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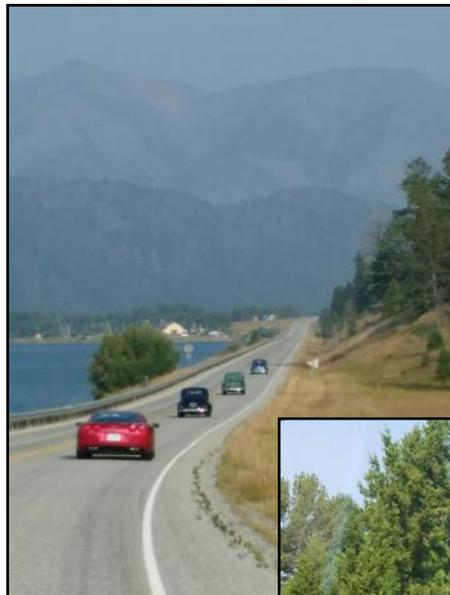
Early Ford V8 Montana Tour

Story/Photos By Charlene Trabucco and Carol Rasmussen

August 22 – September 4, 2018

Our group of 10 cars (Burns, Cahills, Johnstons, Pallos, Rasmussens, Tamagnos, Trabuccos, Chuck and Donna, Sterling and Juanita, Yvonne and Sharon) left Napa for Montana. Dave Wyss joined us in Great Falls. Yvonne had some problems with her 1940 Ford and had to go home and switch cars. Shucks, Yvonne and Sharon did the trip in her red Corvette. We know those girls had fun.

Our drive through Nevada and Idaho went smoothly. The girls even found an Indian Lady selling jewelry next to the women's restroom at a rest stop. Donna makes the first purchase of the trip. Weather was warm but not really hot. Our group drove to Shoshone Falls in Idaho. What a beautiful spot



wonderful trip to the ghost town, Virginia City (yes, the Montana one). Lunch at Ennis, cute tourist town. Some of the group even got to ride the stagecoach. Speed limit in Montana is 80 mph on several highways. As big trucks are passing us, we are amazed no one gets hurt. Both groups then met at our Billings motel,

the Billings Hotel and Conference Center. The motel is HUGE and built in a square shape. Many of us got lost several times. Carol said the long halls reminded her of the movie "The Shining". We picked up our tour booklet and so our tour began. I understand there were 56 registrations, 27 old fords were counted.



that was. Picture perfect. When we arrived at our motel in West Yellowstone, the Kelly Inn, Rick saw the pancake machine for breakfast, and thought this was great. After leaving West Yellowstone, some of the group went into Yellowstone and came back over Beartooth Hwy. Quite a scary drive up and over mountain (elevation 11,000 feet). Sterling came face to face with a Bison. Rest of the group took a

Next morning, everyone went to tour the Billings area. Some went to the Billings Zoo, (the few animals that they

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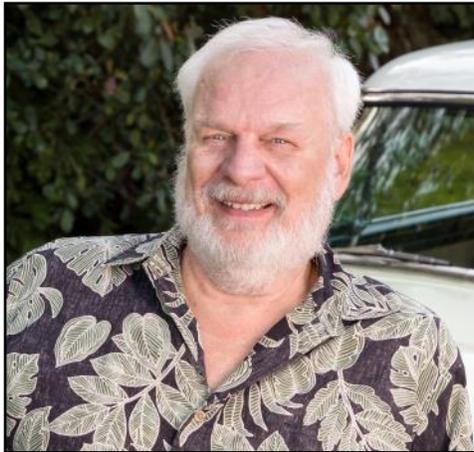
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From The President:

October is on us already. That means it isn't too early to begin thinking about the election of new officers for the club. We will need a new vice president and secretary. After many years of service, Bill Crackbon will be rotating off as vice president and Julie McClain had stepped in to help as secretary for the remainder of this year so her term will be up soon. Thanks to both of you for the jobs you did. The club benefited from your service. Please give some thought to helping the club out by serving in one of these roles. Or, if you think of someone who would do well in one of these jobs, talk to them and see if they would accept your nomination. We have a strong board, which is very willing to assist you in doing the job. (I can speak from personal experience about how much they've helped me this past year.) Serving as an officer is a good way to pay back the club for all it does for us and keeps the club strong.

I did get the electronic ignition installed on the '53. It runs well when warm but it starts poorly and runs rough when cold.



It's been timed when warm but clearly I'm going to have to check what's happening when it's cold. Also, we got the front brakes, hubs and bearings done on the '46 and will be starting on the rear brakes, hubs and bearings soon. There never seems to be enough time (and the fact that most of my jobs seem to be of the two steps forward and one step backwards type doesn't help things). Still, there has been some progress.

The big event for this month is the Miranda Gardens Tour. It's no surprise that all the cabins are full because this is a great tour. Not only is it great ride up, especially on the Avenue of the Giants, but we always do something special due to the Trabucco's sleuthing out interesting things to do or see. The other thing that's nice about the tour is that there is plenty of time to just catch up with other members on what's been going on as we sit around the campfire.

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

John Girman

Minutes of General Meeting

September 11, 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 August meeting were approved as reported in the last newsletter.

Members in attendance tonight: 56

Treasurer's Report: There was no Treasurer's report this evening. Brian Clary was absent due to illness, but President John Girman assured us that we were solvent.

New Members and Guests: No new members or guests this evening

Birthdays: September birthdays were celebrated. Dave Kibler won the Birthday prize money.

Old Business: Mike Buegeleisen said that the clothing checks have not been deposited yet, but will be soon. He has extra stock available, so see him if you are interested in what he has on hand. There will be another order coming up. Feel free to go to Sonoma Design if you want to order something special.

New Business: John Girman had a couple of announcements. There will be 3 openings for Club Officers. These are: Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Let John know if you are interested in

any of these positions. We will have nominations next month.

He reminded us of the free pizza night for the November elections.

Carol Rasmussen has new V8 merchandise that she talked about. There is a new V8 book published. It is a Flathead Engine Book and is a 2-volume set for \$60.00. She also talked about the thumb drive available for \$20.00. It has all the V8 times issues from 1967 through 2014. There was surplus merchandise from the Grand National Meet in Dearborn. She has gear shift knobs for \$20.00, hat pins for \$5.00 and a few Grand national V8 shirts ranging in price from \$16 to \$36.00. There will be a Hol-

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had were hiding behind overgrown landscape) the admission was paid by a local church, even had free lunch, beverages and ice cream. They might have some new members now? Other groups went to the Moss Mansion and the Little Bighorn Battlefield, General Custer's Last Stand. The Ranger was quite animated and very entertaining. There was a Pitchfork dinner that night. Beef cooked in oil on a real pitchfork, have never seen anything like that before. Crazy but delicious.



Pitchfork Beef

Our tour continues to Great Falls. We stopped to see the Great Falls but not sure if we were at the right spot as the falls weren't so great. Guess the dam slowed down the flow. Stopped to see the Lewis and Clark Museum, very interesting and we enjoyed the tour. It's raining but we continue on to Bigfork, we are staying there two nights. Good chance to change things from large suitcase to small suitcase (we need to be creative in our packing for 14 days and 11 motels). Bigfork is next to Flathead Lake, beautiful area. Our original tour was to go to Glacier Park but there was a fire going on, soooo our alternate tour was a trip to Stonehenge Air Museum and yes, there was a replica of the Stonehenge rocks from

Europe. This Museum is near Whitefish which is 11 miles from the Canadian border. Great aircraft and location, even a golf course. This was amazing. Then on to see Lyle Aklestad's V8 car collection. Some of the girls got a little shopping in old town Bigfork that afternoon. Next day was a trip to Nine Pipes Museum and a great lunch next door. Next stop – Helena and a boat ride to Gates of the Mountain on the Missouri River. Last day on the Montana Tour is back to Billings and our farewell banquet dinner. No awards, just memories to share. Thank you to the Montana Big Sky V8 Club #153. This trip has been fun and beautiful area to see.

Back to the room to repack suitcases for the final leg of our journey – home.



Shoshone Falls/Boat tour on the Missouri River



Stonehenge Montana

Our trip took us from Sonoma/Napa to Winnemucca, NV to Twin Falls, ID to West Yellowstone, MT to Billings, MT (2 nights) to Great Falls, MT, to Bigfork, MT (2 nights) to Helena, MT back to Billings, MT to Pocatello, ID to Winnemucca, NV to Grass Valley, CA and home. Over 3,800 miles driven and drivers and passengers are still friends.

Great trip all in all. What made it so wonderful was the location and scenery but most of all were the friends we traveled with. All the laughter and fun moments to share. This is what makes

Christmas Brunch and Officer Installation

Sunday, December 2, 2018

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

TAMAGNO'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

V8 Events Calendar

October

5-7 Miranda Gardens Tour - Trabucco

November

4 Bean Bash at Beresford Park, San Mateo, Golden Gate R.G.

TBD Turkey Trot Breakfast

December

2 Christmas Brunch, Redwood Empire R.G.

Regional Events Calendar

October

2 R.E.R.G. Board Meeting

5-7 Miranda Gardens Tour – Trabucco

6 12th Annual Chilly Billy Fun Run—Hot Rod and Motorcycle Show. Petaluma Fairgrounds. 415-823-4873

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

13 Car Show for a Cause—Alzheimer's Benefit—Petaluma Plaza North. Cruisin North Car Club 707-843-2930

28 Geyserville Fall Colors Car Show

November

4 Bean Bash at Beresford Park, San Mateo – Golden Gate

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

10-11 Goodguys Autumn Get Together – Pleasanton

tbd Turkey Trot – Santa Rosa – Dyche/Brown

December

2 Christmas Brunch, Redwood Empire R. G.

4 R.E.R.G. Board Meeting—Barker's

CARS AND CAFFEINE SUNDAYS

- 1st Novato—Vintage Oaks Shopping Center
- 2nd Santa Rosa—Coddington by Starbucks
- 3rd Petaluma—Washington Square Shopping Center (South)
- 4th Rohnert Park—Starbucks near Target

Second Sundays thru October—Cruisin' North at Rohnert Park Straw Hat Pizza 12 to 3pm

From the Sunshine Lady, Pam Johnston:

Mike Haen has had some further medical complications and is in the Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital in Santa Rosa. He cannot have visitors other than immediate family and can't take phone calls. If you'd like he would appreciate cards that he can enjoy when he starts to feel better. We will all keep him and Barb and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

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iday book special. All Hardbound books will be 50% off.

Tours and Events: Rick Tamagno reviewed upcoming events. See your newsletter for a complete listing. Charlene said there is 1 cabin available for the Miranda Gardens tour in October. See her if you are interested. Rick also reminded everyone about Hot Dog Thursday on October 4th at the Sonoma County Airport Museum.

Hard Luck: Paul Marchon had hard luck when his '35 Ford generator broke and sent the fan into the radiator. Dave Trabucco had a loose distributor and fuel pump problem on the Montana trip. John Berizzi and the Street Angels were travelling to Gott's Roadhouse in St. Helena when a gravel truck swerved and spilled gravel on all 8 cars causing damage to the paint. Mike Buegeleisen received a cut in his head.

Tech tips: Ted Nelson told us about using our old cars for photo shoots. WHEELS is a picture car agency that sources and provides prop vehicles of any type from any era for photographers, film makers, and event planners in the greater San Francisco Bay Area. You can send photos of your vehicles to Wheels-Cars-For-Film.com.

Cars and Parts for Sale: Gene Kirkeby has a 1938-39 rebuilt all stock flathead engine for sale for \$550.00.

Club Cars Driven to the Meeting: Dennis McIntosh won the raffle tonight.

Membership Attendance Drawing: George Rawson was not in attendance to win the prize this evening.

Carol's Carload of Fun: Carol had a game highlighting the Montana trip. Several members recounted their experiences along the way. The prize was a bag of Huckleberry chews candy. Bill Crackbon won for holding the

"Potty Stop #8" card. Thanks Carol, it was fun!!

Scholarship Raffle: Members raised \$162.00.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

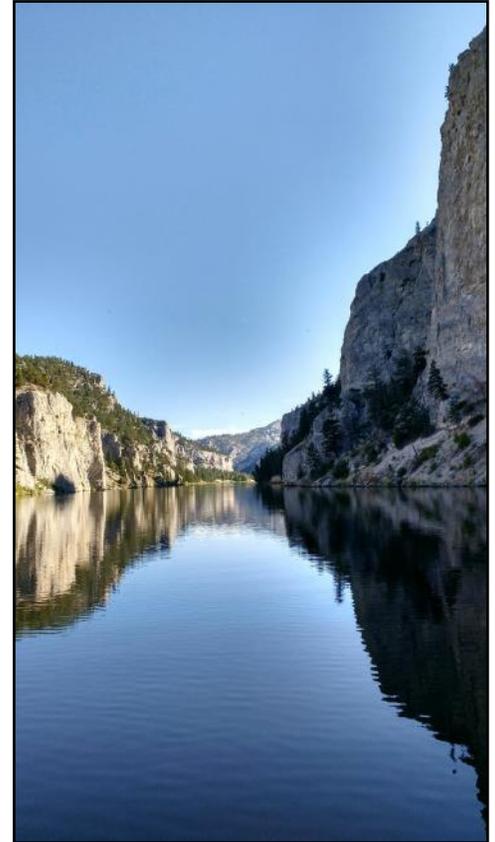
Minutes submitted by Julie McClain, Interim Club Secretary.

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going on tours so great. The ladies did not get to do a lot of shopping so we made the best of it at our gas stops. You would be surprised at the things you find at gas, truck and rest stops. Lots of candy, souvenirs and even Montana Silver purchases.

We all made it home safely and wonderful memories to share.

Hoping to travel with our V8 friends again soon.



Gates of Montana/Missouri River

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Oct 2	Wayne Taylor	Oct 24	Rochelle Berizzi
Oct 8	Doug Clem	Oct 25	Don Troya
Oct 9	Richard DeCroff	Oct 26	Donna Winton
Oct 15	Bill Crackbon	Oct 27	Peggy Wiley
Oct 15	Basil Scott	Oct 27	John Castetter
Oct 17	Charlene Trabucco	Oct 27	Dave Peterson
Oct 20	Louis Riga	Oct 31	Frank Whigham

Redwood Empire Regional Group #27

2018 Officers

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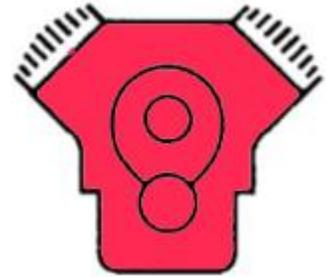
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Sunshine Lady:	Pam Johnston	(707) 255-1230
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Board Members

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

John Thompson, Editor
The Redwood Review
478 Woodley Place
Santa Rosa, Ca 95409



2018 Montana Tour lunch stop/Carol Rasmussen/Charlene Trabucco

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