

THE REDWOOD REVIEW



Redwood Regional Group #27

September 2017

Volume 48 Issue 9

Andy Brizio's Final, Final Picnic

Story and Photos By Mike Buegeleisen

As most of you heard, Andy Brizio and family decided to have a Andy's Final Final Picnic for his 85th Birthday. The Brizio family's first Andy's Picnic was in 1966 at Morton's Warm Springs in Glen Ellen and it had a 30 car turnout. 30 years later they had the last consecutive one at the Vallejo Fairgrounds in 1996. Andy's Picnics were famous and would draw thousands of cars once they got established. I started going in 1977 with my Dad and have many fond memories of attending the Picnics. The Brizio's decided to have a Andy's Final Picnic for his 80th Birthday in 2012. Well, here we are five years later and we were all excited to hear that Andy



Andy Brizio signs an event poster for Rochelle Berizzi.

In This Issue

Andy's Final/Final Picnic	Pg 1
President's Letter / Minutes.....	Pg 2
Andy's Final/Final Picnic Continued.....	Pg 3
Andy's Final/Final Picnic Continued.....	Pg 4
Fortuna AutoXpo.....	Pg 5
Event Calendar.....	Pg 6
Minutes continued/Swap & Shop.....	Pg 7
Birthdays/Sunshine Lady Report.....	Pg 8
Membership Information	Pg 9
Photo of the Month.....	Pg 10

and family decided to have a Andy's Final Final Picnic for his 85th Birthday. It was a Sunday show up in Sutter Creek with a banquet on Saturday night. We decided to head up on Friday to do some exploring and play tourist. There were 5 cars in our group and we took off Friday morning at 9am from Sonoma. I had planned a route that kept us off the freeways and had us pulling into the quaint little town of Copperopolis around 12:30 to 1:00 for lunch. As they say, best laid plans On our way out of

Sonoma the fun started and we ran into road work on Hwy 12 with only 1 lane to get through. We sat for a bit in traffic as we all looked at our smart devices to get us the heck outta there. We discovered a quick turn around and a small, rough side road would get us going again. It worked like a charm and off we went. It was fairly Smooth sailing to Rio Vista and the first stop for a restroom and leg stretch. Those bumpy roads are tough on morning bladders. We jumped on the road again and were only 20

Continued on Page 3

From The President:

Happy September everyone, I know that traditionally, the Labor Day weekend signals the end of summer is near, however based on the weather, you couldn't prove it by me.

Well, I hope everyone that is planning on heading North for the Western National Meets has their cars tuned up, cleaned up and ready to go because it is coming up fast. I am a little bummed that we have to miss it this year, but as I have stated before, this year has been a very busy and full year for the McClain household. Julie's partial knee replacement surgery went very well and she is healing ahead of schedule, but not in any condition to sit in a car for a trip like this. So our next trip will be the Miranda tour that we are looking forward to.

I did take time last weekend to make a solo trip down to Pleasanton for the Goodguys West Coast Nationals, I took



the truck and it ran perfectly after my carburetor rebuild. Even in the 95 - 100 degree weather on the trip home, it didn't miss a beat. The temperature stayed under 190 degrees even in the stop and go traffic that I encountered on the way home, probably because I chose not to run the air conditioner. Kind of an oxymoron to install air conditioning and not use it when it is hot because you don't want the truck to overheat. But, that's life in my Hot Rod world.

As far as club news goes, it was decided at the last Board Meeting that scholarship duties would be shared by a small committee consisting of Mike Buegeleisen, Rick Tamango, and myself. The scholarship fund has been growing over the years due to all of your very generous donations at the club meetings and individual donations, and we will be expanding the scholarship awards as the year goes on. Many thanks to all of you for donating and making this a huge part of our clubs presence in the community. It is a great feeling to help young adults in our community.

I'll see some of you at the next meeting, as for the rest of you, have a great trip.

Steve McClain

Minutes of General Meeting

Tuesday, August 8th, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by President Steve McClain.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

The Minutes of the Meeting: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 were approved as reported.

Members in attendance: 67

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Brian Clary. Club finances and scholarship fund—all doing well.

New Members and Guests: Club members welcomed Howard and Nancy. They are looking for a 1940-48, 2 or 4 door sedan.

Birthdays: August were celebrated

Birthdays Winner: Theresa Long – congratulations!

New Business: Introduced by Steve McClain. **Item 1:** The position of Scholarship Liaison. Steve explained the plan under development by the Board following the passing of Peter Barker. The Scholarship Program will be overseen and implemented by a committee which will include: Mike Buegeleisen, Steve McClain and Rick Tamagno.

Item 2: The Club's new logo and clothing. Mike Buegeleisen and Steve McClain presented the new prototype for members to view. Basic colors for the new clothing will be: Light Gray,

Navy, White and Black. See Steve and Mike about the variety of items and how to place your order. The plan is for availability before the Western National Meet in Salem, Oregon – September 11-14.

Item 3: A memorial brick is being ordered for placement at the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum in Auburn, Indiana in honor of Peter Barker. See Steve for information on donation to the Scholarship Fund, also in Peter's honor.

Item 4: The commemorative quilt square representing the Redwood Empire Regional Group #27 is being designed and produced by Becky Green. Becky shared a preview of the work to

Continued on Page 5

minutes behind a loose schedule, not bad. The trip directly to Copperopolis (love saying that name) from Sonoma was 118 miles and 2 1/2hrs. The way I went in which we dropped down into Brentwood after Rio Vista, then caught Hwy 4 to Copperopolis was 143 Miles so 3 hrs. Leave at 9am, add 3hrs plus a stop or two gets us there at 12:30 to 1. Perfecto. So we get into Brentwood and of course there is Friday traffic but it's moving until we hit more road work that has us on a detour through an interesting residential neighborhood with plenty of stop signs and traffic. Ok, looks like we might start moving again but wait, here comes a train.... Yep, stopped again in our tracks at the tracks. So we are finally leaving Brentwood and heading into Discovery Bay. From here it should be about 1 1/2 hrs to Copperopolis so that means a 1:15 arrival, still not bad. Can you see it coming??? Yep, Hwy 4 is closed.... Yes, completely closed because of a big rig accident. I pulled up to two guys with zero personalities, no info and no estimation on reopening the road. We pull over and regroup. Again we bury ourselves into these magic devices that will save us. Yay, there is an alternative route that will run us back into Hwy 4 just after the accident. Looks like maybe a half hour detour. Let's rock and roll! Funny thing about these magic devices that know all, apparently they are not exclusive to our group. EVERYBODY was going the same way on small 2 lanes roads not designed



for more than a few cars every hour. We stuck with it, stop go, stop go, repeat, repeat, repeat Left leg clutch workout. Good thing it was only 95 degrees. We finally made it to our destination at 2:30. The Old Corner Saloon that looked great online (said with minimal sarcasm). It's been there since the late 1800's, serves comfort food lunch and has all sorts of interesting stuff to look at on the



walls, yum. The ten of us walk in to a dark, very quiet place with no tables unless you count the pool table and 3 people sitting at the bar drinking. Hmmmm, are you open for lunch? Nice girl says we can make some sandwiches and fire up the grill but there is a nice restaurant/grill just 2 minutes up the road. So she is telling us to go elsewhere?? and yes we listened. I knew about the other Restaurant but it didn't look nearly as interesting as The Old Corner Saloon did online (said with more sarcasm).

Turns out the second choice was very nice, our lunch was very good and we all survived our trip to Copperopolis. C'mon, say it again, Copperopolis Fun right J. From there it was a 45 minute ride to our hotel and that went smooth thank goodness. The rest of the trip was mostly smooth sailing and we had a great weekend. We toured to and through Pine grove, Columbia, Sonora, Murphys, Jackson, Sutter Creek, Angels camp and San Andreas. Lots of scenery and fun roads. Unfortunately it was a very busy weekend in Gold Country so we chose to just drive through some of the towns that looked chaotic. The banquet on Saturday night required getting tickets well ahead of time and we weren't 100% sure we would be able to swing the trip until a couple of weeks before so we chose not buy tickets ahead of time and the Banquet was sold out. I heard they served 650 people and it was a good time with good food which in my opinion was an amazing feat.

Continued on Page 4

Andy's Final Final Picnic continued from Page 3

Nice job! On show day, Sunday, we cruised down around 8:40 and got in line. There were over 600 cars that attended the event and from the outside looking in it all went smooth. We didn't wait in line very long, we got parked quickly and everything looked well organized. Both Friday and Saturday were 100 degree days and Sunday was supposed to be close to the same. We all walked around to check



They are watching you at Fosters in Rio Vista

out the festivities. The morning was pleasant and it was slow to heat up but it certainly did. There was a slight breeze and it was very comfortable in the shade but we chose to head out a little early so we could try and get back to Sonoma County without hitting a lot of traffic or driving in the hottest part of the day. Yes, we took the direct

route this time and stopped for lunch at Fosters in Rio Vista which is something everyone needs to do at least once. We hit Sonoma on the way home for some Home Made Ice Cream which is a perfect way to end the weekend. Another great trip in the books that we managed to log almost 600 miles on. We all certainly hope the Brizio Family will decide to have another Andy's Final Final but not so Final Picnic in the future.



Fortuna AutoXpo, not a Typo!

Story by Steve McClain; Photos by Editor

Usually held around the fourth weekend in July, there is a great, not so little car show held in Fortuna, about a three and a half hour drive from Santa Rosa. This is a wonderful three-day event that is so much more than just a car show on Saturday. There is a Friday night cruise around town, a Friday night dance, if you are so inclined. Most of the good stuff is on Saturday, starting with a pancake breakfast, there is a Swap Meet, an Artisans Craft Fair, a huge Antique Tractor show and a large Hit & Miss engine display. And don't forget the huge car show that encompasses about ten city blocks in downtown Fortuna. Saturday night there is a Poker Run and a Deep Pit BBQ Dinner. Many of these events continue into Sunday. We usually take one of the old cars

every other year and enter the show, but this year we made the trip up in the modern car and attended as spectators. While I was at the show on Saturday I ran into many club members who had made the trip and swapped stories, some of them even true. We always stay in Eureka with Julie's sister and there is usually a honey-do for me to keep me busy and this year was no exception. We had a wonderful time this year and we were very lucky to have taken the modern car this year as the trip home on Sunday was a very warm one with tempera-



tures through Laytonville, Willits and Ukiah topping the 100-degree mark. I'm sure that the club members who drove their old cars were not very comfortable, but we were loving life in the fast lane. (I'm sure I'll pay for it next year!!)



TAMAGNO'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

V8 Events Calendar

September

- 11-14 Western National Meet—Salem, Oregon
- 23 Fall ReCall—San Ramon-Golden Gate Charter RG #1; Mark Strohecker 510-432-1532 or Hal Bancroft 510-581-3335 by Sept. 16th
- 24 Day Tour to Tim Kerrigan's Car Collection. Info: Dennis McIntosh 833-1083

October

- 6-8 Miranda Gardens Tour – Trabucco

November

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

December

- 3 Christmas Brunch, Redwood Empire R.G.

CARS AND CAFFEINE SUNDAYS

- 1st Novato—Vintage Oaks Shopping Center
- 2nd Santa Rosa—Coddington by Starbucks
- 2nd Sonoma Smog Center-191632 8th St East
- 3rd Petaluma—Shopping Center at McDowell and Washington
- LAST Rohnert Park—Starbucks near Target
- LAST 4th & Sea-Petaluma 11-2

Friday Night Cruise-in—Big Boys Buns and Burgers—Larkfield Shopping Center. May through September. 5-8pm

Regional Events Calendar

September

- 7-9 Cruz'n Eureka.info www.cruzneureka.com or 707-441-1030
- 8-9 Cloverdale Car and Motorcycle Show. Downtown Cloverdale. Info-707-894-4470
- 10 Fairfax Car Show. Downtown Fairfax. Pre-registration only. Phil at 415-457-0452
- 8-10 Roamin Angels Cruisin the Pines—Grass Valley. 530-913-9594
- 12 R.E.R.G. Monthly Meeting – Round Table Pizza
- 23 Bays Finest Car Show—Vallejo. 707-414-4313
- 24 Day Tour to Tim Kerrigan's Car Collection; Info: Dennis McIntosh 833-1083
- 30 10th Rip City Riders Chilly Billy run—Petaluma Fairgrounds
- 30 CHP Cops and Rodders Show and Fly-in, Cameron Park Airport Bruce @ 916-524-0752

October

- 3 R.E.R.G. Board Meeting –
- 6-8 26th Annual Sea Cruise-Crescent City. Info-707-464-3174
- 7 12th Annual Chilly Billy Fun Run—Hot Rod and Motorcycle Show. Petaluma Fairgrounds. 415-897-0583
- 6-8 Miranda Gardens Tour – Trabucco
- 10 R.E.R.G. Monthly Meeting – Round Table Pizza
- 29 Geyserville Fall Colors Car Show

November

- 5 Bean Bash at Beresford Park—San Mateo, Golden Gate
- 14 R.E.R.G. Monthly Meeting—Round Table Pizza
- 11-12 Goodguys Autumn Get Together—Pleasanton
- tbd Turkey Trot—Santa Rosa-Dyche/Brown

Minutes, continued from Page 2

date with members. The square is being submitted to the project coordinators in September. The finished quilt, including all the regional groups nationwide, will be unveiled at the 2018 Grand National Meet in Dearborn, Michigan.

Tours and Events: Presented by Rick Tamagno

The list is quite extensive, Check your newsletter's Tamagno's Calendar of Events page for a complete list. Consult with Rick or the individual tour host for reliable details.

Hard Luck: No stories shared tonight

Cars and Parts For Sale: None offered this meeting.

Tech Tips and Information: None offered this meeting.

Club Cars Driven to the Meeting: Winner, Dave Kibler— Congratulations!

Membership Attendance Drawing: Dennis Ripple—Congratulations—\$25.

Carol's Carload of Fun: Game postponed (Julie McClain substituted for Carol and shared treats all around)

Scholarship Raffle: Winners – 10
Members raised \$147

Closing Remarks: Steve McClain and Pam Johnston (Sunshine Lady) encouraged members to let Wayne Taylor know they are thinking of him. He is in hospital after a recent fall.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Report submitted by: Eileen Martin-Rawson, Club Secretary

We've been informed of the passing of Louie Moore

9-18-35—8-8-2017

There will be a celebration of his life at the Napa Elks Lodge on **Sunday, September 17th 2-4pm** for friends and fellow car club members.

Napa Elks Lodge
2890 Soscol Avenue, Napa

SWAP & SHOP WITH EARLY FORD V-8 MEMBERS

From Brian Clary -

My friend in New Mexico is looking for both ash trays (L & R) for a 1940 dash, also a glove box, plain or with clock also for the 1940 dash.

Contact Brian Clary
707—322-3234

I am reaching out to the Early Ford V-8 club of America for assistance in finding a home for my complete and totally rebuilt 1953 Mercury flathead V-8 engine. Engine bench tested and runs great.

The engine is located at the Hatfield and Son garage in Winnie, TX. 50 miles East of Houston on I-10. Delivery and/or pickup from this location is not a problem.

I am asking for \$4,600.00 for the complete engine which is significantly less than the rebuild and parts cost.

For information / details on this engine please contact the following:

Keith Hatfield - Hatfield and Son Garage. 409 296 3333

Hat1963@yahoo.com or

Tim Getzlaff -409 659 2115

timgetzlaff@outlook.com



I have a 1938 Ford Standard 2dr. Sedan.

The car is a complete frame off build. I have pictures of the build process.

HP Vortec 350 ci. crate motor/Turbo 350 trans.

IFS = Gibbon cross member and torsion bars, front disc brakes

9 inch Ford limited slip rear

electric wipers, air cond., cruise control, tinted glass, turn signals

VDO Blue Line gauges, Banjo steering wheel, tilt column

Panasonic am/fm/cassette + 6 cd changer

Torque Thrust II wheels (15 inch) with big n little Toyo tires

new gray tweed and Naugahyde interior.

This car is a proven driver and a real head turner. Attached are some pics. If you would like to contact me, you can call me at 503-812-5277. I'm asking \$37,000

Thanks, LEE

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)

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

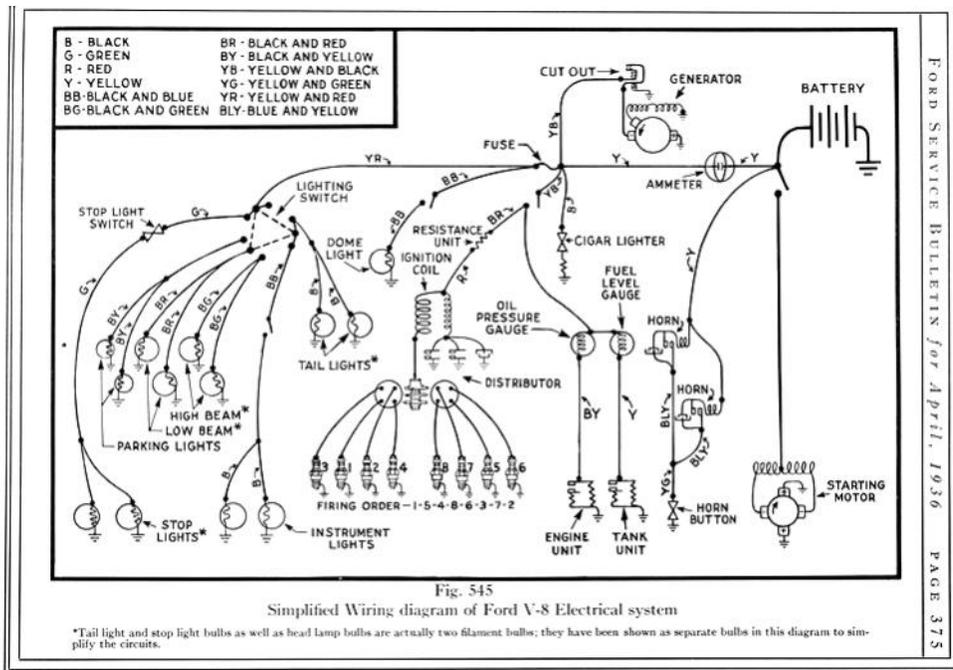
For Sale:

Ford 8N Tractor with Wagner front end loader, new tires \$2500

Ford 8N tractor, Restoration started, \$1100 Dave (707) 539-9414



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



Sunshine Lady Reports:

It has been a tough year for our V-8'ers this year so far and this month has some bad news also. Wayne Taylor had a bad fall from a ladder in his yard. He broke his pelvis and hip. After about a week in two Kaiser hospitals he is finally on the mend at home with a physical therapist coming twice a week and dear Eli is taking wonderful care of him with her love and kindness and great cooking. Wayne is taking calls and cards at 707 255-1575, P.O. Box 73, Napa, CA 94559-0073. His cell number is 707 -363-6520.

Julie McClain is recovering from knee replacement surgery at her sister's home. She is helping her with her care. Julie is doing fine.



Redwood Empire Regional Group #27

2017 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
Sunshine Lady:	Pam Johnston	(707) 255-1230
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, 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.

Red's Vintage Parts



**Specialty Supplier of Engine
Parts for Flathead Ford V8
including V8-60**

**info@reds-vintage-parts.com
707-964-3230—Fort Bragg, CA
Red Hamilton**

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)

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



Photo: Goodguys, Pleasanton-August, 2017 Editor

REDWOOD EMPIRE RG # 27 IN SONOMA, MARIN & NAPA COUNTIES, SEPTEMBER 2017

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.