



REDWOOD REVIEW

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From The President:



Welcome to August everyone, I hope everyone is having a good fun filled summer. We just got back from the Fortuna Auto Expo, I hit the easy button this year and did not take an old car. We took the modern car and went as spectators, but we still had a great time. Lots of sun, cool cars and good friends, and I was able to make it through the Swap Meet without bringing home any greasy old car parts. Although, Julie did pick up a few treasures at the crafts fair. I now have about three days to get ready for the trip East for the Montana Driving Tour, and I am hitting the easy button again as we are taking the modern car (air conditioning). They are having a heat wave in Montana and you know what they say, happy wife, happy life! Looking forward to a great trip. While we were up north, we checked out our location for the day tour for the Miranda Gardens Tour in September, so everything is set up for that trip, I will have a sign-up sheet for the tour at the August meeting, should be a fun time this year. Well things seem to moving along smoothly as far as club business is concerned so not much to report there. We will be home from Montana just in time for the August club meeting, so I will see you then.

Steve McClain

Fortuna 2026

Well, it's the end of July, must be time for the Fortuna Car Show, so we loaded up and headed north. This year we did not enter the Car Show, we loaded up the modern car and the dog and headed for Eureka where we stayed with Julie's twin sister. Nice to have free room and board and some home cooked meals. I headed down to the show Saturday morning, where I ran into quite a few fellow club members along with a lot of people I only see once a year. The weather was picture perfect and there were a lot of great cars and trucks on display. I heard there were quite a few award winners from the club. Including the Rasmussen's, Kirkeby's, Berizzi's, Biegeleisen's, and John Thompson. Here are some pictures of a few of my favorites.

Steve McClain



REDWOOD REVIEW MONTHLY MINUTES

Minutes of General Meeting: Tuesday, July 14, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by our President Mike Buegeleisen

The Minutes of Meeting: The minutes of the last month's meeting were approved with no corrections.

Members in attendance: 33

Treasurer's Report: Rochelle gave everyone our monthly treasurer's report. We are in good standing.

New Members and Guests: None

Birthdays: Jerry Mattos was the only July birthday at the meeting. We sang Happy Birthday to him and he won the prize.

Business: None



Tours and Events

Patty Girman thanked Dave & Carol Rasmussen for having the garage tour on July 11th at their home.

August 15th Montgomery High School Car Show

August 15th Dinucci's Car Show, Valley Ford

August 17th Ford Chick's Lunch, Art's Place, 563 Rohnert Park Expressway, Rohnert Park, 11:30 am. RSVP to Juanita Cooper

August 29th Garage Tour to Sherry & Danny Dortch's, 644 Benjamin Road, Santa Rosa

September 12th Tour to Sturgeon's Mill, 2150 Green Valley Road, Sebastopol then to Castelli's. Our club is meeting up with the Central San Joaquin Valley Club at Round Table parking lot on Occidental Road at 10 am. More info contact Loretta Kirkeby.

September 12th Veteran's All American Car Show, Vet's Building, 126 1st Street West, Sonoma. 9am to 3 pm

Sunshine Lady: Carol Rasmussen let us know that Chuck Paul passed away.

Cars and Parts for Sale: None

Club Cars Driven to the Meeting: Loretta & Gene Kirkeby, Rick & Bev Tamagno, Linda & Steve Ortega, Bill & Denise Burns & Mike Buegeleisen drove their cars to the meeting. The Kirkeby's won the prize.

Membership Attendance Drawing: Not present to win.

Carol's Carload of Fun: Carol passed out cut- out paper cars in different colors with numbers on them. She called out numbers, Steve Ortega and Steve McClain won the prizes.

Scholarship Raffle: There were 8 lucky winners and the club collected \$100.00.

The meeting was adjourned at: 7:35 pm

Minutes submitted by: Beverly Tamagno



RERG #27 CALENDAR OF EVENTS - AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2026

For more information: Charlene 707-539-2867 or Patty 703-402-2097, jrgplg@aol.com

AUGUST

- 2-7 Montana/Wyoming Tour
- 11 **RERG #27 Monthly Mtg@** Round Table Pizza 2065 Occidental Rd. Santa Rosa, 7 pm
- 15 Montgomery High Alumni 8th Annual Car Show, Montgomery High School, 1250 Hahman Dr, Santa Rosa, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm. For more information www.montgomeryvikingsalumni.org
- 15 Dinucci's Annual Classic Car Show, 14485 Valley Ford Road, Petaluma. Noon
- 17 **RERG #27 "Ford Chicks" Lunch** 11:30 am, **ART'S PLACE**, 563 Rohnert Park Expressway, Rohnert Park, **PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A DIFFERENT VENUE THEN LISTED IN THE JULY NEWS-LETTER**, hosted by Juanita, 707-293-3945 & Carol R, 707-246-4158
- 21-23 Good Guys 39th West Coast Nationals, Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton.
- 29 **RERG #27 Garage Get Together @ The Dortch's** – See info in newsletter

SEPTEMBER

- 08 **RERG #27 Monthly Mtg @** Round Table Pizza 2065 Occidental Rd. Santa Rosa, 7 pm
- 12 **RERG #27 Sturgeon Mill Tour** – Loretta Kirkeby - See info in newsletter
- 12 Cloverdale Car & Motorcycle Show – 7am-3pm. 126 N. Cloverdale Blvd., Cloverdale
neena@cloverdalechamber.com
- 12 Annual Sonoma Valley Veterans All American Car Show, 129 1st Street, Sonoma, 9am-3pm.
Info: 707-509-3609 or www.vfwpost1943@hotmail.com
- 14 **RERG #27 "Ford Chicks" Lunch** 11:30 am. **THE TWINS RESTAURANT**, 572 E. Cotati Ave, Cotati. Carpool if you can as the shopping center is always busy, hosted by Pat 707-328-3804 & Donna 707-588-9987
- 18-20 **RERG #27 Miranda Gardens Tour** – Contact Steve or Julie McClain 707-575-3504
- 19 PCAM Wheels & Wings Car Show, 8 am-2pm, One Air Museum Way, Santa Rosa, CA 95403,
Website: <https://pacificcoastairmuseum.org/wheels-wings-car-show>

UPCOMING EVENTS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER 3 – Garage Get Together

NOVEMBER 8 - Turkey Trot Potluck

DECEMBER 6 - Christmas Brunch

CARS AND COFFEE SUNDAYS

- 1st Novato - Vintage Oaks Shopping Center, 132 Vintage Way near Starbucks, 6:30 -10 am
Santa Rosa - Montecito Shopping Center, 560 Montecito Rd., 8 - 10 am
Sonoma - Devil's Darlin's, East side of Sonoma Plaza, 8 – 10 am
- 2nd Napa - Premium Outlet Mall, 629 Factory Stores Dr., 8 - 10 am
- 3rd Petaluma – 389 S. McDowell near Peet's Coffee, 9 - 11 am
- 4th Penngrove - 10070 Main St., 9 am

CRUISE-IN

- Friday - Santa Rosa - Machado's Burgers, 406 Larkfield Center, 4-7 pm
- 2nd Sunday - Rohnert Park – Cruisin' North Car Club - Hooters, 6099 Redwood Drive, noon - 3 pm
- 2nd Sunday & 4th Sunday - Santa Rosa – Acme Burgers, 1007 W College Avenue 6 pm



RASMUSSEN'S GARAGE TOUR

On Saturday July 11th Dave and I hosted a Garage Tour at our home in Napa. We had close to 30 club members and friends attending. Dave had been working on a major clean up and the garage looked amazing. He is not sure he will be able to find things again that he put away. I had my craft room ready for the tour as well. Dave has been working on a deck expansion and we are almost finished. Enough that it also looked amazing. My daughter Emily showed up with 2 super yummy coffee cakes and an egg frittata. This was a surprise to me because I also purchased donuts. Everyone got to take a bag of goodies home. It's fun to have food connections here in Napa.



After a few hours of visiting, some of went to the corner restaurant and enjoyed lunch. We returned and a new outfit from Amazon was on the porch waiting for my Porch goose. We worked together to get her all dressed up for the neighborhood viewing.

A huge thank you to the club members for traveling here to Napa. It was a great day, and we enjoyed sharing our home and garage.

Carol



GARAGE GATHERING

at the Dortch's

When – Saturday, August 29, 9:00 am

Where – Danny & Sherry, 1116 Austin Way, Santa Rosa

Cell Phones – Danny 707-974-4569, Sherry 480-365-8590



Danny and Sherry will be hosting a Garage Get Together on Saturday August 29, from 9:00 am until around noon. Come on out and enjoy socializing in and around the garage. All are invited. There will be water, coffee (regular and decaf), hot chocolate & donuts. Come and enjoy the morning and chat with friends. Please bring a lawn chair. Please let the Dortch's know if you think you will be coming at the phone numbers listed above or signup at the August club meeting.

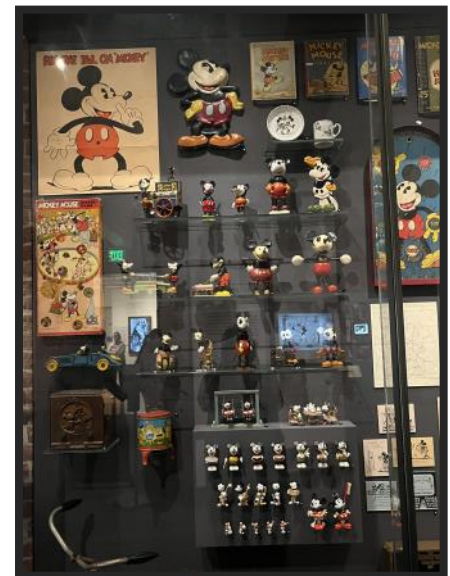
WALT DISNEY FAMILY MUSEUM



On Thursday July 16th, a small group of V8er's travelled to San Francisco to tour the Walt Disney Family Museum. There were 8 of us in total as my sister Janet and her partner Jan came from Eureka to explore the museum with us. We met at the Target parking lot in Rohnert Park and left by 9 am. It was a fairly easy drive into the city with not much traffic to speak of. Since we had such a small group, we parked right in front of the museum. The museum is 40,000 square feet and chronicles the life, legacy and creative genius of Walt Disney. It traces Walt Disney's roots from a small-town boy, through his bankruptcy up to his global success. There are historic animation artifacts and his Oscars. We also got to see a display of the Steamboat Willie animation cells along with a scale model of Disneyland.

When everyone was finished touring the museum we drove across the park to a picnic area and had a running board lunch. We were on our way home by 1pm. If you haven't toured this museum, you should add it to your list of things to do. All in all, everyone had a great informative time.

Julie McClain



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

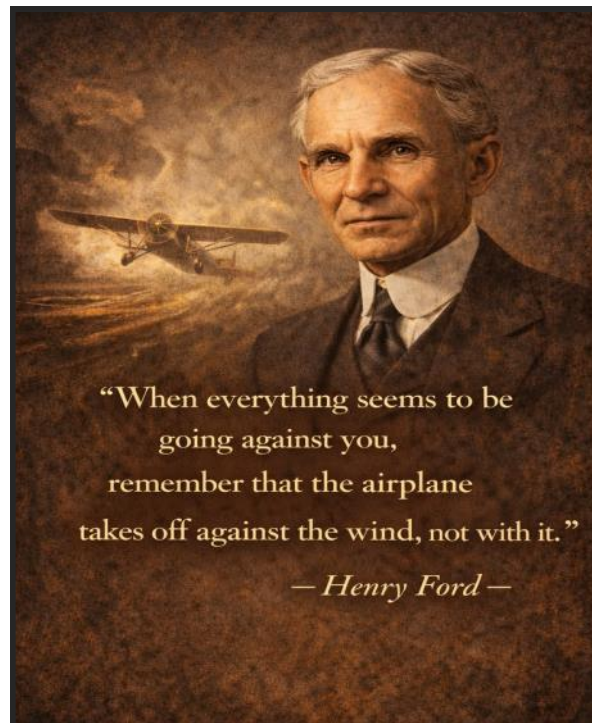
Aug 01 Amanda Rothchild
 Aug 04 Gil Gallegos
 Aug 08 Derek Girman
 Aug 10 Amy Buegeleisen
 Aug 15 Nataly Acquistapace
 Aug 17 Ted Nelson
 Aug 18 Carol Rasmussen
 Aug 18 Sterling Cousins
 Aug 19 Wendy Pallo
 Aug 27 Mike Buegeleisen
 Aug 27 Oma Taylor
 Aug 30 Lloyd Godwin
 Aug 30 Vicki Gatto
 Aug 31 Sherry Dortch
 Aug 31 Bud Gatto



"SUNSHINE LADY REPORT"

A Sympathy card to Family and Donna Fredrick for the passing of Chuck Paul.

Submitted by Loretta Kirkeby



STURGEON MILL TOUR AND CASTELLI'S HOME TOUR

Sept 12th 2026

- Sturgeon Mill Tour with the Southern San Joaquin Valley, Early Ford V8 Club
- Gather @ 9:00 A.M., Round Table Pizza, 2055 Occidental Rd for donuts.
- 9:45 head to Sturgeon Mill, 2150 Green Hill Rd. Sebastopol to park and begin tour.
- After the mill tour around 12:00 P.M. we will break for lunch, (bring your chairs). Hamburgers and hot dogs will be available for purchase or bring your own sack lunch.
- 1:00P.M. head to Castelli's, 420 Grape Vine Lane, Healdsburg for a New grand Opening of the Castelli's home. Snacks will be provided as part of the tour.
- Please sign up at August meeting or Contact Loretta Kirkeby for any details!!

RICHARD'S FIRST RIDE

Way back in 1986, Tom and Kathy Cahill convinced their friend Richard DeCroft to join the Redwood Empire Early Ford V8 Club. Since Richard was excited to travel to Victoria, B.C. with the Club but did not have an old car, he was on a mission to find one as soon as possible.

He found a 1935 Ford 4 door which was in good shape, but needed some major engine work including a new engine, which was a major job. Since Richard insisted on an 11" clutch which did not fit the transmission, the engine would not turn over. He had to remove the engine to install the original size assembly.

The car's first adventure was heading out solo to meet the others at Williams, CA. It didn't take long before the car began to overheat and finally died before reaching its first destination. After adding water to the radiator it was soon evident that the car would demand a refill every 50 miles.

Next destination was Port Angeles to board a ferry to Victoria. Somehow the car was mistakenly directed to Seattle and in addition to being in the wrong place, the car proceeded to lose its lights.

The City of Port Angeles was finally reached and the car sailed easily into Victoria...on a ferryboat.

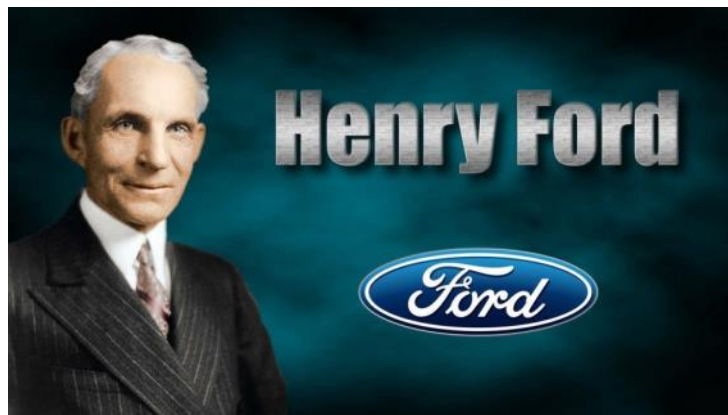
Upon reaching Victoria the car still had no lights and suddenly the transmission was malfunctioning. Richard was able to find a resistor to fix the light problem and to this day the lights are still working. He also located a garage which allowed him to use their rack to check the car's transmission.

While draining the transmission oil, numerous bits and pieces of brass and other metal debris drained out with the oil. Unable to remove the transmission, it was refilled with gear oil and on its way once again. Unfortunately, the car continued to jump out of gear for the next 100 miles. Since the gas gauge has never worked, driving this vehicle is living on the edge.

Next this old Ford went to the World's Fair for 4 days, then headed north to the City of Bamph. No rooms available in Bamph, so ended up at the ice fields and spent the night in the car. Of course there was no heater in the car and the temperature was freezing, so sleeping in the cold was an experience not to be forgotten.

Next adventure was driving to Lake Louise where the red mud on the road covered the car half way up the doors and stuck like glue. The dirty car finally made it back to Santa Rosa and has been washed and waxed repeatedly to the second layer of paint. Since then, only minor fixes have been needed; radiator, brakes, and oh yes, the vehicle now needs a new steering box.

As told by Richard DeCroft





CORNER



JULY CHICKS LUNCHEON

Date: Monday July 26th, 2026

Hostesses: Cheryl Porter and Kim Williams

Time: 11:30 A.M.

Place: Olive Garden, Rohnert Park

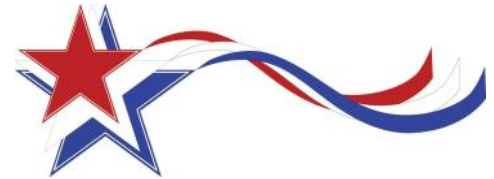
There were 22 ladies present and lots of talking going on. It was fun, laughter and giggles. Flamingo and umbrella straws were handed out for all to decide which one they wanted.

Lunch was ordered and that left more time for conversations and giggles!

Time for our dessert and our hostesses provided both chocolate and white cupcake with pink frostings.

Then more laughter and hugs until next time. What fun was had by all!

Submitted by Kim Williams



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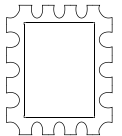
Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7 PM at Round Table Pizza- Exit Hwy 12 & Stony Point Road to 2065 Occidental Road, Santa Rosa. All interested V8-ers are invited to attend! This newsletter is a monthly publication of Redwood Empire RG # 27 of the Early Ford V8 Club of America. Other Regional Groups may reprint material, provided proper credit is given.



Garage is ready for the gathering of friends

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