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V8 Castelli Tour

From Steve McClain

On a bright sunny day in the middle of August, about 22 old Fords gathered at our usual starting point when we head North, the Cricklewood parking lot it was a beautiful day for a drive in the old car. We headed north up Old Redwood Hwy through Windsor then on to the Castelli property in the beautiful vineyards in between Windsor and Healdsburg where we were greeted by Steve and Glenda and a few members who met us there. We were turned loose to tour the buildings at our leisure, first was the newly constructed tractor barn that housed several nicely restored old tractors that Steve has been working on for a while. Next was the workshop where Steve has his 40 Se-



The group meets at Cricklewood. Photo: Ed.

dan Delivery parked along with a nice little Street Willys Coupe, a Hemi Roadrunner and another car that escapes my memory. In the back of the barn was a vintage travel trailer and several projects waiting restoration. Then on to the race shop where the Willys race car is being prepped for the next event. Steve is a very accomplished drag racer and has won many championships with that car over the years. Also in the race shop was a '69 Camaro that was being built for what looked like a little straight line action. From there I moseyed up to the larger garage that housed several mid 60's Muscle Cars, most of which are quite

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Checking out the barns/Photo: Ed.

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From The President:

Hello fellow V-8er's, well if you missed the Castelli Day Tour, you missed quite a treat, tons of automotive goodness to gawk at, beautiful property in the vineyards and a great lunch and lots of story telling. Many thanks to Steve & Glenda for their hospitality.

Well September does not have very many local V-8 events happening but there are a few local car shows around if you are so inclined. Speaking of car shows, Julie and I just got back from the Goodguys West Coast National in Pleasanton. Wow what a show, well over 3,000 cars and more than twice that many people. There were cars and people everywhere, no way to see it all in one day. We decided to cruise down on Friday afternoon and stay in a hotel so we wouldn't have to get up a zero dark thirty and drive two hours on Saturday morning. As it was, some people start lining up at 5:00. We, however, got up at 6:30 and got to the fairgrounds about



7:45, which was great since most everyone was already there and we just drove right in, and I managed to find a decent parking place in the Builders Choice area on the grass near a shade tree. We cruised the swap meet where Julie found a couple old bicycle wheels she needed for a stained glass art project she wants to try, and I bought nothing! We cruised through the car coral where Julie fell in love with a little red Buick convertible that she wanted to bring home,

luckily, she did not have her check book with her, and we have no room at home for another car. On the other hand, before we left, I went to Safeway where I got a 24 pack of water for \$3.50 as opposed to paying \$4:00 for one bottle of water at the show. They did get me on the lunch though, I won't tell you how much two pulled pork sandwiches and a side of cole slaw was. O well, we had a great time and saw quite a few club members and friends. It was nice to see Bob Flaner and later we ran into Brandon Flaner and his daughter, she is really growing, nice to see him and also to see his business partner Aaron.

Lots to do coming up in October, looking forward to the Miranda tour, but we are not going to be able to make it to Bakersfield, maybe next years Western National if there is one.

Steve McClain

Minutes of General Meeting

Tuesday, August 9th, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Steve McClain. Steve asking members if they had received their newsletters (print or email versions). Affirmative, everyone had received.

The Pledge of allegiance was observed.

Minutes of meeting: Tuesday, July 12th, 2016 were corrected by Mike Buegeleisen to say: "North of Bend (Oregon)", not NorthBend (Oregon). for his story recounting travels to Deuce Days (Victoria, Canada).

Members in attendance tonight: 62

Treasurer's Report: presented by Bri-

an Clary. Club is doing well.

Scholarship is advancing: \$162 was raised during -July- raffle.

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

Birthdays: August- were celebrated Birthday Winner: Sterling Cousins— Congratulations!

New Business: Introduced by: Steve McClain. Discussed (4) items of business:

1) Scholarship fund ideas. Letting members know that the scholarship fund is doing very well. There may be an opportunity to either: Increase the individual school distributions; explore

purchasing needed equipment; or possibly introduce a new school into the scholarship program. More on this at future meetings.

2) Western National Meet (Bakersfield, 2016). RERG 27 received a communication from the organizers of the Western National Meet. They are in need of raffle items. Steve asked for comments and ideas from members. What would be good to contribute? Some suggestions included: Gift certificates from major retailers, and monetary donation.

3) Commemorative Bricks to honor past Presidents of Redwood Empire Regional Group # 27 are being purchased in memory of: William "Bill" Faris and Allan Buegeleisen, who have

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Host Glenda Castelli, Kathy Cahill and Hoyt check out the vegetable garden/Photo: Ed

rare and coveted. There was also a large room with vintage oil cans, gas pumps, neon signs and quite a bit of automotive memorabilia. Then on to the toy room with thousands of vintage toys, vintage bicycles and even more memorabilia. Glenda took the



Mike Buegeleisen's '36 3-window coupe under the gas station canopy/Photo: Ed

women on a tour of the gardens and other neat sights on the property. Then it was time for a wonderful lunch, Glenda had arranged for grilled hot dogs for everyone and plenty of members brought side dishes to share so we gathered on the back patio and enjoyed nice conversation and lunch. Many thanks to Steve &

Glenda for sharing their beautiful property with the club and for arranging lunch for us.



Just one corner of one room filled with petroliana/Photo: Ed.



Host Steve Castelli and Rich DeCroff talk cars and parts/ Photo: Ed.

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recently passed away.

4) New Membership Badges were given out to members this evening. Very Nice and a Big Thank You to Mike Buegeleisen.

Tours and Events: presented by Rick Tamagno. Discussed the upcoming calendar. Including: Tour to Castelli's: Aug-13 and the date for the "Turkey Trot" breakfast is Sunday, November 13th.

Hard Luck: Our "Sunshine" person, Pam Johnston is recovering from a broken arm which happened while traveling in Canada. Hopefully completely better soon.

Cars and Parts for Sale: None offered this evening.

Tech Tips and Information: Frank Wheeler had some observations about sensors placed in "elbows" not giving correct feedback. (see Frank for details)

Club Cars Driven to Meeting:

Winner: Brian Clary—Congratulations!

Membership Attendance Drawing:

Winner: Tom Johnston-present to win congratulations!

Carol's Carload of Fun: Postponed until September meeting

Scholarship Raffle: Winners: 7 Members Raised: \$ 145 -Good Job V8rs!

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:30pm

Report submitted by: Eileen Martin-Rawson, Club Secretary

Free Pizza Night!



**Don't Miss These V8 Meetings....
September 13th
November 8th**



V8's gather at the Castell's home/Photo: Ed

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

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)

TAMAGNO'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

V8 Events Calendar

September

- 15-21 The Great Southwestern Tour—High Country Regional Group—Colorado/Utah
- 25 Mission Trail Swap Meet at All Ford Parts—Campbell, Ca

October

- 7-9 Miranda Gardens Tour – Trabucco
- 17-20 Western National Meet—Bakersfield

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.

Regional Events Calendar

September

- 8-10 Cruz'n Eureka Car Show. 707-441-1030
- 9-10 Cloverdale Car Show. Friday cruise. Saturday Show. 894-4470
- 11 Fairfax Car Show--Fairfax
- 13 R.E.R.G. Monthly Meeting – Round Table Pizza
- 17 End of Summer Show and Shine—Downtown Ukiah. 707-462-6789
- 24 7th Annual Bud Classic Car Show. Anheuser-Busch Brewery-Fairfield. 707-429-7591

October

- 1 Vallejo Waterfront Weekend Car Show. Vallejo. 707-315-5844
- 1 Chilly Billy Fun Run-Petaluma Fairgrounds. 415-897-0583
- 4 R.E.R.G. Board Meeting – Barker's
- 7-9 Miranda Gardens Tour – Trabucco
- 7-9 25th Annual Sea Cruise. Crescent City. 707-464-3174
- 11 R.E.R.G. Monthly Meeting – Round Table Pizza
- 30 Geyserville Fall Colors Car Show

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sep 01	Earlene Barker	Sep 15	Craig Owens
Sep 01	Janice Luce	Sep 17	Thomas Cook
Sep 02	Tim Cambra	Sep 23	Tami Zanes
Sep 04	Jess Todd	Sep 25	Mike Haen
Sep 04	John Brunson	Sep 26	Barry Schmidt
Sep 07	Debbie Kohler	Sep 28	Frank Wheeler
Sep 07	Bill Kuhn	Sep 29	Dave Simonds
Sep 11	Jan Taurian	Sep 30	John Swanberg
Sep 14	Dave Kibler		

Redwood Empire Regional Group #27

2016 Officers

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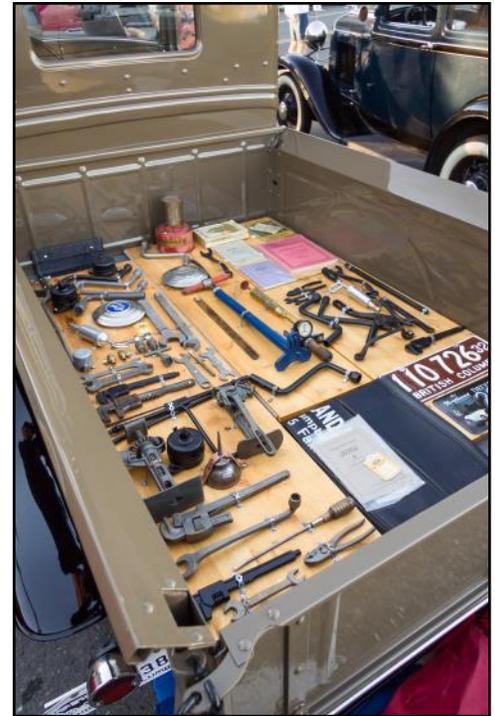
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Board Members

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



1932 V8 Ford truck tools, Victoria, BC, July 2016/
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)

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)

From Patty Girman

That is the term used to describe Louise Duvall Smith, who even in her elder years, wished she was still young enough to strap on a helmet and go fender-to-fender with NASCAR's finest. Louise was born in Barnesville, Georgia in 1916, an era that truly believed race-car driving was not for women. But Louise always had an ambition to excel in a sport that was not open to women.

Her first encounter with an automobile was when Louise decided to learn to drive at the age of seven. She started her father's Model T and had a ball driving around the yard, mostly in circles, until she realized she didn't know how to stop. She drove the car through the chicken house and had the first of her amazing crashes. "Needless to say, the chicken house was destroyed, and the car did not look good either. My father tanned me good," recalled Louise.

Louise married Noah Smith and lived her adult life in Greenville, South Carolina, where her husband owned a junk yard. Louise tried being a nurse, a beautician and a pilot. In 1946, Bill France, Sr., founder of NASCAR, recruited Louise, as a gimmick, to promote the race after being told that she had outrun every law enforcement officer in the area. [Louise just loved to drive fast, knew all the officers and they knew her. After a while the officers stopped chasing Louise and just waited at her house to give her the ticket for speeding.] Louise, at the age of 30, had never even seen a race, much less been in a race car, but agreed to do this. Louise remembered "In those days 300 or 400 fans was a big crowd and Bill thought I could put more people in the stands." In this first race, the idea of a woman competing against the men brought



people out by the hundreds. "They told me if I saw a red flag to stop. They didn't say anything about a checkered flag." After the race had ended and all the other cars had gone to the pits, Louise was still on the track. "I'm out there just flying around the track. Finally somebody remembered they told me not to stop until I saw the red flag. So they gave me a red flag." She finished third in a 1939 modified Ford coupe, and was hooked forever. She had found her sport! What a novelty she was, and with her hard charging, fearless style of driving she soon became a favorite.



The next year, in 1947, Louise borrowed her husband's new, maroon Ford coupe and told him she needed a little vacation. She went to Daytona to watch the races. Once there, she just couldn't be a spectator. She entered the shiny new family car and was assigned number 13, which she promptly tried to trade away without

success. Louise described the race, "I went all down the line trying to trade that 13 off. They said 'Aw, Lou, just follow us through that North Turn.' So I followed them, but when I got to the North Turn, seven cars were piled up. I hit the back of one of them, went up in the air, cut a flip, and landed on my top. Some police officers turned the car back over, and I finished 13th." Needless to say, her husband wasn't very happy with her.

In her 11-year career as a driver, Louise became known for her spectacular crashes. It is said that she broke nearly every bone in her body. At one race, she became airborne coming out of the second turn and it took 36 minutes to free her with an acetylene torch. In another race, she tangled with Fonty Flock and ended up sitting on top of her car in the middle of a lake.

During her racing career, Louise won 38 Modified races and held her own against such racing legends as Buck Baker, Curtis Turner, Fonty Flock, Red Byron and Roy Hall. She retired from racing in 1956. In the 70's she began sponsoring drivers such as Ronnie Thomas, Bobby Wawak and Larry Pearson. In 1999, she was the first woman to be inducted into the Motorsports Hall of Fame. She remained active in the racing world until her death in 2006 at the age of 89.





The Early Ford V-8 Club of America Presents
Let the V-8s Roll
The 2016 Western National Meet
Bakersfield, California • October 17-20, 2016

Members of the Early Ford V-8 Club are invited to gather this October in Bakersfield for the 2016 Western National Meet. Early registration is available now for the discounted price of \$60. Forms are available at www.2016wnm.com, by e-mail at registration@2016wnm.com, or by calling 630-858-9474 (Central Time Zone). The host hotel is the Bakersfield Marriott at the Convention Center. Meet registration is required in order to make hotel reservations at the special meet rate. The concourse and trailer parking will be at the Kern County Fairgrounds, 2 miles from the hotel.

Your meet committee is hard at work planning interesting meals and fun events. More details will be published soon. Below is the preliminary agenda for the meet.

Sunday, October 16	Early registration in the evening
Monday, October 17	Raffle room, swap meet, operational check open Seminars Self-guided tours
Tuesday, October 18	Self-guided tours Meet the National President Owners/Judges Meeting Welcome Party, host hotel
Wednesday, October 19	Judges Breakfast Concourse – Kern County Fairgrounds Ladies Luncheon/painting party
Thursday, October 20	Driving tour/picnic lunch – Kernville Awards Banquet - Buck Owens' Crystal Palace



The Early Ford V-8 Club of America Presents Let the V-8s Roll

Registration Number
Please Leave Blank

2016 Western National Meet Bakersfield, California • October 17-20, 2016

Early Registration Special *Avoid the June 1 Fee Increase*

National V-8 Club Membership Number _____
You must be a National Member to Register

Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____
If provided, this will be our primary method of contacting you

Early Registration Fee is \$60.00 through May 31, 2016
Registration Fee after June 1, 2016 is \$75.00
Sorry, no refunds after October 1

Registration at the host hotel requires paid Meet Registration first!

Registration Fee (Includes one vehicle)\$ _____

Additional Vehicle (\$40 each)\$ _____

Total Enclosed\$ _____

Make checks payable to "2016 Western National Meet"

You will receive information about making hotel reservations with your paid early registration.

When ready, we will send you the complete registration package, including vehicle registration and event details, which you complete and return to us.

Send completed form and payment to:

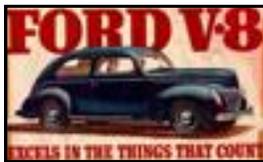
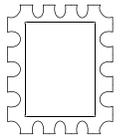
2016 Western National Meet
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Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

REDWOOD EMPIRE RG # 27 IN SONOMA, MARIN & NAPA COUNTIES SEPTEMBER 2016
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2065 Occidental Road, Santa Rosa. All interested V8-ers are invited to attend! This newsletter is a monthly publication of Redwood Empire
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