

# THE REDWOOD REVIEW



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## Miranda Fall Tour 2016

By John Girman

It was a perfect day for a tour when the RERG#27 headed up 101 for the annual Miranda trip. We had eleven old Fords and three modern cars as we queued up leaving Healdsburg. Traffic was moderate and we settled in to enjoy the scenery and begin working on the trivia quiz provided by Charlene Trabucco. In Willets, we took our normal stop to fuel and defuel (you know what I mean). Just north of Willets, we saw a recently overturned semi-truck which prompted some conversation about how it overturned and why.

We cruised along, enjoying the scenery with its clumps of muted yellow and occasionally red fall leaves along the canyons with winding rivers filled more with gravel bars than water. We stopped at the Irving Lodge Rest Area near Laytonville to have a “running board” lunch at picnic tables set



Miranda Tour participants gather at Humboldt Redwoods State Park. Photo: Jan Tourian.

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among redwoods. When we went thru small towns and settlements, there were many hitchhikers, most with large backpacks and many who looked foreign. We later found out from Rick Tamagno that these were folks who had come to help trim marijuana. Apparently, it pays well and there are fringe benefits that appealed to the hitchhikers. We arrived at our destination, Miranda Gardens, via the Avenue of the Giants in the early afternoon and checked in. One of the signs at the check-in desk informed us that we were not allowed to smoke or trim in our rooms. Aha, that is consistent with Rick's explanation! I'm happy to report that this sanction did not appear to cramp the RERG's style. The check-in was interesting because there was a

minor reshuffling of rooms this year, as many of us were trying out new (to us) rooms.

That evening, after our happy hour of shared drinks and snacks, we grilled our steaks and burgers on a grille honchoed by Dave Trabucco. One side of that grille never seems to heat like it should so Dave had a committee of helpers offering suggestions to little avail. We had a huge variety of side dishes, salads and dessert so no one left hungry. (Can RERG cook or what? We just might be better at food than touring!) People lingered at the tables or assembled around the fire pit to enjoy the fire tended by Jim Derickson to round out the evening.

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## From The President:

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Hello fellow V-8er's, well fall is in full swing and winter isn't too far away. As I write this it is rainy and cold outside, a sure sign that most fun car events are through for the year. We do have the Turkey Trot coming up this month, another great event that gets us out of the house rain or shine. Don't forget to bring along some canned or non-perishable food that we will donate to the Redwood Empire Food Bank. That is after all the main purpose of the event, although, the pancake breakfast and comradery is a pretty good side benefit. And it is a great time to get the old cars out if the weather is reasonable.

Well it looks like the officers for next year will remain pretty much unchanged. However, we could use a little help with the secretary position. Eileen has done a great job this year, but would love to pass the position on



to a willing candidate. I know there is someone out there who has not been an officer yet and has the ability to help out. If it does not happen this year, it will absolutely have to happen next year. It's not that hard and we will need someone to step up soon.

It is time to sign up for the Christmas Brunch, so if you would like to attend, please get your name and money in to Bill Crackbon by November 19<sup>th</sup>. It is \$30.00 per couple or \$15.00 single.

The club is paying half of the cost for this event. Also don't forget to bring a gift for the Pirate Gift Exchange, always a fun time (for most). Also if you are in the giving mood, Carol is accepting unwrapped toys for the children and families that she works with in Yountville. It is very much appreciated.

We had a great time this year on the Miranda Tour, it went off without a hitch, that just shows how much work Charlene and Dave put into planning this event every year, we have not been able to make it for a few years, so I'm glad we made it this year. Thanks to Charlene and Dave for a great weekend.

Don't forget, Free Pizza this month and no regular meeting in December.

*Steve McClain*

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## Minutes of General Meeting

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### Tuesday, October 11th, 2016

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

**Minutes of meeting:** Tuesday, September 13th, 2016 were approved as reported.

**Members in attendance tonight:** 80

**Treasurer's Report:** presented by Brian Clary

The Club finances are doing well, and the Scholarship fund is doing well also.

**New Members and Guests:** Established members visiting tonight:

the Simonds, the Cantarutti's, and the DeCarli's. A hearty welcome!

**Birthdays:** October's were celebrated.

Birthday Winner: Rochelle Berizzi, congratulations!

### Business-New and On-Going:

Introduced by Steve McClain: discussed two items of business:

1) The Early Ford Foundation & Museum in Auburn, Indiana. RERG 27 received word that the challenge of raising \$50,000 was met by an anonymous donor. Great news, along with other individual donations this has put them "well over the top" of the challenge!

Comment: Tom Johnston -spoke briefly about becoming part of this historical museum. It is possible for each of us to help history endure.

2) Election of officers -Steve reminded members of the upcoming November meeting during which, election of new officers takes place. It appears that for 2017 there are no persons seeking office and no potential nominees have stepped forward. If this remains the case. The present officers and board members have agreed to serve for another year.

**Tours and Events:** presented by Rick Tamagno

Discussed the calendar, including: The Western National Meet, Bakersfield; Golden Gate Regional Group Bean Bash (November); Geyserville Fall Colors Show (October 30); Turkey Trot Breakfast at Major Muffler (November 13th).

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# Armstrong Bean Bash

By Mike Buegeleisen

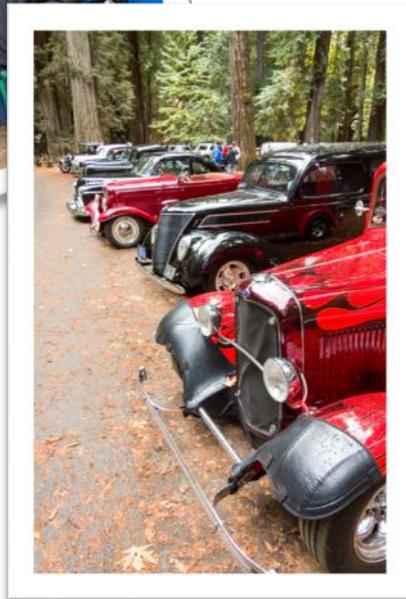
Happy November everyone! Long time no talk to. Nothing too much to report over here but I did want to give a Big THANK YOU to everyone who came out to the Bean Bash and to everyone who wanted to come out but couldn't. The thought was there and I appreciate that a bunch.

Here is how it went.

Amy and I made it to Armstrong Woods at 7am. It was very nice out there with some sightings of blue skies here and there. Unfortunately that was not going to last. The Berizzi's showed up early and gave us some help setting up



game on and we were going for it. The rain came and went, and apparently it was raining pretty hard toward Santa Rosa according to our friends, but eventually it calmed down and we had a fantastic turn out and an excellent time. For the future, there is no phone reception out there so this event will be rain or shine. Bringing a modern car is perfectly acceptable as long as you come with a can of beans, a good appetite and lots of stories. I was told the beans turned out very good this year. After 37 years I finally started writing down my routine so I



and after a few minutes I thought John was throwing water on me. Turns out it was raining. Who knew it was supposed to rain. Sorry John for thinking it was you ;) Ha!! As we all were pondering the rain a few more diehards showed up. At that point we had about 8 of us and I was wondering if we were going to cancel or go for it. I had 55 cans of beans in the pot and I don't think 8 of us would have made a very big dent in them. After a little while of pondering and hearing a good joke from John, something about a dog Healing J (you will have to

ask him) a group of cars showed up in the pouring rain. One pair in the group was Frank & Pam Brocco in their 32 Roadster. They are like us and don't believe in tops (for cars) so they strolled in totally soaked with big smiles for miles. From there, I said

know I can duplicate my end but it's up to all of you to bring the same can of beans. Hmmm, what kind was that we brought??. I had displayed a few tables worth of memorabilia from my father and it looked as if everyone enjoyed seeing it. All in all it was a perfect day and I can't thank everyone enough for all the support. Every year Amy and I look forward to putting the Bean Bash on and because of all of you, we feel very blessed after the day is over.

See you next year!!!! Mike & Amy

**Miranda**, continued from Page 1

The next morning, we departed on the Avenue of the Giants. Maybe it's just me but my pulse rate and blood pressure must drop by at least 10 points when we cruise along that stretch of redwoods. It is just so peaceful and calm. We stopped at our redwood grove, part of the Marin Garden Club Group Camp, to honor our departed members and then proceeded on to Eureka to tour the Carson Mansion.

The Carson Mansion is, in a word, *magnificent*! According to Wikipedia, the "Carson Mansion is a large Victorian house located in Old Town, Eureka, California. Regarded as one of the highest executions of American Queen Anne Style architecture, the house is 'considered the most grand Victorian home in America'. It is one of the most written about and photographed Victorian houses in California, and perhaps, in the United States. The mansion has been the inspiration for many cartoon houses, gothic horror movies, miniature golf course houses and the Disneyland clock tower. Originally the home of William Carson, one of Northern California's first major lumber barons, it has been a private club since 1950. The house and grounds are not open to the public." So, if it isn't open to the public, how did we get to tour this mansion? It turns out that Charlene has connections and got permission for a tour and a lunch for our club. And it was a great lunch with a beautiful view of the harbor! We were privileged because most residents of Eureka have never seen the interior of the house.

William Carson, originally from New Brunswick, Canada, came to California to seek



The Carson Mansion, Eureka/Photo: John Girman

his fortune in gold but found it, instead in redwood lumber and his lumber mill. In 1884, he began construction of what would be a mansion of over 16,200 sq. ft. with 18 rooms on three floors and a tower of 103 ft., constructed with a Douglas fir frame and redwood exterior. It was designed by Samuel and Joseph Cather Newsum of San Francisco and was completed in 1885 at a cost of around \$80,000.

The interior lives up to the expectations created by the exterior. It makes extensive use of redwood, primavera, mahogany, oak, teak and fir. Surprisingly, some of what appears to be wood is really plaster painted to look like wood. Especially noteworthy is the upstairs hallway, where the wood and plaster form Moorish arches in the hallway and in doorways. Among the rooms in the mansion is a foyer, a formal dining room, a drawing room, a pool room (originally a ballroom) and, of course bedrooms and servants' quarters. There are also a lot of stained glass windows in the mansion. Unfortunately, photography is not allowed in the house. What a grand mansion!

The club that owns the mansion is an exclusively men's club. Until 1995, women were not allowed into the mansion except on certain holidays. However, in 1994 the California Coastal Commission met there. One of the Commission's members was a woman and to their surprise, she was not allowed inside. That woman was Diane Feinstein. Not surprisingly, the end result was a change in the club's policy to allow women inside. The grounds are also



Dave and Charlene greet us from the Carson Mansion porch/Photo: John Girman

beautiful and several members pulled their cars in front of the mansion for a photo-op before we all went our separate ways. Rumor has it that some members visited a well-known jewelry shop in the area.

That evening, we had hot dogs grilled by Dave Trabucco and tried to finish the side dishes, salads and desserts. Jim again managed the fire pit and folks gathered around to complete the day. The next morning found us on the road again, returning home. For the most part the trip back was uneventful, with views of hitchhikers and low clouds caught on hilltops and peaks overlooking deep canyons and river valleys. Unfortunately, our '53 Ford decided to act up a bit and began cutting out and bucking. When several of us pulled off north of Cloverdale to go to the Hamburger Ranch, it died. Club members pushed it thru the intersection and off the road. They stuck with us, provided rides to the Hamburger Ranch and back and offered advice. After our lunch, the '53 Ford started right up but did run rough. It was not a smooth trip home but after many hiccups, we arrived home where it died again, not to be restarted for several days. (P.S. It was the condenser.)

Many thanks to Dave and Charlene for organizing and leading yet another great trip, including a well-stocked goodie bag and a bird feeder with suet, handcrafted by Dave complete with the V8 logo. Thanks also to those club members who assisted us with our car troubles because all's well that ends well.

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**Hard Luck:** John and Patty Girman. had some tense moments during the Miranda Tour. Vehicle hesitating, running rough, engine quitting at one point. They got home safely under their own power. But very touch and go.

**Cars and Parts for Sale:** Jerry Mattos reported on a lady they met while on a tour in Aravada, Colorado. She is selling a vintage, museum quality 1951 Mercury Sedan with 86,000 original miles.

Dave Peterson is looking for an "un-restored" 1957-2 door station wagon. Steve McClain looking for '34 rear-end

**Tech Tips and Information:** Several members offering tips tonight.

Don-reporting on an electrolysis process for removing rust.

Chuck Paul-reporting on a rust removing process that won't disturb paint, Involving lemon juice extract.

Frank Wheeler-telling an interesting story about a Deja-Vu vehicle: Restored, Purchased and Flipped (in the investment sense, not literally).

**Club Cars Driven to Meeting:** Winner: Dave Peterson (Donating winnings to the Scholarship Fund) Double Congratulations!

**Membership Attendance Drawing:** Winner: Chuck Paul, congratulations! \$30!

**Carol's Carload of Fun:** Postponed Tonight. But Halloween Treats for All!

**Scholarship Raffle:** Winners: 18 Members Raised: \$191! "Over the top" V8rs!

**The Meeting Adjourned at:** 7:55pm

Report Submitted by: Eileen Martin-Rawson, Club Secretary

**SWAP & SHOP WITH EARLY FORD V-8 MEMBERS**

**Parts Wanted:**

- '32 Brake and clutch pedal assembly
- '32 NOS front cross member
- '32-'34 rod, hand brake to cross shaft  
10 1/4" (B 2853-B)
- '32 steering box
- '37-'41 rear leaf spring

Contact Jim Derickson—925-672-8431 or james5536@astound.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](mailto:rdster36@comcast.net)

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

# Modern Motor Mates

By Patty Girman

As promised in last month's Motor Mates article, there is a modern day version of yesterday's Motor Mate purses. Just ask Bev Tamagno.



child babysitting she was doing, Bev knew exactly what she wanted.

This purse was purchased from "Trophy Queen" founded by Jenny Tanner. Jenny has always been passionate about hot rods and motorcycles and she has been trained in the art of auto upholstery. Jenny decided to expand her skills to create a line of accessories with a "hot rod/ kustom kulture theme". She got a degree from the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in Los Angeles and established her business in manufacturing purses, wallets, and luggage in 2000. She has the ability to customize exactly to your taste. Want a purse with your Ford logo or your car's custom look, Jenny will

work with you and create your unique piece. Check out her web site at Trophyqueen.com.

Jenny Tanner also keeps busy with her 1946 Harley, and yes, she is a Ford person. She hopes to have her 1934 Ford truck road-worthy soon.

Other purses seen around town lately are seatbelt purses. Dana and Melanie Harvey were restoring their 1950 car, (sorry not a Ford) in 1997 and had a thought when they were putting in the seatbelts "why not make a purse to match!" And so a business began making purses, wallets and totes. These are available at ShopHarveys.com and on Amazon. Holiday gift ideas?

You may have seen her sporting her beautiful blue purse at car club events. Bev had first seen this item at a Good Guys car show and when her daughter asked what she could get her to thank her for all the grand-



# TAMAGNO'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

## V8 Events Calendar

### November

- 6 Bean Bash at Beresford Park, San Mateo, Golden Gate R.G.
- 13 Turkey Trot, Redwood Empire R.G. Brown/Dyche

### December

- 4 Christmas Brunch, Redwood Empire R.G.

# Free Pizza Night!



**Don't Miss Our Last  
For The Year!  
November 8th**

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov 03	Dennis Hegerhorst	Nov 18	Ken Dyche
Nov 04	Diane Showalter	Nov 20	Steve McClain
Nov 05	Lang Clary	Nov 22	Dave Rasmussen
Nov 07	Ron Mollo	Nov 22	Dennis Mc Intosh
Nov 11	Terry Block	Nov 26	Edy Sorenson
Nov 16	Linda Simonds	Nov 27	Dennis Ripple

## Regional Events Calendar

### November

- 6 Bean Bash at Beresford Park, San Mateo – Golden Gate
- 8 R.E.R.G. Monthly Meeting – Round Table Pizza
- 12-13 Goodguys Autumn Get Together – Pleasanton
- 13 Turkey Trot – Santa Rosa – Dyche / Brown

### 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

# Don't Miss It! Enter To Win

A Much Prized, Hand Made,  
*Frank Wheeler*

## Treasure Box

To be awarded to the winning ticket sold at  
The Turkey Trot Breakfast, November 13th.

All proceeds will be donated to the  
Early Ford V8 Foundation

## Redwood Empire Regional Group #27

### 2016 Officers

President:	Steve McClain	(707) 575-3504
Vice President:	Bill Crackbon	(707) 538-4227
Secretary:	Eileen Martin-Rawson	(707) 303-7167
Treasurer:	Brian Clary	(707) 528-3626

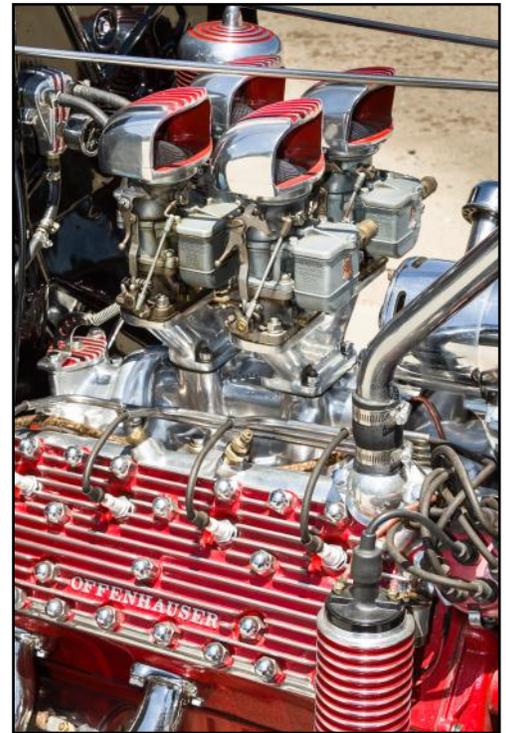
### Committee Members

Tour Coordinator:	Rick Tamagno	(707) 539-2876
Swap Meet Chairman:	Dave Peterson	(707) 527-9183
Historian:	Wayne Taylor/Mike Buegeleisen	(707) 255-1571
Scholarship Liaison:	Peter Barker	(707) 537-1145
Sunshine Lady:	Pam Johnston	(707) 812-0747
Newsletter Editor:	John Thompson	(707) 318-3520
Roster:	Mike Buegeleisen	(707) 217-8751
Club Clothing:	Steve McClain	(707) 575-3504

### Board Members

Charlene Trabucco, Steve McClain, Peter Barker, Rick Tamagno, Sterling Cousins, Richard DeCroff, Ron Mollo, John Girman, Brian Clary, Bill Crackbon, Eileen Martin-Rawson

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



SoCal Speed Shop, Pomona, June 2015/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](http://www.earlyfordv8club.org))

#### REG #27 MEMBERSHIP FORM (mail to REG #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)

# Christmas Brunch and Officer Installation

**Sunday, December 4, 2016**

**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

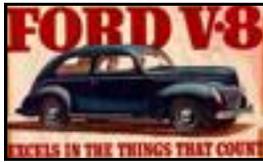
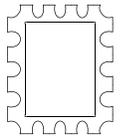
If you would like to participate in the toy drive, please *also* bring an unwrapped toy. Once again, Carol will distribute the donated toys to the children and families she works with in Yountville. She knows families who could use some help over the holidays. Call Carol if you'd like any additional information—707 246 4158

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