johnston and Dave and Carol Rasmussen were recognized for their service to the EFV8CA. I later attended the Owners/Judges Meeting that afternoon.

That evening, we went to the Concourse Kick-Off Party which featured a pizza and chicken wings buffet, desserts and, of course, liquid refreshments. The speaker was Kern Co. Sheriff Mack Wimbish, who spoke about Weed Patch and the migrant workers fleeing the Dust Bowl during the Great Depression. Later, a DJ played music from the Big Band Era.

The next morning found many of us up early for the Judge's Breakfast. The judges were pretty recognizable with our bright red polo shirts donated by Bob Drake. The concourse field was well laid out with 102 cars for judging and display. (Overall, there were 172 registrations and 291 attendees.) I was

part of a team of nine judges, responsible for only two cars in the '49-53 category. Good thing there were only two cars because we spent an hour and twenty minutes on just one car. In the spirit of the Chinese curse, it was an interesting car. After the judging, I went around and voted for the Touring, Touring A and Display classes and there were a lot of cars in these categories (Seems like these categories deserve to be expanded, given the number of entrants.)



RERG ladies at their easels/Photo: Jan Taurian

Meanwhile, many RERG members attended the Ladies Luncheon. This is always a lovely affair and a time to get together with friends that one may not have seen for a while. After a lunch of Cobb salad or turkey croissant, we dove into our centerpieces. This year that meant that each table had either a chocolate or yellow decorated fondant-covered cake at its center. Yum. We then moved across the room for our special treat. We each sat down before a blank canvas with paints in front and a variety of brushes beside and were on our way to becoming "artists". There was a painting of the front of an old car surrounded by pumpkins and foliage at either end of the tables. Our instructor showed us which brushes to use and how to mix the paint and with trepidation in our hand we drew our first line. We proceeded to fill in our canvass and

added highlights to make our car look old and our pumpkins real and our sky take on the brilliance of bright autumn light. When we were done, some of us decided our masterpiece was not worth taking home and others were on their way to finding art classes to take when they returned.

Folks were able to pick up their raffle prizes and several club members took home prizes. Five couples from the RERG had a dinner at the hotel, in a private room with our own servers. The food was good, the service was great and the conversation engaging.

The next morning found us on the road taking a driving tour of Bakersfield. The tour included a scavenger hunt that required answers to questions about sights along the tour. The tour was about 35 miles and included stops at the Kern Co. Museum, the Kern River oilfield, the California Living Museum and the Buck Owens' Crystal Palace. We also passed thru some nice residential neighborhoods. Along the way, most of us ate at Luigi's, a period Italian restaurant filled with photos of notable people from the past. After the tour, we turned in our questionnaires.

The Awards Banquet was held at the Buck Owens' Crystal Palace. It was a great venue with various sized tables arranged stadium-style. Most of the RERG were seated in the upper left corner together. In addition to seeing the stage, we could see a large-screen TV over the stage. The food was good and the service was efficient. People must have thought the fix was on because the RERG went home with a boatload (carload?) of prizes and awards. The Marriott gave away credit for ten one-night's stay at the hotel; RERG won four of them (Bill and Denise Burns; Bob and Marilyn Flaner; Dennis and Gloria McIn-

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Steve has information re: Ford parts to be found. The seller lives in Chowchilla. Dave Peterson had a follow-up regarding the 1957-2 dr, station wagon he was looking for. He said he got a good response and said what a good forum our meetings provide to help get the word out. Also Dave wanted to remind members to reach out. Within our club there are so many with skill and talent. Who enjoy a challenge and like to help.

Tech Tips and Information: None offered tonight

Club Cars Driven to Meeting: Winner: Jerry Williams! Congratulations!

Membership Attendance Drawing: Winner: Cheryl Porter! Congratulations!

Carol's Carload of Fun: Game: "What do you know about Turkeys"

Winners: All, compliments of Carol

Scholarship Raffle: Winners: 11 Members Raised: \$175

The meeting was adjourned at: 7:50p
Report submitted by Eileen Martin-Rawson, Club Secretary



1947 Ford COE. Western National Meet/ Redmond, OR 2012/Photo: Ed.

SWAP & SHOP WITH EARLY FORD V-8 MEMBERS

Hello all, I am looking for 2 items please.

#1 The Green Ford Chassis Parts & Accessories Catalogue. 1928 thru 1948 Passenger cars & 1928 thru 1947 Trucks. Also called the " Green Bible" sometimes.

#2 Any Flathead aftermarket ignition systems or parts. I like to play around with Mallory, Kong, Pounden etc., etc. ignition systems, either magnetos or points. I am trying to run these on my cars.

Thanks,
Mike 707-217-8751
1932V8@att.net



1934 Ford Roadster (Henry Ford steel) W/rumble seat

Many Touring A 1st place awards

Looks stock, built to drive with '36LB flathead, Lincoln Zephyr brakes,

Mitchell overdrive and 16" Diamond Back white wall tires

Cordoba tan W/Tacoma Cream trim

\$85,000 or reasonable offer

Mike Haen (707) 480-9820.

V8 Club members, if you'd like to list your for sale items or parts needed for 3 issues of *The Redwood Review*, email them to: rdster36@comcast.net

(please include good quality jpeg photos of the For Sale items and notify me when sold)

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tosh; and Rick and Bev Tamagno). Dave and Charlene Trabucco took first in the scavenger hunt trivia, while yours truly (John and Patty Girman) took second. Many RERG won awards for their cars. In no particular order, they were Don and Dianne Troya; Jim Derickson; Mike Haen; Wayne Taylor; Bob and Marilyn Flaner; Alma Thompson; Dave and Carol Rasmussen; Bill and Denise Burns; Jerry Emery; and Dave and Gail Wys. To conclude the awards, Al Lawson came out of the restroom to find out, to his surprise, that he had won a large neon Ford clock in the raffle. Yes, indeed, it was a good night for RERG! (The complete list of winning cars and their classes will be in a later issue of the V8 Times.)

We left at 9:00 am the next morning with Lone Pine as our destination. It was a gorgeous drive as we followed the Kern River and the deep canyon it had eroded thru the rocky hills. We enjoyed views of the waterfalls and riffles as we motored along on a well-engineered and paved road. We had fourteen cars including the three modern cars. Grant Fleming, from Ontario Province, Canada had joined us in his rental car. At Lone Pine, several of us went to the Lone Pine Film History Museum. This is a great little museum and it documents the history of the over 400 movies filmed in the Alabama Hills in and around the area. These movies included many of the B Westerns starring Tom Mix, Hopalong Cassidy, the Lone Ranger, the Cisco Kid, Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, John Wayne and Audie Murphy among others. However, many other types of movies were filmed there such as science fiction, (for example, Tremors and an episode of Star Wars and Iron Man). The museum featured a movie about the film history, movie posters, a film truck,



Happy Hour in Lone Pine/Photo: John Girman

saddles, rifles, revolvers and holsters and lunch boxes. Later, we all enjoyed a happy hour at the motel and the views of the Alabama Hills and Mt. Whitney before having a great meal at the Seasons steak house. Who would have thought that Lone Pine would have such a good restaurant? And, another birthday----we sang Happy Birthday to Marilyn Flaner!

The next morning we continued up Rt. 395 on our way to South Lake Tahoe.



Old Fords Top the Grade/Photo: Patty Girman

Again, the scenery did not disappoint. We had views of the snow-covered peaks of the "backside" of the Sierra with golden aspen and birch with yellow-flowered rabbit brush in the foreground. Truly spectacular fall colors! To take in more of the scenery, we took the June Lake loop and also had views of Mono Lake as we cruised by. We rolled into Lake Tahoe and claimed our rooms. Most of us had dinner at the American River Cafe. The next morning, small groups departed for home.

Many thanks to Tom Johnston for planning such a beautiful drive. It was a grand tour and we all enjoyed it. Also, I apologize if you received an award and I did not list it. It was difficult to get all the names at the Awards Banquet. Let us know and we'll get it in the next newsletter.



TAMAGNO'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

V8 Events Calendar

December

4 Christmas Brunch, Redwood Empire R.G.

Regional Events Calendar

December

6 R.E.R.G. Board Meeting – Barker’s
 4 Christmas Brunch, Redwood Empire R.G.

January

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

February

7 R.E.R.G. Board Meeting – Barker’s
 14 R.E.R.G. Monthly Meeting – Round Table Pizza

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dec 03	Gail Wyss	Dec 13	Jim Spero
Dec 06	Sharon Cantarutti	Dec 14	Beverly Tamagno
Dec 09	Scot Kohler	Dec 15	Camille King
Dec 10	Bob Flaner	Dec 16	Jerry Williams
Dec 10	Theresa Nelson	Dec 21	Carol Hendricks
Dec 12	Roger Acquistapace	Dec 26	Sharron Singletary

From The Sunshine Lady:

Carol Hendricks lost her dad. He had a wonderful life and lived to be 97.

After having a couple of stints put in his heart, **Bob Flaner** is home from the hospital and doing fine.

Rick Pilling (who moved from Napa to Cottonwood to be near his daughter and her children after his wife passed away) is in Mercy Hospital at 2175 Rosalind Ave., Redding, CA 96001. We just enjoyed his company in Bakersfield and are sorry to hear he is having complications from a large kidney stone. Cards to cheer him up would be appreciated I'm sure from his Ford friends.

John Girman has had hip replacement surgery and is home doing well.

Dave Kibler had some serious back surgery and is recovering rapidly at home.

I'm sad to report that **Darryl Thurner's** wife, Lynn, passed away.



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All Members are invited to attend the Board Meetings; call any of the above Board Members for dates, time and meeting place, or call Peter & Earlene Barker at 707-537-1145



Early Ford Store, San Dimas, CA 2014/Photo: Ed.

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)

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)

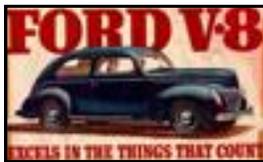
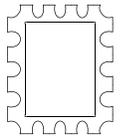
(Attach additional sheets with V8 information as needed)

REDWOOD EMPIRE RG # 27 IN SONOMA, MARIN & NAPA COUNTIES DECEMBER 2016
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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