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## **REDWOOD EMPIRE REGION, ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA**

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**NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 27, 2018  
Round Table Pizza, Occidental Road, Santa Rosa  
Dinner: 6:00 pm  
Meeting: 7:00 pm**



# Redwood Empire Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America

*President's Message*  
*November 2018*

***Reminder: Annual dues are due before Jan. 1, 2019***  
***Club Election for 2019 Officers is THIS month***

At last, Daylight Savings is over. No more waking up in total darkness, Halloween is behind us and the holidays are fast approaching.

I want to thank Gus, Allan and the two Barbaras for all the work and preparation they put into our clam Chowder Run Tour. Gus, you took us on scenic roads we haven't been before, showed us where to go "glamping" in an Airstream trailer, what a house looks like when it is being raised from a one story to a two story and the best little stopping spot, Duncan Mills. The weather turned out perfect for that warm clam chowder at Goat Rock and all the yummy desserts. A tour well done by the four of you. Thank you.

Of course the fun didn't stop there. We had the Halloween pot luck in the evening. Thank you to all who participated. For those of you that dressed up, and you know who you are, Good Job! Pictures of the whole day's events are on our website and Facebook.

Our club will be holding elections for 2019 at this month's meeting. Your ballots will be in this newsletter, so print them, fill them out if you want and bring them to the meeting. Please do NOT mail them in if you are going to be at the meeting. More info later in this newsletter. And remember, although Quid pro Quo is illegal in local, state and national elections, it is accepted in our club. So come vote in person and we will supply you with pizza for your dinner.

Our annual Christmas party is December 2. We will have sign-ups and more information at our meeting this month, **November 27**. I hope to see you all there.

Respectfully,

Linda Bare

# GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES OF THE REDWOOD EMPIRE REGION ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB OF AMERICA FOR OCTOBER, 2018

## CALL TO ORDER

The October 23, 2018 meeting of the Redwood Empire Region Antique Auto Club of America was called to order at 7:00 PM + 30 seconds, by President Linda Bare.

## CELLPHONE BULETIN

A plea went out to the membership to not allow rings or calls on personal cell phone devices for the duration of the meeting, as the money that would be assessed in the form of a fine for flagrant disruption of the club meeting would be better spent on the purchase of raffle tickets.

## ASSIGNED SCRIBE FOR THE EVENING

President Linda Bare announced that this member, Gus St Marie was to perform the duties as scribe, and did not leave any room for argument, so the job was accepted.

## GUESTS AND/OR NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Katherine Rinehart, manager of the Sonoma County Library History and Genealogy Department gave an in depth dissertation on her various duties within the department. A Q & A session followed the talk.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 2018 MEETING

As there were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the September 2018 meeting, a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written. A 100% vote in the Aye column solidified the motion.

## TREASURER REPORT

A motion was called for, seconded, and voted in, unanimously for approval of the treasure's report.

A new bill for newsletter costs was submitted and approved by motion, second, and audible vote.

## OLD BUSINESS

Annette Connally reported that a relatively small (9 cars), but cozy, group toured to Napa county to the Hess winery and art collection. After which, the group toddled off to the much acclaimed "Squeeze-Inn" restaurant; famous, far and wide for its signature dish – the burger with a cheese skirt. An unrecognizable voice from the crowd described the meal as "Great".

Marilyn gave a description of the Harvest Fair show and BBQ dinner, as "Great" (get the connection?) Informed sources leaked the fact that Jim was a bit put out (crankety?) over his car not running as well as expected. There were a total of 21 cars on display and Barbara and crew did a wonderful job of decorating. Reportedly, everyone else did a wonderful job of eating.

## SUNSHINE REPORT

Annette Connally predicted sunshine for all, at least for the near future.

## WEBSITE REPORT

Dave Chiotti reported that photos from the Harvest Fair event will appear on the website.

FACEBOOK REPORT

See Website report.

NEW BUSINESS

Ballots for the Club Election of Officers for the year of 2019 will be printed in the November 2018 newsletter. Please bring your filled out ballot to the November meeting, or mail the ballot to be received by the Monday, prior to the November meeting. Return name and address must be included.

There are still three national club memberships available.

OCTOBER TOUR

Allan and Gus have put their stamp of approval on the plans for the October 28 Clam Chowder tour to Goat Rock. Depart at 10AM from Sonoma Ave. along a so-far unknown route. One quickie potty stop at Duncan's Mills will be the only break for Dramamine along the odyssey. A Halloween potluck dinner will commence at the garage of Scott and Lynda Bare at 4 PM.

PRESIDENT'S HOLIDAY DINNER

More sign-ups and \$50 PP payment are needed prior to the November meeting in order to insure that there will be enough revelers to meet the minimum quota; otherwise the event will have to be canceled. It promises to be a memorable event at the Flamingo Resort hotel. The \$50 includes the complete meal with tax and tip.

President Linda Bare reminded the group that the membership form for next year is included in the newsletter and needs to be filled out and turned in with the membership fee.

Since we are in the reminding mood, take note that there WILL NOT BE A DECEMBER MEETING!!!

VETERAN'S DAY PARADE IN PETALUMA

Gus St Marie extended an invitation to anyone interested in tagging along with the Redwood Empire Classic Chevy Club, to notify Gus ASAP.

50/50 DRAWING

Scott and Linda's lovely daughter drew the winning ticket which was purchased by Kathy Brandt. Second price was won by Lisa Petker.

NEWS FLASH ..... FREE PIZZA AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING. \*

Respectfully Submitted,

E. R. Gus St Marie  
Scribe, RERAACA

## **EDITOR'S PAGE**

**Next Meeting: NOVEMBER 27, 2018 – ROUND TABLE PIZZA, Occidental Road, Santa Rosa – (Dinner 6:00 p.m.) (Meeting 7:00 p.m.).**

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

Paula Johnson .....12/2  
Linda Bare .....12/16  
Scott Bare .....12/27  
Larry Barndt.....1/3  
William Schoemann.....1/3  
Sharon Olson .....1/8  
Pat Cloonan .....1/9  
Marylou Beltrami .....1/20  
Barbara St. Marie .....1/30

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

Dave & Marilyn Chiotti .....12/2

### **Note from Editor:**

**Please call me before faxing me an item for the newsletter. My fax and phone number are the same (707) 795-9470, and I will have to switch the mode button on the fax machine. Please submit letters or any information for the upcoming newsletter by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month. You may e-mail information to me at [stmarieb@aol.com](mailto:stmarieb@aol.com). I will attempt to put all information submitted into the newsletter, but that may not always be possible. Thanks for your assistance.**

## **BUSINESS CARDS**

**If you wish to publish your business card in our newsletter please send our treasurer your business card with a check for \$25.00 to cover the costs of the same.**

## **2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**You will find in this newsletter the 2019 Membership Application for our Redwood Empire Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America. Please complete the same and make any corrections that have occurred, i.e. address, phone number, e-mail, automobiles, and cell number. It is amazing in this day and age how many changes occur in these areas. Our regional dues remain the same, \$25.00 a year. Please complete your Regional Membership form and return the same to our Treasurer Pam Von Bergen. (You can bring your form and dues to our next meeting.)**

**Also you may order a name badge on this form. (This is handy for those who need a new name badge and for those of us who have misplaced our previous name badge.)**

## 2019 VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Members, if you are unable to attend the meeting on November 27<sup>th</sup>, please make sure you mail your ballot to the PO Box 4001, Santa Rosa, Ca. 95402, in time for it to be received no later than November 26<sup>th</sup>, in order to be counted at the meeting. Please include your name and return address on the envelope. If you are coming to the meeting please print your ballot and bring it with you. We will be having pizza provided by the club for dinner, so please join us for our election and last meeting of 2018.

## CONDOLENCES

WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF CHARLENE HUNTER WHO PASSED AWAY IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR.

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Redwood Empire Region AACA

# Christmas Party

December 2, 2018

What: Dinner, Dessert, Fun & Games

When: 4:30 p.m.

Where: Flamingo Hotel, Santa Rosa

Cost: \$50 per person

(Must be paid by November 27, 2018)

The evening will start out with appetizers and a no host bar.

We will have Games, Fun, Singing and of course Dinner and Dessert.

We will again be supporting Toys for Kids with unwrapped gifts for boys and girls.

Please contact Cathy Barndt at (707) 824-6931 or  
Cathy1014@icloud.com for more information.





HARVEST FAIR



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# HARVEST FAIR DINNER











GOAT ROCK TOUR









BARE'S HALLOWEEN POTLUCK





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# 2019 RERAACA Ballot

**President** - Runs general club meetings, oversees all club activities, handles national correspondence and writes an article for our monthly newsletter.

**Vote 1 (Circle your choice)**

Linda Bare

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**Vice President** - Takes place of president in his/her absence and provides assistance to the president as needed. May provide or delegate entertainment for each meeting.

**Vote 1 (Circle your choice)**

Cathy Barndt

**Secretary/Treasurer** – Handles general correspondence, membership and bookkeeping.

**Vote 1 (Circle your choice)**

Pam Von Bergan

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**Meeting Scribe(s)** –Takes general club minutes and submits them to the newsletter editor.

**Vote 1 (Circle your choice)**

Brian Bond

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**Tour Chair(s)** –Responsible for initiating and/or coordinating monthly tours in conjunction with tour leaders.

**Vote 1 (Circle your choice)**

Gerry Wall

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**Editor(s)** –Responsible for monthly newsletter and distributing monthly newsletter and other club information as needed.

**Vote 1 (Circle your choice)**

Allan & Barbara St. Marie

Lisa Petker

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**Special Event Coordinator(s)** – Handles special car club events.

**Vote 1 (Circle your choice)**

Dave & Marilyn Chiotti

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# 2019 RERAACA Ballot (continued)

**Historian(s)** – Assembles photos of events and memorabilia in the club scrapbook.

**Vote 1 (Circle your choice)**

Dave & Marilyn Chiotti

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**Member-at-Large** – Serves as liaison between officers, chairs and members to facilitate issue resolution.

**Vote 1 (Circle your choice)**

Bill Schoemann

Ron Fiori

**Sunshine(s)** – Acts as the club goodwill ambassador, keeping the club apprised of members' well-being.

**Vote 2 (Circle your choices)**

Annette Connally

Barbara Hollingsworth

**Website Committee Chair** – Heads the committee and serves as liaison between website committee and webmaster.

**Vote 1 (Circle your choice)**

Dave Chiotti

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**Redwood Empire Region**  
of the  
**Antique Automobile Club of America**  
**2019 Membership Application**

**You *must* be a member of the National AACA to be a member of a Region.**  
**National Membership Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Significant Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send my copy of Rims 'n' Spokes to me via

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Anniversary: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Year(s) and make(s) of automobile(s) you own. Use other side if needed.

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**Annual Dues: \$25.00 \***

**Make check payable and mail to:**

**Redwood Empire Region AACA**  
**P.O. Box 4001**  
**Santa Rosa, CA 95402**

**\*Do you need a name badge(s)? Please add \$10 to your check for each badge.**



# 10 things you should know about gasoline

## MEET THE EXPERT



Fred Walas, P.E., is the fuels technology manager for Marathon Petroleum Company. With 34 years in the refinery business, Fred knows exactly how gasoline works in modern engines. In his current job, Fred works with the EPA, other oil companies and automobile manufacturers to develop new fuel standards.

Do you think premium gas is free of ethanol and the best choice for small engines? Do you ever treat your car to an occasional tank of premium because you think it cleans fuel injectors better and provides more power? If you've ever been confused by which gas to use and why, this story is for you.

We consulted gasoline expert Fred Walas of Marathon Petroleum Company, the fourth-largest refining company in the United States. He gave us the lowdown on regular vs. premium fuels, and answered all our burning questions about gasoline.

## 1 Is premium or mid-grade fuel worth the extra money?

Premium gas doesn't provide any more power or contain better additives than regular gas, and it contains the same amount of ethanol as other grades. It just resists detonation (knock) better than lower-octane gas—nothing more, nothing less.

Some brands place slightly more detergent additive in their premium than in their other grades, but all grades meet the minimum required by the EPA. Bottom line? The carmaker knows best, so use the octane-rated fuel that's called for in your owner's manual. If your engine requires or "recommends" 89- or 93-octane fuel, that's what you should use to get peak performance and fuel efficiency. But there is an exception to the rule.

If you have an older car that's designed for 87-octane gas and it knocks when you punch the pedal, try filling it with 89-octane fuel to see if the knock goes away. If so, keep using 89-octane to regain some power and save your engine. That knocking sound is your pistons and connecting rod bearings crashing against the cylinder walls and the crankshaft—not good.



## 2 How long can gas be stored?

If you store gas for your small engines in a tightly sealed container (allow some room for expansion at the top of the can), it'll last for a season. However, if your gas container doesn't seal tightly or you leave the spout off, airborne moisture and condensation can cause ethanol separation, oxidation and gum formation. Ethanol corrodes the carburetor and damages fuel line components, and gum, well, just gums up the works.

Adding fuel stabilizer to fresh gas reduces the risk of separation, oxidation and gum formation, but it can't compensate for sloppy handling. Investing in a better-sealing gas container costs a

## 3 Are there any gas additives worth using?

No "magic" or "revolutionary" additives will increase your fuel efficiency. However, some owners like to add fuel-system cleaning additives periodically. Many companies make the type you add to your tank. The most effective ones have polyisobutylamine (PIBA) and polyetheramine (PEA), so look for one of those ingredients on the label. Follow the product's directions for treat rates. Avoid

## 4 Is a major-brand gas better than a lesser-known brand?

Twenty years ago, there was a difference between gas from the major brands and "cheap" gas from no-name stations. Today, the biggest difference between gasoline brands is the type of fuel-system cleaning additives used. However, the EPA mandates a minimum level of fuel-system cleaning additives, and all gasoline sold in the United States must meet those levels.

There are other, minor, differences. Gasoline is a blend of more than 150 components, and every brand uses its own formula. So you may find that one brand performs better than a different brand in your car or provides a slight mileage advantage. However, that same brand and grade may not perform as well in a different engine. So it's impossible to make broad claims that one particular

## 5 What's the best way to dispose of old fuel?

You can add up to 1 gallon of old gas to your vehicle's tank, but it should be nearly full of fuel to dilute the old gas. However, you should take old premixed (oil and gas) fuel for two-cycle engines to a nearby hazardous waste recycling center. Don't add it to your car or truck.

## 7 What's the difference between summer and winter blends?

Gasoline burns only when it's a vapor. Unfortunately, carburetors and fuel injectors don't vaporize gas; they just atomize it (make liquid droplets). Atomized gas converts to vapor easily in summer heat but needs help when it's cold. So refiners change to a winter blend with more butane and other lighter hydrocarbons when cold weather arrives. When summer comes, they cut back on those components and return to normal summer blends. This is another reason to use gas for only one season—you'll always have the proper formulation for the weather.

## 8 Is E-85 fuel the best choice in flex-fuel vehicles?

A flex-fuel vehicle is capable of running on both regular E-10 (10 percent ethanol) and E-85 (85 percent ethanol) gasoline. E-85, or more correctly, flex fuel, can have a wide range of ethanol content—anywhere from 51 to 85 percent depending on the season and the relative price of the ethanol and hydrocarbon.

However, because a gallon of "typical" E-85 provides 27 percent less energy than a gallon of E-10 gasoline, you'll get approximately 27 percent fewer miles per gallon. When E-10 gas prices are high, E-85 may provide some cost advantages. However, since market prices for ethanol vary quite a bit, you'll have to factor in the reduced mpg to decide whether E-85 is the best choice for your flex-fuel vehicle. Your wallet may be able to tell the difference with the fuel choice, but your car won't care.

## 9 Is premium or regular fuel best for small engines?

Some people fill their small engines with premium gas based on the mistaken notion that all premium gas is ethanol free or that it'll help the engine run better. In fact, 95 percent of all gas sold in the United States (regular, mid-grade and premium) contains ethanol.

Since most small engines don't have engine management computers to compensate for different fuels, you should always use the fuel recommended by the engine manufacturer. Believe it or not, small engines generally start and run best with regular fuel.

## 6 What is non-oxygenated (ethanol-free) gas and when should it be used?

Refiners add ethanol to gasoline to increase the fuel's oxygen content and to comply with federal law. As a side benefit, ethanol is one of a few gasoline components with a high octane rating. Non-oxygenated gas doesn't contain ethanol, so it eliminates corrosion problems when left in the fuel system for long periods. That makes it a great choice for engines that are stored in the off-season. Plus, it's the fuel to use if you own an older boat that wasn't designed for ethanol fuels.

But non-oxygenated gas isn't entirely trouble-free. It still oxidizes and forms gum over time, so you should observe the same fuel storage precautions listed above and treat it with fuel stabilizer when you buy it. To find a station that sells "non-oxy" gas, go to [pure-gas.org](http://pure-gas.org).



## 10 Can modern gas be used in old cars designed for leaded gas?

Tetraethyl lead did double duty by increasing octane and reducing valve seat wear on older vehicles (mostly pre-1970). Later-model vehicles usually have much harder valve seats, so unleaded gas isn't a problem.

However, if you own an older vehicle, you have three options: Buy a bottle of lead substitute at any auto parts store and add it to each tank (adds about 3¢ per gallon), have the cylinder heads rebuilt with harder valve seats, or just fill with unleaded gas and rebuild the cylinder heads when they fail.

