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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank all of you that came on our February tour. The countryside from Cloverdale to Ukiah was beautiful as well as was the Grace Hudson Sun House and Museum. And I know a few people that really enjoyed their milkshakes and malts at Be-Bops Diner.

Last month and March to date have been an exciting time so far – if you like water. But I've been assured that soon we will be able to put away our boats and kayaks and get out our antique cars. It's time to shine them up and get ready for our touring and show and shine season.

Sounds like we have some fun and exciting tours ahead of us, plus a couple of possible car shows that our club can participate in this year. We will learn more about them at our next meeting.

The March tour will take us to the Bale Grist Mill just north of St. Helena. And the April Overnighter has been changed to a one day, all day tour to Sacramento. And thanks to Daylight Saving, we'll not only be able to have breakfast and lunch on the tour in the daylight, but we will be able to have dinner and come home in the daylight.

Our RERAACA is a member of the Association of California Car Clubs. At our March meeting Cliff Planer, a director of the ACCC, will speak to our club about what they do as an organization and about the current status of the AB210 Smog Exemption Legislation bill currently going through our State Transportation Committee.

I hope to see you at our next meeting, **March 26, 2019** and the March tour the following Sunday.

Respectfully,

Linda Bare

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March Meeting

March 26, 2019

Round Table Pizza
2065 Occidental Road
Santa Rosa, CA
Dinner - 6 pm
Meeting - 7 pm

March Car Tour

March 31, 2019

Bale Grist Mill
Meet on Sonoma Avenue
More details on page 2

CLUB NOTES

Pam learned more about the **Laguna Elementary School Car Show on May 11, 2019.**

Show runs 8:30 – 11:30 am, cars on the field at 8:15 am. Field is either blacktop or grass.

There is no charge to display your car, each car entered will get a handmade award from a student. A pancake breakfast will be available for a nominal donation.

The school was built in 1906 and they are celebrating their first Founders' Day event.

Location: Laguna Elementary School, 2657 Chileno Valley Rd, Petaluma.

Please let Pam Von Bergen know if you plan to attend. 707-539-2556 or pamelavb@sbcglobal.

Membership Dues:
If you haven't paid your renewal fees, this is your last newsletter.

NEW MEMBER ALERT

Neil & Jan Rasmussen joined our club in February 2019, please give them a warm welcome!

MARCH CAR TOUR

BALE GRIST MILL

March 31, 2019

Our March 31 tour is to the Bale Grist Mill in the Napa Valley. Just a taste of the history of the site...

Edward Bale was an English citizen who came to Monterey, the capital of Alta California in the 1830's. Bale married the niece of brothers Mariano and Salvador Vallejo. Bale was granted four leagues of land in upper Napa Valley and he ultimately built a grist mill, much the same as we will tour. The mill became a California State Historic Park in 1974. It is a very interesting piece of California history. Join us for this look into the past.



At our February meeting, Allan and Barbara St. Marie were presented with an Extra Mile award for their many years as our former newsletter editors!

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Patrick Johnston	3/16
Gerry Wall	3/25
Cathy Wall	3/27
Clint Petker	4/1
Lorna Fiori	4/6
JoAnne Miller	4/7
Scott Fairbanks	4/19
Dennis Olson	4/25
Rick Sanguinetti	4/25
Barbara Hollingsworth	4/28
Sandy Sanguinetti	4/28

Anniversaries

Lynn & Billie Meister	3/24
Roger & Pam Von Bergen	4/2
Tim & Linda Hall	4/24
Jim & Jean Stewart	4/29

FEBRUARY 2019 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Call to order - The February 26, 2019 meeting of the Redwood Empire Region Antique Auto Club of America was called to order at 7:00p.m. by President Linda Bare.

Cell phone bulletin - Members were asked to turn off all cell phones.

Scribe duties – Brian Bond reporting for duty!

Guests/new member introductions – No guests present, so no introductions!

Approval of previous meeting minutes - Minutes from the January 22, 2019 meeting as written in the newsletter were unanimously approved with no corrections.

Treasurer report - The Treasurer's report was presented by Pam Von Bergen. A motion to approve the report as given was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Several new bills were presented, and all were approved unanimously.

Old business –

1. The January tour was through the rebirth of Fountain Grove area with a stop at Jimtown Store for a break and then on to Cloverdale for lunch at Hamburger Ranch and BBQ. Nine old cars and several other members were present.
2. The February tour of 33 members continued the January tour with a drive up 101 to Cloverdale, a stop at Plank Coffee and then on to Ukiah via backroads. Many of the participants broke up into separate groups on the route but Dave Chiotti complemented the Tour Leader for the excellent map and directions. Lunch was at Be Bops Diner but enjoyed by all. The tour then continued on to the Grace Hudson Museum.

Sunshine report – Even though it is wet and rainy, everything is sunny and nothing to report.

Website report – The internet is still there, and our website is up to date.

Facebook/Newsletter report - Lisa reported that the pictures from the last tour were already posted. More will be posted later.

New business –

1. Pam Von Bergen announced that Cliff Planer from the Association of Car Clubs will be joining our March meeting to discuss AB210 Smog Exemption Legislation which will move the vintage car exemption up to autos manufactured prior to 1983.
2. A thank you letter was received from the Firefighters for the toys collected at the Presidents dinner. The emphasis on the thank you was for the cash and a discussion was held as to whether we should collect cash only. No motion was made.
3. Laguna Elementary School in Petaluma is celebrating their Founder's Day and asked if any members would like to participate in their vintage car show. It was asked that Pam get more details of the event and share the information in the next newsletter.
4. The Council on Aging requested a donation of a gift basket for their fundraising event of a value of \$300. It was decided that this was not within the financial capacity of the club.
5. Linda Bare announced that the AACA was requesting donations from each region to help with the purchase of the new club headquarters building in Hershey, Pennsylvania. This topic was continued to the next meeting.

Other new business –

1. Cathy Barndt announced that the annual picnic would be held at the Sonoma County Regional Riverfront park in July – date to be determined based on availability. Scott Bare volunteered to set up the pine wood derby racetrack again, same Boy Scout rules as before. A suggestion to change the meal from steaks to hamburgers was made; included is hamburgers, buns, chips and condiments. The chili pot would also be prepared and pot-luck hors d'oeuvres or salad are requested. A motion was made and unanimously passed to change to hamburgers for the picnic. The cost will remain \$10 per person plus the cost of parking.
2. The Presidents dinner was discussed and proposed to be held at the Flamingo Hotel at a cost of \$62 per person. This generated a discussion on topics including holding a luncheon versus a dinner, having the dinner on another day of the week and investigating other sites. Due to the critical timing, Cathy Barndt and Linda Bare were given permission to look into the alternatives and to make a decision on the event in consultation with other members as thought appropriate.
3. Linda Hall announced the March tour would be to the Bale Grist Mill. No details at this time.
4. Ray Johnson announced the April overnight tour to Sacramento with tours of an operating sugar mill, staying at the Delta King hotel in Old Sacramento and then visiting the CAA museum the next day. Not all details have been finalized.
5. Dave Chiotti announced the May zigzag tour of West County through Freestone and ending in Occidental for lunch on your own.
6. Gus and Allen St. Marie and Ron Fiori announced the June 30 tour will be to the Cornerstone Sunset Gardens and Marketplace.
7. Linda Bare talked about an article on recruiting new members and the emphasis on inclusiveness of the AACA. She encouraged all members to have a set of club cards ready to give out to anyone that might be interested in joining the club.

Announcements – Dave made an announcement that the Harvest Fair has been shortened this year and does not have space for us to display our cars. Starting next year, the Harvest Fair will be rolled into the Sonoma County Fair. A vote was taken, and the group decided to discontinue participation in the Harvest Fair.

Allan and Barbara St. Marie were given the Extra Mile award for the newsletter editing over these many years.

50/50 Drawing

Jim Stewart was the winner for the night. Other donated prizes were raffled off as well. Barbara Hollingsworth shared celebration cupcakes and fudge with the group.

The Meeting Adjourned at: 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Bond
Scribe, RERAACA



Last month we asked if you recognized anyone in this photo, many of you emailed me and were correct, John F. Kennedy. The car is: 1929 Model A Phaeton

2018 in Review Chuck Crane 2018 AACA President

Article reprinted from AACA's Winter 2019 Rummage Box

Several of my predecessors alerted me to expect a fun but wild and crazy year and they were certainly correct. I had a wonderful time at the national meets and tours meeting many of our members and seeing the great number of finely restored vehicles. A particular delight was to give out some forty 100-year vehicle badges as I am a fan of the brass era and own three of them.

I was particularly pleased at the Hershey Board Meeting to put the differences between the club and museum behind us, which has been a distraction since 2016. We wish them well as they pursue their own goals. We are proceeding quickly towards the purchase of the badly needed new (to us) headquarters building as the PA American Water Company moves to their new building this spring. We still continue to need donations and we welcome member input as we move forward. I think you will be proud to help AACA lead the collector car hobby.

June and I have been honored to serve you throughout this year. While I made all of the meets, Hurricane Florence decided that we should not go to the Central Division Tour in Amarillo, TX, or the Glidden Tour in Idaho. But at everything your hospitality was evident and much appreciated. I hope that many of you enjoyed the First Lady's Breakfast in Philadelphia and the track of Women in Automotive History, which has not been featured before. In doing the planning for these topic seminars, I was amazed at how much women have contributed to what we enjoy today.

As a former automotive engineer and member of Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), I am pleased to inform you that we are meeting together to see where we can collaborate to improve the membership experience for each group. There are 128,000 members in SAE with 40 professional Sections (like our regions) with 107 student groups in universities across the nation. I believe as an engineer, to design the future you must have an appreciation for the past. I have been working on this since 2001 with guidance from Past President Doug Drake. Gulf Coast Region in Houston did a pilot program at Rice University in 2000, which was successful. I am hopeful we can come up with a working agreement to share library materials, cross publication of articles meaningful to both groups, partner on a local basis and, most importantly, expose AACA to a large audience of automotive professionals who have heard little of us.

AACA has a fine professional staff in Hershey which serves us well and we remain stable with a firm financial status. However, we need your help to offset the aging of our members. We have the cars and we need to get them out of the garages and improve our visibility in our local communities to grow our membership. We can attract new members, but we have to search them out—they won't come by just looking at a website, though that helps. I welcome Mel Carson as your new President for 2019 as he is already a very experienced leader being Executive Director of Hornet's Nest Region in Charlotte, North Carolina.

ADVERTISEMENTS



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 cost to advertise in our newsletter for January 1 to December 31, 2019.

EDITOR'S NOTE

I know I said this last month, but I feel I need to say it again; I hope you are all staying dry and warm. I honestly love the rain but am looking forward to the first day of Spring here in a couple of weeks. I've enjoyed seeing the cherry blossoms, but am looking forward to sunny skies, beautiful flowers and getting our 1968 Camaro for a cruise. I hope to see all of you out on the open road as well!

If you would like to submit items for the newsletter, please email them to me at lisapetker@outlook.com. Please submit items by the 5th of the month as the newsletter will be published to the group no later than the 12th of every month.

CLUB INFORMATION

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WHAT'S DIFFERENT:

What's new and different with one of our members cars?

Answer to be revealed in April's Newsletter



FEBRUARY CAR TOUR PHOTOS



Pit stop at Plank Coffee in Cloverdale



**Be-Bop Diner
in Ukiah**



**Last Stop: Grace Hudson
Museum in Ukiah**

ALL GOOD THINGS COME TO AN END

For about forty (40) years the Redwood Empire Region of AACA has displayed our vehicles at the Sonoma County Harvest Fair on the Sonoma County Fair Grounds the first full weekend in October.

The Fair gave us the opportunity to bring attention to our Region and the National AACA.

Since the powers that be decided to change the format of the Harvest Fair a few years ago the public attendance has declined.

As of this year, 2019, the Harvest Fair will be a two-day event held on Friday and Saturday October 4th & 5th. This year it will be open to the public at no cost and will be rolled into the Sonoma County Fair in 2020.

The plan to condense the area of the Harvest Fair will leave very little available room for our display.

At the February 26th region meeting a vote was taken and it was agreed upon to discontinue our participation in the Harvest Fair.

THANK YOU to all of you that participated over the years for your support.

It was a GREAT RUN.

RERAACA Special Events Coordinators,
Marilyn & Dave Chiotti

2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONTH	GENERAL MEETING	SPECIAL EVENTS	CAR TOURS
January	1/22/19		January 27 Memorial Tour Hamburger Ranch & BBQ The Bares
February	2/26/19		February 24 President's Tour Be Bop's Diner & Grace Hudson Museum The Bares & Walls
March	3/26/19		March 31 Bale Grist Mill The Halls
April	4/23/19		April 27 California Automobile Museum The Johnsons
May	5/28/19	May 11, 2019 Redline Car Show Maria Carrillo High School 6975 Montecito Blvd Santa Rosa Registration starts 8:30 AM	June 2 Zig/Zag tour in Occidental The Chiottis
June	6/25/19		June 30 Cornerstone, Sonoma Home of Sunset Gardens Ron Fiori, Allan and Gus St. Marie
July	7/23/19	 July 21 Club Picnic at Riverfront Park	<i>Happy Fourth of July</i>
August	8/27/19		August 25 The Barndts
September	9/24/19		September 29 The Von Bergens
October	10/22/19		October 27 Kaslar & Connally
November	11/26/19		<i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>
December	No Meeting	 December 5 Flamingo Hotel & Resort Holiday Dinner	<i>Merry Christmas</i>

Monthly meetings are held at:

Round Table Pizza, Dinner at 6 pm, **Meeting** starts at 7 pm
2065 Occidental Road, Santa Rosa, CA

We look forward to seeing you
at our March 26th meeting!!

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We are happy to report that
our past President Tom Miller
has found a new hobby!!

