



REDWOOD REVIEW

Regional Group #27
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From The President:



Happy November everyone, I hope this newsletter finds everyone well.

Well, fall is in the air, which means that the car events are slowing down for the year. However, our car club isn't letting this slow us down as we have the Turkey Trot brunch coming up this month. This is our annual event where we collect donations for the Redwood empire Food Bank, monetary donations are accepted, and you are certainly welcome to bring canned and packaged food. This will be held in Sonoma at the Seven Flags Mobile Home Park Clubhouse in Sonoma starting around 10:30. In December, we have our Christmas Brunch and Officer Installation. This will be held at our usual place at the Foxtail Golf Course from 10:00 – 2:00. Please get your RSVP and money in to Carol by November 25th for the Christmas Brunch. Also, dues are now due, please get them in to Denise by the end of the year, Thank You.

We had a pretty good turnout at last month's member appreciation meeting, with free pizza and lots of fun activities as always provided by Carol. Overall, we have had a good year filled with fun car tours and events, lots of club member participation which is always good to see, however it also brought us much sadness with the passing of Dan, Dennis, Dave & Jerry. These men were friends of mine and were friends to a lot of club members and were very active in the club over the years. We will be forever grateful for their contribution to the Early Ford V-8 Club. Please keep their families in your thoughts & prayers. They will certainly be missed. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in November and December at our upcoming club events.

Happy Motoring

Steve McClain



REDWOOD REVIEW MONTHLY MINUTES

Minutes of General Meeting: Tuesday, October 14, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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: 39

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

New Members and Guests: New members Reggie & Miriam Duke from Napa

Birthdays: Bill Crackbon, Basil Scott, & Rochelle Berizzi. Bill won the prize.

Business: Mike gave a reminder that dues are due. This was our Membership appreciation meeting. It was free pizza night. There was a drawing to win a free membership, John & Rochelle Berizzi won. There was a drawing for prizes. Ray Swinehart & John & Patty Girman won signs. Sterling Cousins & Steve won bags of candy. We also enjoyed cupcakes to celebrate 55 years of the club.

Tours and Events:

October 20th Ford Chick's luncheon at Beyond the Glory Sports Bar, 1371 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma at 11:30 am. RSVP to Wendy Pallo or Lynn Mattos

October 26th Geyserville Fall Car Show and also Props, Pistons & Pasta on the Runway at Schellville Airport, 11-3 pm

November 9th Turkey Trot Potluck Brunch, Seven Flags Mobile Home Park, 300 International Blvd., Sonoma at 10:30 am. Fundraiser for Redwood Empire Food Bank, please bring canned foods or a donation.

December 7th Annual Christmas Brunch & Installation of officers. Wedgewood Banquet Center at Foxtail Golf Course, 100 Golf Course Drive, Rohnert Park. Bring 1 wrapped Christmas item per couple for gift exchange and 1 unwrapped toy to be donated. RSVP to Carol Rasmussen by November 25th.

Sunshine Lady: None

Cars and Parts for Sale: None

Club Cars Driven to the Meeting: None



Membership Attendance Drawing: Not present to win

Carol's Carload of Fun: We played a Haunted House word game & an Early Ford V8 Club of America, Redwood Empire Chapter Question game

Scholarship Raffle: There were 8 winners and the club collected \$96.00

The meeting was adjourned at: 8:05 pm

Minutes submitted by: Beverly Tamagno

RERG #27 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

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

NOVEMBER

8-9 GoodGuys 35th Autumn Get-Together, 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., Alameda County Fair, 4501 Pleasanton Ave, Pleasanton, CA

9 **RERG #27 Turkey Trot** - Potluck Brunch and Food Collection for Redwood Empire Food Bank.



SEVEN FLAGS MOBILE HOME PARK CLUBHOUSE

300 International Blvd., Sonoma

See flyer in this newsletter for more information

11 **RERG #27 Monthly Meeting** @ Round Table Pizza, 2065 Occidental Rd, Santa Rosa, 7 p.m

ELECTION OF 2026 OFFICERS

17 **RERG #27 "Ford Chicks" Lunch** - 11:30 am, **La Strada**, 6242 CA Hwy 29, American Canyon, next to the Napa-Vallejo Flea Market. RSVP to Sharon at 707-888-3667 or Yvonne, 707-337-5532

"Payment - CASH ONLY"

DECEMBER

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RERG #27 CHRISTMAS BRUNCH - 10 am to 2 pm

Brunch Served at 11 am

Wedgewood Banquet Center at FOXTAIL Golf Course

100 Golf Course Drive

Rohnert Park

See flyer in this newsletter for more information



RERG #27 Monthly Meeting—NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

8 **RERG #27 "Ford Chicks" Lunch** - NEW DATE!!!, 11:30 a.m., Mi Pueblo, 7384 Commerce Blvd., Cotati. Please RSVP to Donna Fredrick, 707-588- 9987 (home) or 415-810-5347 (text).

UPCOMING EVENTS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY – Tour to Sacramento Train Museum - TBA – Ortega's

MARCH 15 – St. Patrick Corned Beef Lunch – more info forthcoming

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 Santa Rosa – 358 Coddington Center near Starbucks, 8 - 10 am

Napa - Premium Outlet Mall, 629 Factory Stores Dr., 8 - 10 am

3rd Petaluma – 389 S. McDowell near Peet's Coffee, 9 - 11 am

4th Penngrave - 10070 Main St., 8 – 10 am

CRUISE-IN

Friday - Santa Rosa - Machado's Burgers, 406 Larkfield Center, 4-7 pm

2nd Sunday - Rohnert Park – Cruisin' North Car Club's Cruisin' Hooters, 6099 Redwood Drive, noon - 3 pm

2nd Sunday & 4th Sunday - Santa Rosa – Acme Burgers, 1007 W. College Avenue, 6 pm



CALISTOGA TOUR – October 8th



It was an overcast morning but that didn't keep 12 cars from showing up at Tom Schopflin Park for the club's tour up to Calistoga. Driving their Ford classics were Ron Mollo and Jan Taurian, Gene and Loretta Kirkebey, Jerry and Lynn Mattos, Steve and Linda Ortega and Basil Scott and his daughter, Sue Aguilar. The group also included Richard DeCroff and Cheryl Porter, Ron and Zandra Aguilar, Gloria McIntosh, Charlene Trabucco, Bill and Denise Burns, Tom and

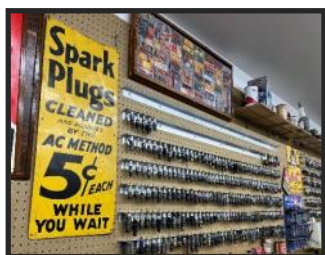


Kathy Cahill and John and Patty Girman. We headed out Mark West Springs Road on a leisurely route to Calistoga. At the InterState gas station in Calistoga, we meet up with new members, Reggie and Miriam Duke. They had recently bought



Bill Pate's '36 Coupe and they were excited to go on their first trip with the club. We headed up Rt. 128 hoping not to miss the entrance leading to the home of Jack Mulkey and Gail Sharpsteen. Just getting to their place down this private road is an enjoyable experience with its one lane and many views of the wooded valleys. Jack and Gail greeted us, had the garage doors open, and encouraged us to start exploring. Everything in

Jack's garages is meticulously displayed and neat. On the cabinets he built to hold his some of his collections and library he mounted hardware that he designed from spark plugs, small wrenches and grease cups. His collections included many headlights from the brass era, many Model T era gas tank dipsticks and a huge array of spark plugs as well as other automobilia. The women enjoyed the gardens and especially the eclectic touches. The entrance gate had shovel spades welded to the bottom of the ornate frame and there was art-work on the walls of the shed. Jack and Gail answered our many questions and pointed out details not to be missed.



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CALISTOGA TOUR (continued from page 4)



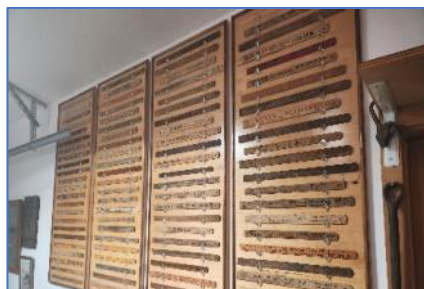
After taking in this wonderful collection, we extended our “thank you’s and goodbyes” and headed over to the Sharpsteen Museum in town. Gail joined us at the museum as her grandfather, Ben Sharpsteen, who was an animator for Walt Disney, was the founder of the museum and she wanted to share this outstanding place with us. We were greeted by the director, Dean Enderlin, who gave us an over-



view of the history of the museum and the Sam Brannan house, which houses the museum. Several pages could be written here about Ben Sharpsteen and the museum, but you are encouraged to just take a day trip to Calistoga to see this if you have never been. It’s an easy drive and you won’t



be disappointed when visiting this gem right in our own backyard. It contains one of the eleven Oscars won by Ben Sharpsteen and many of his original drawings. It also houses a 30-foot diorama which vividly depicts Sam Brannan’s 1860s Calistoga Hot Springs Resort - with detailed miniature structures, a model train, and a painted background extending to St. Helena. This restored cottage is furnished with authentic Victorian-era pieces and quilts, one of which was made by a lady that Abraham Lincoln proposed to who decided he was not the man for her. You will find it also has a restored stagecoach, once used for local transit. It contains artifacts for the indigenous Wappo people, including basketry and arrowheads and has objects related to the Donner Party survivors, some of who settled in the town. There is also a display on Robert Lois Stevenson, highlighting his 1880 honeymoon in Calistoga and reflections in his writings like *Silverado Squatters*. During his retirement, Ben Sharpsteen began oil painting, creating a series of 19 large-format paintings inspired by his boyhood memories of the early automobile era. These were used as cover illustrations for the *Horseless Carriage Club America Gazette*.



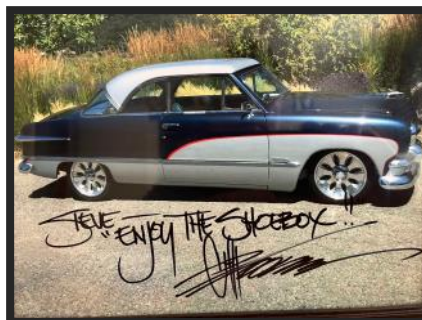
After taking a group picture on the steps of the museum’s entrance, some of us walked while a few of us drove over to the Pacifico Mexican Restaurant across the park. The staff had set the tables for a group lunch and they were ready for us with extra help. We enjoyed a nice meal with lively conversation while being well attended by staff. We casually made our way to our cars after lunch and headed back home.

It was a fun, one-day tour. Patty & John Girman



Dave Rasmussen and I headed down to the Fairplex in Pomona in September for the Grand National Truck Show, we were not sure what to expect, but we were a little disappointed to only find one building full of custom trucks. We were expecting to spend the day there on Saturday, then come home on Sunday, well we got through the whole deal in about two hours, that included going through the NHRA museum which is right next door to the main Fairplex building. I had found out from the website that Chip Foote would be there for a Meet and Greet, so I took a picture of our 51 Victoria that he did the design of and was able to meet him and asked him sign the picture, very cool, (at least for me). We were done around 1:00, so we decided to bonzi home Saturday afternoon instead of spending the afternoon and night in LA.

Steve McClain



ADDITIONAL EVENT PICTURES ARE ADDED
REGULARLY ON THE WEBSITE
"Redwood V-8" redwoodv8.net

Fund Raiser Drawing to support RERG #27



We will have a drawing for this beautiful box measuring 12" wide x 7" length x 4" tall, made by Frank Wheeler. Many of you have seen Frank's meticulous workmanship and this wooden box is no exception. Frank puts a little of his soul in each of his creations. When the club decided it would no longer be able to support doing the yearly swap meet, which has been our main fundraiser for the last 50 years, Frank handed this wooden box to our president and suggested using it to help fund the club. We will be having a drawing in which you will be able to purchase a ticket for \$5 each [or 5 for \\$20](#). This is a great way to start your holi-

day shopping. This would make a wonderful gift for that person for whom you never know what to buy - your granddaughter or grandson, that special person who has done so much for you this past year, your sister or brother, that neighbor who needs a little pick me up. And did we mention that the ticket for your chance to win would only cost you \$5 or 5 for \$20! We will be selling tickets in the month of November at the club meeting, the Turkey Trot and Ford Chicks luncheon and have the drawing at our annual Christmas Brunch on December 7th. If you will not be at any of these events you can fill out the form at the end of the page and mail it along with your check, made out to RERG #27, to:

MIKE BUEGELEISEN
9760 Brooks Road South
Windsor, CA 95492

You do not need to be present to win. We can mail to you early in the month of December. Just fill out the form and your name will be put on a ticket and put into the drawing. Easy as that.



FUND RAISER RAFFLE FOR RERG #27

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ [TEXT](#) _____

EMAIL _____



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov 03 Dennis Hegerhorst
 Nov 05 Ron Grassi
 Nov 07 Ron Mollo
 Nov 11 Terry Block
 Nov 12 Guy Hamilton
 Nov 18 Ken Dyche
 Nov 19 Gene Kirkeby
 Nov 20 Steve McClain
 Nov 22 Dave Rasmussen
 Nov 23 Becky Nelson



Welcome
New Members

Marilyn Meehan
Sonoma

Reggie & Miriam Duke
Napa
36 Coupe
49 Coupe



"SUNSHINE LADY REPORT"

A Get-Well Card was sent to Steve Manwiller.

Condolences were sent to Juanita Cooper for the loss of her beloved brother.

Carol Rasmussen also lost her brother and was sent a Sympathy card.

Sharon Lawson's loving sister passed and the club sent a Condolence card to Sharon.

Submitted by Loretta Kirkeby, Sunshine Lady



ANNUAL TURKEY TROT POTLUCK BRUNCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH 10:30am

SEVEN FLAGS MOBILE HOME PARK CLUBHOUSE

300 International Blvd., Sonoma

Join us on Sunday, **November 9**, for our annual potluck brunch. We will also be collecting cans or packages of food to donate to the Redwood Empire Food Bank. Money will also be accepted, checks to *Redwood Food Bank*. Plan on gathering around **10:30 am** and eating around 11ish. Coffee and water will be provided. See you there!



BENEFIT FOR REDWOOD EMPIRE FOOD BANK
BRING CANNED GOODS OR MONETARY DONATIONS



June, 1924

FORD OWNER AND DEALER

Repainting the Car Bod.

Some Helpful Suggestions for the Brush Wielder
Who Wants to "Doll Up" His Ford

WHEN painting a metal body, we must remember several things.

1. That metal contracts and expands with cold and heat, and that we must use paints and enamels suitable for metal work.

2. The metal must be cleaned of all rust, and thoroughly sand-papered before applying the priming coat.

3. The brushes used must not be too stiff, or of such poor quality that they will lose their bristles.

4. Sufficient time should be allowed for the drying of each coat of paint. And the place where the work is done must be kept free from dust.

5. That mousing of the color coat, and rubbing down of the color varnish coat will smooth the surface of the finish, improving its appearance, as well as increasing its durability.

Bill of Materials

½ gal. paint remover

1 pt. metal primer

¼ pound glazing putty.

1 pt. color

1 pt. color varnish

1 pt. rubbing varnish

1 pt. finishing varnish

Wash the body thoroughly with cold water, removing all dirt and grease. Dry thoroughly. Then apply the paint remover to the entire surface with a brush. After the paint has softened, scrape it off with a putty knife. With the paint all removed, wash the metal with gasoline and sand-paper it thoroughly with No. ½ sandpaper, until it is clean and bright. Dust off the surface with a dry brush and let stand 5 or 6 hours.

Apply one coat of metal primer with 1½ inch camels hair brush, allowing 24 hours for this primer to dry. With a putty knife, fill in all crevices and indentations with the glazing putty, allowing 6 hours for the putty coat to harden. Sandpaper the entire body lightly with No. 00 sandpaper, until it presents a smooth surface. Then brush off with a duster. Next, apply one coat of color with the 1½ inch camels-hair brush, and allow 24 hours to dry.

The body should then be rubbed—a patch of a foot or so at a time—with dry, black, curled hair until the surface is smooth. This should remove all particles of dirt and high spots. This operation will leave the surface considerably scratched, but this only tends to knit the finishing coats.

Dust off the body and apply one coat of color varnish with the 1½ inch Badger-filled brush, and let dry for 24 hours. Moss this coat out in

the same way. Apply one coat of rubbing varnish with the Badger-filled brush. And allow 24 hours to harden.

Wet the entire surface of the body, and run down with a mixture of finely powdered pumice stone and water, applied with a piece of felt. When the entire body presents an even surface, wash it thoroughly with clean cold water, being sure to remove all pumice. Wipe off with a clean dry cloth, and allow several hours to dry.

Now rub the body lightly with a piece of cheese cloth, saturated with a mixture consisting of a quart of water, a quarter of a pint of gasoline, and a teaspoonful of olive oil.

Next, with a cheese cloth (made sticky with a little rubbing varnish) rub over the surface of the body thoroughly, thereby removing all lint and dust. Then with the Badger-filled brush, applying one coat of finishing varnish, allowing 24 hours to dry.

Paint Removers

While it will generally be more convenient to purchase the ready mixed paint removers, it may be interesting to know that paint remover can be made by mixing: palmitic acid (vegetable), 25 parts; benzine, 35 parts; and amyl acetate, 40 parts. Such a solution is applied with a brush.

Painting Engine and Manifold

WE are not overly enthusiastic about painting the engines of Ford cars, as the paint tends to prevent the radiation of heat. Consequently, a painted engine is more apt to overheat than one that is not. Most cars which have painted engines also have water circulating pumps to help cool them more effectively.

However, if you wish to paint the engine, then the same kind of paint that is used for the hot engines of Fordson tractors can be used on the engines of Ford cars. Before painting the engine, it is necessary that the engine be thoroughly clean, as paint will not stick to oily surfaces.

Disconnect the battery and clean the engine with gasoline and a brush. After the gasoline cleaning, then go over the engine again with Soapine or Gold Dust powder and hot water, to remove the greasy film left by the gasoline. Then rinse with hot water, and allow to become thoroughly dry before applying the paint.

Enamelling the manifolds is a factory process and difficult to apply. However, one can use stove polish or graphite to give a neater appearance to the exhaust manifold. There are also special paints or graphite pastes which can be used to advantage, and the black finish aids the radiation of the heat.



CORNER



For the month of October, we dined at Beyond The Glory in Petaluma. As always, we enjoyed the back room to ourselves as 21 ladies can get pretty loud at times.

The food was great, raffle was a lot of fun and Wendy's pumpkin cupcakes were fabulous for dessert. As a special treat, Wilma Lenz and her friend Lydia from Hayward joined us for lunch.

Looking forward to next month's lunch.

Wendy & Lynn



CRANBERRY APPLE SALAD

4 Honeycrisp apples, cored and thinly sliced

2 cups red seedless [grapes](#), halved

1 cup celery, thinly sliced

1/2 cup [pecans](#), toasted and roughly chopped

1/2 cup [dried cranberries](#)

1/4 cup Greek yogurt (or plain dairy-free yogurt for a vegan option)

2 tablespoons mayonnaise

1 tablespoon honey (or maple syrup for a vegan option)

1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

Salt and pepper to taste

Instructions

In a small bowl, whisk together Greek yogurt, mayonnaise, honey, lemon juice, salt, and pepper until smooth.

In a large bowl, combine the apples, grapes, celery, pecans, and dried cranberries.

Pour the dressing over the salad ingredients and gently toss to coat evenly.

Refrigerate the salad for 15–20 minutes to let the flavors meld.

Serve chilled as a side dish or light main course.

2026 DUES NOTICE

It's that time of year again, so let's get the REDWOOD EMPIRE REGIONAL GROUP #27 off to a good start in 2026. Dues are \$25.00 per year (single or couple). Please make your check out to **REG #27** and mail to **REG #27, 9760 Brooks Road South, Windsor, CA 95492** (As a reminder, you are required to be members of the National Early Ford V8 Club - for membership information refer to www.earlyfordv8club.org).

Also please note below any changes you may have for the 2026 Roster/FastFinder (email, cars, cell phone, etc.) and send this along with your check, or email your changes to Patty Girman, jrgplg@aol.com.

REG #27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

(REG #27, 9760 Brooks Road South, Windsor, CA 95492)

NAME _____

Your Birth Date: Month _____ Day _____

PARTNER _____

Spouse Birth Date: Month _____ Day _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

His Cell Ph # _____

Her Cell Ph # _____

E Mails _____

Early Ford V8'S You Own (Give Year, Model, Body Style and Engine Type)

(Attach additional sheets with V8 information as needed)



V-8 CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

&

OFFICER INSTALLATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

10 am to 2 pm

Brunch Served at 11 am

**Wedgewood Banquet Center at FOXTAIL Golf Course
100 Golf Course Drive
Rohnert Park**

\$110 per couple/\$55 single

**RSVP to Carol Rasmussen by November 25th
707-246-4158 email: caroljean51@gmail.com**

Checks made out to: RERG #27

**Mail to: Carol Rasmussen
1116 Austin Way
Napa, CA 94558**

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 for a school-age child.

Once again, Carol will distribute the donated toys to families she knows who could use some help over the holidays. For further info, call Carol,

707-246-4158

Redwood Empire Regional Group #27

2025 Officers

Co-President	Steve McClain
Co-President	Mike Buegeleisen
Vice President	Carol Rasmussen
Secretary	Bev Tamagno
Treasurer	Bill & Denise Burns

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Red Hamilton



My V8 by (club member)

We would like to feature your car in the Club Newsletter so would encourage you to write a short story about the car so we can share in the enjoyment of your V8.

You may include pictures, history of car, outstanding features of the vehicle and what you've been doing on it lately, and any other facts of interest to other club members.

You can also tell us about the work you have done on your car and the glitches you have overcome to fix these problems.

We are hoping to make this a regular feature in our newsletter so we do need input from our members.

For more information, please contact Juanita at 707 293 3945 (text) or email buffet55@comcast.net.

Articles for the V8 Club Newsletter are due by the third weekend of the month and in the WORD format. Thank you, this will be a great help in putting the Newsletter together and getting it out on time.

Irlene's email: Chelsea970@aol.com

Juanita's email: buffet55@comcast.net

REDWOOD EMPIRE RG # 27 IN SONOMA, MARIN & NAPA COUNTIES NOVEMBER 2025

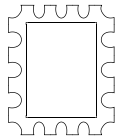
Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7 PM at Round Table Pizza- Exit Hwy 12 & Stony Point Road to 2065 Occidental Road, Santa Rosa. All interested V8-ers are invited to attend! This newsletter is a monthly publication of Redwood Empire RG # 27 of the Early Ford V8 Club of America. Other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



Members at Sharpsteen Museum in Calistoga

Irlene Duncan, Editor

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