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V8 Turkey Trot Helps Food Bank

Story By Mike Buegeleisen/Photos By John Thompson

What a great event that we get to participate in and enjoy. This year the weather was perfect, we were able to borrow the refurbished BBQ trailer again and we had a great turn out. As Carol Rasmussen would say "FABULOUS".

We wanted to give everyone a little history about Charlie Browns Turkey Trot. In the 90's Charlie Brown owned a restaurant & bar named the Wild Hare. He had a customer who worked for a food donation center and he said they are always short on food for the Thanksgiving & Christmas holidays. Charlie stepped up and donated a bunch of food. At that time, he had help from his restaurant suppliers, customers, friends and the V8 Club. He did that for a few years until the Wild Hare closed. From there he teamed up with Kenny Dyche and started using Major Muffler as a location to have his food drive. At this point it turned into an official V8 Club event and



Ron Mollo and Charlie Brown cook pancakes while Rick Tamagno stirs up the batter



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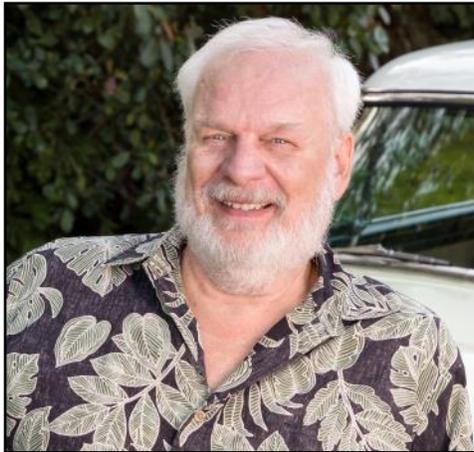
the donations started going to the Redwood Empire Food Bank. That was 20 plus years ago and everything has evolved over the years but the idea has always remained the same, to help others in need during the holidays. Now a days this is one of the V8 Club's best events. We have great volunteers to set up/clean up and coordinate the great breakfast. Frank Wheeler started a money donation pot to add to our food donation and he also adds the proceeds from his raffle of one of his fantastic hand built wood masterpieces. Wow! Another addition is a great car tour

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From The President:

Happy December! Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. The Turkey Trot is part of that and we had a good time there. Thanks to Charlie Brown, Rick Tamagno, Ron Mollo and Dave Trabucco for the food prep and cooking needed to make it a success. Dave also led a tour to Dan and Wendy Pallo's place after the breakfast to visit their huge facility. (It's too large to be called a garage.) Lots of goodies and toys there. Their party room is not too shabby either! Thanks to Dan and Wendy for sharing their place with the club.

By the time you read this, we will probably have had the Christmas Brunch and installation of officers. Brian Clary will be stepping down as Treasurer. He did a great job for several years and single-handedly saved our club's financial records from last year's fire. Thanks, Brian, for a job well done. Julie McClain stepped into the breach this past year to serve as Secretary for the membership meeting and will be stepping down. Thanks, Julie, for helping the club when we needed you. But never



... fear, we have members to fill the vacant positions: Bill Crackbon has agreed to serve one last term as Vice President; Steve McClain will serve as Secretary for the membership meetings; Dennis Ripple will serve as Treasurer; and you're stuck with me as President for another year. In addition, Charlene Trabucco has agreed to serve as Secretary for the Board meetings. Thanks to all for supporting the Club in this way.

Thanks to the Club members who hosted tours and events this past year and to the committee members who managed the Club's business. And speaking of thanks, special thanks to all the members who attended the Club's tours and events and helped behind the scenes to make this club's activities such a success. This is truly a special club and it's our members that make it so special. Give yourself a pat on the back.

Finally, in closing, a reminder: your dues are due. Many of you have already paid them. Let's get the rest of the dues in so we can begin working on the Club's roster.

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

John Girman

Minutes of General Meeting

Tuesday November 13, 2018

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 minutes from the October meeting were approved as reported in the last newsletter.

Members in attendance tonight: 51

Treasurer's Report: Brian Clary presented the monthly treasurer's report.

New Members and Guests: None in Attendance

Birthdays: November birthdays were celebrated. Dave Rasmussen was the October Birthday winner.

Old Business:

Bill Crackbon discussed the Christmas brunch, he is collecting money tonight and at the Turkey Trot on Sunday. There is new management and a slightly altered menu this year. The bar will open at 10:00 and not a minute sooner. Carol discussed the gift exchange and the toy drive.

New Business:

Carol Rasmussen announced that there will be a planning meeting for the trip to the National Meet in Indiana next August, it will be on Nov. 27 in Sonoma.

Elections were held for next year's officers

John Girman was Re-Elected President, there were no volunteers or nominations for Vice President so the Board will have to deal with the situation at the next Board Meeting. Steve McClain was elected as Secretary, and Dennis Ripple will be our new Treasurer. Thanks to all the outgoing officers for your service.

Tours and Events: Rick Tamagno reviewed upcoming events. See your newsletter for a complete listing.

Discussed were the Turkey Trot which will be held at the Muffler Shop on Nov 18, and the Christmas Brunch held on

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Juanita Cooper, Charlene Trabucco, Loretta Kirkeby, Bev Tamagno and Jan Taurian serve up breakfast.

afterward that is planned by Dave Trabucco. Just lots of good stuff happening.

So we are going round to 25 years from the time Charlie started this. We average 500 pounds of food every year and in the first few years it was 1,000 pounds. Let's go 3 years at 1000 lbs. and 22 years at 500 lbs. that is 14,000 lbs. (7 Tons) of food donated. Awesome! I don't know how many years the cash donations have been going for, so I am calling it 10 years. I am going to say an average of \$400 per year so that is \$4,000. Awesome! This year we had 416 lbs. of food and \$555.00 cash, another great year.

There we have it, Charlie's idea is going strong and is something to be very proud of. Thank you Charlie!!!



V8ers eager for breakfast



Frank Wheeler sells a raffle ticket to Jan Nehmens



Welcome Race Fans!

Story and Photos By Mike Buegeleisen

So let's step back in time to a place where Flathead Fords ruled the roads. Let's say about 1951. There were groups of guys getting together to see who had the fastest hot rod on the street. This was the beginning of organized drag racing. Of course in the mid fifties racing got a little more serious with the NHRA being formed and the release of some fairly efficient overhead valve engines. So for some of us hot rodders the early fifties racing was a period of time we would have wanted to be a part of. Simpler racing with the competition being a little more evenly matched at the makeshift tracks set up at airstrips with flag starts and no electronics. Just first to the finish line wins.



Fast forward sixty-six years and we have a couple of Southern California guys who had an idea. Let's find a place to try and step back to 1951ish. Last year they were able to turn their idea into a reality. They called it the RPM Nationals. They found a small airstrip at Santa Margarita Ranch in the small town of Santa Margarita that is in San Luis Obispo County. The town is about ten miles south of Atascadero. The ranch has been used for other car events so it

seemed like a good fit. The rules were 1936 and earlier cars with 1953 and earlier drivetrains. They had multiple classes to race in from street driven cars to full race cars on Nitro. Both 4 cylinder and V8 cars. No overhead valve engines, no billet and nothing modern showing. Great rules!

I attended the first race last year and it was a bunch of fun. I raced my '32 Roadster and did pretty well. Last year I left the car alone and raced it as I drive it. This year I decided to go all out. It was time to lighten up the car and turn it into an early 50's race car. So I took off the fenders, running boards, bumpers & brackets, exhaust, headlights, hood, windshield and the entire interior besides an old seat. I gave the engine a hot tune up and put some good fuel in it. All the changes were a lot of fun and it really did make a difference. For a little Flathead powered car it was quick and felt good.

Off to the races we went. We got to the Ranch on Friday and set up our pit. We met some friends at the Ranch who were also racing which included fellow V8 Club member Jay West in his Roadster. It was cool, we had a pit full of Hot Rods. We were all ready for the Saturday race. This is a one-day event and they limit it to 100 cars racing. They also have a small swap meet and a small car show. Definitely lots to see. Saturday morning they start everything with a drivers' meeting and a plan of how they want the day to go. From there we get to start rac-



ing!! The morning time is for test runs and tuning. The Roadster ran well but I had a traction problem. I put a set of smaller

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TAMAGNO'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

V8 Events Calendar

December

25 MERRY CHRISTMAS

January

8 R.E.R.G. 27 . Monthly meeting-Round Table,
Occidental Rd, Santa Rosa

25-27 Grand National Roadster Show—Pomona

26-27 Turlock Swap Meet

Regional Events Calendar

December

4 R.E.R.G. Board Meeting—Barker's

25 MERRY CHRISTMAS

January

1 HAPPY NEW YEAR

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

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diameter tires on the back to help with my gear ratio and they did not want to cooperate. As long as I was rolling it was ok, but from a dead start she would just spin, spin, spin. I brought my taller tires so I went back and changed them for the rest of the day. It spun those quite a bit as well but not nearly as much. Unfortunately it wasn't as quick with the tall tires. Oh well, we did what we could and had lots of fun. After lunch they went into eliminations. You get in line in your class and just race whomever you happen to line up with. I went a few rounds and was taken out by

another Roadster. Then he went to the next round and was taken out and then there was the final round. So out of 30 plus cars in our class I was fourth fastest. Hey, not bad. After the eliminations they open the track up to grudge racing and you get to go race whomever you want.



That was a bunch of fun. I think I hot lapped the '32 about 8 times and just beat the heck out of the poor car. It held up well and we had no issues at all. Gotta love good old Ford parts!

I will leave the car the way it is for a while but I like this car better as a full fendered Hot Rod, that is the way my Dad always wanted it as well.

This was a great adventure and I highly recommend attending the event if you like early 50's Flathead drag racing. Fun, Fun, Fun!!

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Dec. 12, Bill Crackbon is accepting payment for the Brunch, \$ 15.00 per person. (the club is paying half of the cost per person

Hard Luck: None Reported

Tech tips: Dave Simonds discussed repairing a vented gas cap.

Cars and Parts for Sale: None reported

Club Cars Driven to the Meeting: 6 Club cars were driven to the meeting. Dave Simonds donated his winnings to the raffle. Thanks Dave.

Membership Attendance Drawing: Cathy Ripple won the attendance drawing tonight, and collected \$25 dollars which she will donate back to the community. Thanks Cathy.

Carol's Carload of Fun: Carol had a game ready, but due the length of the meeting, it was decided to wait until the next meeting, however, she still had candy for everyone. Thanks Carol.

Scholarship Raffle: Members raised \$ 132. Dollars tonight.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Minutes submitted by Steve McClain, Newly_elected Club Secretary.



From the Sunshine Lady, Pam Johnston:

We lost a wonderful lady this month by the name of **Fran Pundt**. She and her husband Bob spent many years going to V-8 Best Western National meets with many of us, mostly traveling in their red 1939 Ford Convertible. She was always smiling and brought joy to all of us. Her family can be reached at 6730 Redwood Avenue, Sebastopol, CA 95472 if you'd like to send a card.

Donna Frederick has had a double knee replacement surgery and is recovering at home. Her home phone is 707 588-9987. She is one tough lady!

Also, we have just learned of the passing of **Sue Mitchell** (Mitchell Overdrive). She and Glen were former members of RG 27.

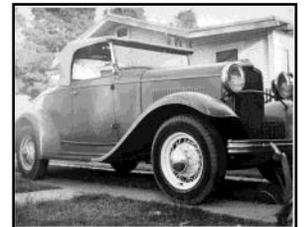
From the "It's a small world department:

In the September "Redwood Review", I printed a photograph of a 1932 Ford Model B Roadster Mike Buegeleisen and I found at the Fortuna swap meet. Tom Johnston was kind enough to forward the following from Leif Fredriksson of RG #58 Sweden:

"Assuming you are the editor of Redwood Review I have a surprise for you.

In your latest issue you present a Roadster picture you found on a swap meet. I have been a member of the EFV8 Club of America since 1969. Lorin Sorensen advised me to the club. In 1973 I founded the club's Reg Group #58 and later in the same year a friend and I attended to the GN Meet in Dearborn. Since then I have attended another 7 GN meets.

In the very early 70's I pen palled with someone in CA and he sent me the enclosed picture of his car as it was the day when he bought it in 1941, the same year I was born. Today I don't remember who it was but there is a text on the back side, which is seen on the second picture enclosed.



It's a small world after all."

The note on the back reads, "This is the way it was when bought in 1941".

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|--------|--------------------|--------|-----------------|
| Dec 03 | Gail Wyss | Dec 13 | Jim Spero |
| Dec 06 | Sharon Cantarutti | Dec 14 | Beverly Tamagno |
| Dec 09 | Howard Hansen | Dec 16 | Jerry Williams |
| Dec 10 | Theresa Nelson | Dec 21 | Carol Hendricks |
| Dec 12 | Roger Acquistapace | | |

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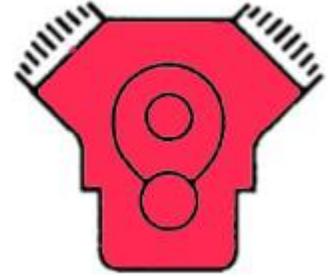
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Board Members

Charlene Trabucco, Steve McClain, Rick Tamagno, Sterling Cousins, Richard DeCroff, Ron Mollo, John Girman, Brian Clary, Bill Crackbon

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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)

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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2018 RPM Nationals/Photo: Mike Buegeleisen

REDWOOD EMPIRE RG # 27 IN SONOMA, MARIN & NAPA COUNTIES, DECEMBER 2018

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.