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REDWOOD REVIEW

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From The President:





Happy August everyone, we just returned from the trip to Eureka where we went to the Fortuna Autorama, what a great show this year. We didn't take an old car this year, we went as spectators instead, however we ran into quite a few club members at the show and also some old friends. I also heard that quite a few club members won awards, which is always nice to see. Well, we had our Board meeting this week and there were a lot of things discussed as there are a lot of changes happening with the club. The big decision up for discussion was the fate of the Swap Meet. It was fairly unanimous that this past Swap Meet in May would be the last one, no more Swap Meets. This decision was not taken lightly as it directly affects the fate of the club. This decision led into discussions regarding the remaining money that the club has and to a rather lengthy budget discussion. Everything was covered, from newsletter printing and mailing, roster printing, Christmas Brunch decorations, membership drawing, etc. Also, we are going to follow through on our decision we told everyone about last year regarding the Christmas brunch. Last year we paid 25% of the cost per person for the brunch meal. This year each person attending will have to pay the full amount of cost per person for their meal. The Christmas brunch is one of the biggest expenses for the club and we feel everyone will have no problem with this change as it benefits the club tremendously, and it's always a great time. Also, the membership attendance drawing money will change to $10.00 and will no longer roll over if a member is not present when their name is called, it will just be $10.00 each month and if the member is not present, it will be $10.00 the next month. Another item discussed was that printing and mailing of the newsletter is quite expensive. Most members receive their newsletter by e-mail, which is great, but some have requested it be mailed, so starting next year, club members that require the newsletter be mailed may have a little higher dues price to cover printing and mailing, the exact amount is yet to be determined. None of these decisions were made lightly and there were lively and productive discussions regarding how to keep the club going for many years to come without the income from the Swap Meet. A preliminary Budget was presented and discussed and with the changes discussed and with the expected income from membership dues we should have enough funds to support the club for approximately fourteen years. I am sure that between now and then, with the quality and quantity of our current membership, there will be lots of ideas for fundraisers that this club can do to keep the club going for years to come. This is not the end of the club, rather a new beginning with plenty of new opportunities on the horizon.

Happy Motoring

Steve McClain

REDWOOD REVIEW MONTHLY MINUTES

Minutes of General Meeting: July 8, 2025

The meeting was called to order 7:05 **pm by our Co- President** Mike Buegeleisen

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

Members in attendance tonight: 38

Treasurer's Report: Denise 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 so,he won the prize.

Business: Mike announced board members will be having a meeting very soon to discuss not having a swap meet and making a budget. Frank Wheeler is donating to the club one of his V8 wooden boxes. We will probably have a silent auction. There will be more info about it in the next newsletter. Still in the planning stages, a membership appreciation event to be held next May.

Tours and Events:

A big Thank You went out to Steve & Julie McClain for hosting the Fort Bragg tour and Skunk Train trip.

July 10th Lavender Bee Farm & Petaluma Creamery Tour in Petaluma. Meet at Rohnert Park Target parking lot at 10:30 am. RSVP to Irlene Duncan at Chelsea970@aol.com

July14th Ford Chick's luncheon, Hopmonks Tavern, 691 Broadway, Sonoma at 11:30 am. RSVP to Charlene Trabucco or Jan Taurian

July 19th Devils Darlin's Car Show, Sonoma Veterans Memorial Hall, 126 First Street West, Sonoma

July 25-27th Fortuna Car Show, Fortuna

August 9th Montgomery High School Car Show, High School parking lot.

August 18th Ford Chick's luncheon, Olive Garden, Rohnert Park 11:30 am RSVP to Kim Williams or Cheryl Porter

August23rd Dinucci's Car Show, Valley Ford



Sunshine Lady: None

Hard Luck: None

Tech Tips: None

Cars and Parts for Sale: None

Club Cars Driven to the Meeting: 7 cars were driven to the meeting. Danny Dortch won the prize

Membership Attendance Drawing: Denise Burns won the prize.

Carol's Carload of Fun: We played a Crazy Fun Trivia Game. John Girman and Chuck Paul won the prize.

Scholarship Raffle:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Beverly Tamagno

RERG #27 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

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

AUGUST

09 Montgomery High Alumni & Friends 7th Annual Car Show, Montgomery High School, 1250 Hahman Dr, Santa Rosa, 10:00 am - 2:30 pm. For more information, contact Mike Francis, mike@francisinsurance.net or www.montgomeryvikingsalumni.org/6th-annual-car-show

12 RERG #27 Monthly Meeting@ Round Table Pizza 2065 Occidental Rd. Santa Rosa, 7 pm

18 RERG #27 "Ford Chicks" Lunch 11:30 am, *Olive Garden*, 6430 Redwood Drive, Rohnert Park, RSVP to Kim Williams, 707-483-8896 or Cheryl Porter, 707-206-5970

20 RERG #27 Point Reyes Day Tour – See flyer in this newsletter for information

22-24 Good Guys 37th West Coast Nationals, Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton

23 Dinucci's 2nd Annual Classic Car Show, 14485 Valley Ford Road, Petaluma. Show starts at noon. Parking at the side of restaurant

SEPTEMBER

06 Cloverdale Car & Motorcycle Show – 10am-3pm. 126 N. Cloverdale Blvd., Cloverdale neena@clovedalechamber.com

09 RERG #27 Monthly Meeting@ Round Table Pizza 2065 Occidental Rd. Santa Rosa, 7 pm

12-14 31st Annual Cruz'n Eureka Car & Motorcycle Show, fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods, bgcredwoods.org/cruz-n-eureka

13 12th Annual Sonoma Valley Veterans All American Car Show, 9am-3pm. Info: 707-509-3609 or email vfwpost1943@hotmail.com

15 RERG #27 "Ford Chicks" Lunch 11:00 am, The Twins Restaurant at 572 E. Cotati Ave in Cotati (at the opposite end of the shopping center from Oliver's Mkt). Carpool if you can because the shopping center is always busy. RSVP to Pat 707-328-3804 or Donna 707-588-9987

19-21 RERG #27 Miranda Gardens Tour – Contact Steve or Julie McClain 707-575-3504

20 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

SEPTEMBER 19, 20, 21 - Overnight Tour - Miranda - McClain's

OCTOBER – TBA - Calistoga Valley Day Tour (tentative)

NOVEMBER 9 – Turkey Trot Pot Luck Brunch

DECEMBER 7 - Christmas Brunch - Carol Rasmussen

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 Coddingtown 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 Penngrove - 10070 Main St., 8 – 10 am

CRUISE-IN

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

Sunday - Santa Rosa - Machado's Burgers, 406 Larkfield Center, 11 am – 2 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

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 19	Wendy Pallo
Aug 19	Sterling Cousins
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 was sent to Brian Clary for the loss of his beloved wife Lang

Submitted by Loretta Kirkeby

On July 29, 2025 the Board of the Redwood Empire V8 club officially ended the annual Club Swap Meet after 50 years.



Point Reyes Day Tour

Wednesday, August 20
Meet at the Target parking lot in Rohnert Park
at 9:15 am, leaving at 9:30 am



August can get hot and the cool air of the coast sounds compelling. Join us for a leisurely drive out to Pt. Reyes Station. We will visit the Bear Valley Visitor Center where we can watch an orientation film, explore exhibits about the diverse ecosystem and history and culture of the area and/or take an easy walk down the .6-mile (takes 15 minutes) Earthquake Trail where you will see the fence that jumped 16 feet in the 1906 earthquake. This will be as close to the San Andreas Fault you will ever get. After our visit we will take some beautiful tree-lined, canopied roads and drive by Samuel P. Taylor State Park to San Geronimo. We will have lunch on the patio of the Giaco's Valley Roadhouse. After lunch we'll head back home by way of Nicasio Valley Road toward Petaluma. If you feel in need of a relaxing adventure with friends, please join us. We will have a signup sheet at the next meeting or RSVP to Charlene, 707-696-4880 or Patty, text 703-402-2097, email jrgplg@aol.com so we can let the restaurant know how many to expect.

LAVENDER AND BEE FARM & CREAMERY TOURS



On a sunny day in July a small group of V8ers gathered and drove to Petaluma where we visited a quaint little lavender and bee industry.

We were warmly greeted by JoAnn and Rick Wallenstein and shown to an old, antique filled barn where we found comfortable seating.





There we were given detailed information and the workings of a bee farm and shown the equipment it takes to collect honey from the bees. We were treated to some Lavender Lemonade, along with crackers and cheese with honey. We also sampled pepperoni pizza drizzled with honey. Some unusual and tasty treats which we enjoyed.





The guys toured a barn filled with a collection of motorcycles, then we all enjoyed our running board lunches in a gazebo surrounded by fields of beautiful lavender.









We then went on a shopping spree in a tiny store filled with honey & lavender items. Everyone found something wonderful to purchase, and we walked out with bags of tasty or nicely scented goods.



Next, we proceeded to the Petaluma Creamery on Western Ave in Petaluma, where owner Larry Peter awaited us. He is a friendly and chatty guy filled with knowledge of operating a large creamery and the history of his own business. He processes dairy products which are sold in local stores under the name Spring Hill Creamery.





We had a very informative tour of the production rooms; some humid and warm, some cool, and one very cold freezer.



Larry generously gifted each of us a nice chunk of sharp cheddar cheese and a 7 oz "piece" of butter.

We ended up in his store where we all enjoyed freshly made ice cream.



By the end of the day, we had bags of goodies and a great experience to speak of, thanks to our gracious hosts at both places.

Submitted by Juanita Cooper

SKUNK TRAIN TRIP

On a beautiful Wednesday morning we gathered in Healdsburg to start our tour to Willits and a trip on the Skunk Train. After everyone got their tickets we visited until time to board the train. Because the train wasn't overly crowded, we were all able to sit in the same car. The weather was perfect and we enjoyed a little breeze through the open windows of the train car. After leaving the station, we were serenaded by Malakai, the singing conductor, who knew and could sing pretty much any train song that might be requested.

The Skunk Train was built for the purpose of expanding timber operations in Mendocino County. It was named because of the pungent odor of the fumes from the train. The train transported workers and their families to camps and small towns along the route. The area was home to a booming timber industry. The town of Crowley once was home to 1500 people. Seventy-five percent of the redwood used in building San Francisco was harvested from the Noyo River Canyon.

The 2 hour round trip takes you from Willits to the highest point on the rail line. We passed through old growth redwoods, Tunnel #2 (which was dug by hand and reinforced with large timbers from the canyon when the line was put in) and descended into the beautiful Noyo River Canyon. We stopped for a brief time at Crowley before reversing direction. One of the oldest and most iconic trees along the route was the Wolf Tree, named for the large growth off of one side. Woodsmen called these wolf trees because they choked out smaller trees and undergrowth.

After returning to Willits, we headed a couple blocks down the street to a beautiful city park where we enjoyed our running board lunches at tables under a large pavilion. After lunch we enjoyed cupcakes provided by John and Patty Girman who were celebrating their 59th wedding anniversary. Congratulations John & Patty.

Once again we thank Steve and Julie McClain for the work they did so we could enjoy such a great day.

Kathy Cahill

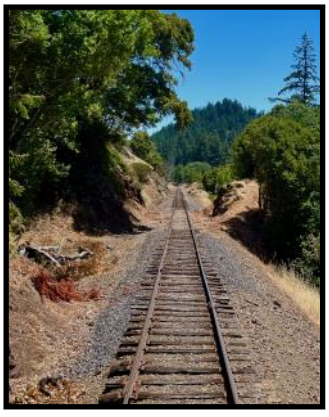














FORTUNA REDWOOD AUTOXPO 2025

On Friday, July 21, Tom & I headed up to Fortuna and the Redwood AutoXpo, one of our favorite car shows. We decided to forego the annual Open House at Kreations Auto Body in Fortuna, although we saw several members cars parked nearby. After having lunch in town we headed over to Rohrer Park for the swap meet, which continues to be more like a flea market, making it a bit more interesting for the ladies. After getting checked in to our hotel, we headed back to Fortuna to pick up our registration packets and enjoy the cars cruising through town on the Friday night cruise. Picking up registration packets this year was at a different location which we didn't find right away (because I didn't read the back of the postcard) but the process once we got there was very fast and easy.

Saturday did not disappoint with some nice cool ocean air in the morning clearing to blue skies and sunshine in the afternoon. There were a lot of beautiful cars on display and lots of people out enjoying the show. Taking home first place awards were Steve & Linda Ortega, Gene & Loretta Kirkeby, Mike & Amy Buegeleisen, and John Thompson & Joanne Davey. Second place awards went to John & Rochelle Berizzi and Rick and Bev Tamagno. As usual, you could enjoy a walk through the antique tractor show, the little hit and miss engines, and the area with vendors selling their crafts on the way to the swap meet/flea market/rummage sale.

Some of the club members Tom and I saw (and I apologize if we didn't see you and you got left off the list) were: Ron & Zandra Aguilar, John & Rochelle Berizzi, Mike & Amy Buegeleisen, Tom Cook and Carleen, Dennis & Sharon DeCarli, Rich DeCroff & Cheryl Porter, Danny & Sherry Dortch, Lloyd and Dona Godwin, Gene & Loretta Kirkeby, Steve and Julie McClain, Jerry & Lynn Mattos, Ron Mollo & Jan Taurian, Steve and Linda Ortega, Dave and Carol Rasmussen, Rick & Bev Tamagno, Dave & Charlene Trabucco, and John Thompson and Joanne Davey.

Kathy Cahill



ADDITIONAL EVENT PICTURES ARE ADDED
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"Redwood V-8" redwoodv8.net



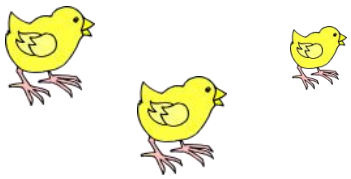








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HOPMONKS

What a day it was. We had such a good turnout of girls. HopMonks in Sonoma seems to be a good location for the Napa girls and Santa Rosa girls. It's maybe half way for each of us and easy to get to. Thank You girls for coming. Charlene and Jan had a Watermelon theme. Which I don't mind saying if you don't get the decoration when you see it there is NO going back. I guess you figured out how we know that!! One of those learning lessons in life. BUT we were able to find little gifts for each and every girlfriend. The little pails with candy in them and the cupcakes for dessert were a nice finish for a lovely day with girlfriends. The food was served fast, hot and really good. Each year I figured I'd get the Fish and Chips. BUT I see it and know there is no way. Maybe next time? We hope to see you next month for our next Chicks' luncheon.
Jan

















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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
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REDWOOD EMPIRE RG # 27 IN SONOMA, MARIN & NAPA COUNTIES AUGUST2025
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.



RERG #27 SKUNK TRAIN tour

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